

VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

To be in love with life and the Giver of it
To practice the presence of God
To forget self that Christ may be remembered
To be strong enough to master evil
To be wise enough to let the good master us
To see in every friend a proof that God is good
To see in those we may dislike an opportunity to show
that love never fail
To turn hindrances into helps
To see the light along the edge of every shadow
To be a living example of the joy deeply rooted in faith
To be courteous to the aged, gracious to the maturing,
and guide the steps of little children
To profit by the past
To look earnestly in the present
To look hopefully to the future.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please note the Parish Office will be closed Monday, **January 1** and Tuesday, **January 2**.

OFFICE HOURS FOR FR. CARLINO

St. John's Parish Office on Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm and St. Anthony's Parish Office on Thursdays from 12 Noon to 4:00 pm. He is available to schedule appointments at other times as well. You can call him personally 7 days a week from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at 372-3381 Ext. 7. You can call him for The Last Rites of the Church 24/7 also at 372-3381 but at Ext. 9.



Baptisms at St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony's Churches will take place only on the First Sunday of each month and only **during** Mass. Baptisms are not scheduled outside of Sunday Morning Masses. If you wish to schedule a baptism at St. John's please contact **Debbie May at 372-3381 ext. 5**. For one at St. Anthony contact Judy Mavente at 374-4591 ext. 5.



The Rosary Society has recently purchased 200 plastic covers for our Heritage missals. They will be evaluating the need for a future purchase. We thank them for this generous donation.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SIGNS IN AND OUT OF OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT.



I would like to thank the members of our Choir for the dedication and generous spirit they gave during the preparation of music for Christmas.

Thank you to: Julie Brothers, Don Buckley, Beverly Callan, Vicki Chen-Callan, Lois Comley, Michael Cuevas, Bob & Joan Grabowski, Celeste Hart, Doug Hoyt, Anna Konopeus, Bill Lynch, Nina H. Maddalla, Nina Y. Maddalla, Marlene Mangino, Bernadine Mastroianni, Kathy & Paul Matern, Dennis O'Hare, Elaine Palmer, Jim Partington, Peter Prusch, Ron Ratchford, Mary Ann Ruscitto, Cheryl Slattery, and Ouna Vinciguerra.

Janet I. Rainey, Organist & Choir Director

FIRST THURSDAY FILM GROUP

On **January 4th** Sr. Joan will meet in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center at 1:00 pm to show the film **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players** by Bishop Robert Baron: **G.K. Chesterton: The Evangelist**. How does one engage a culture that is befuddled by Christ and suspicious of the Church? The life and witness of this nineteenth century literary convert shows that the fundamental disposition of effective evangelization is joy, and life in Christ is a day-to-day encounter with an abundant and surprising offer of grace. Approximately 60 minute DVD presentation. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Twelve sessions will be held from 8:30 to 9:20 AM in Room 6 of the Parish Center, for adults (College age and above) who have not yet been Confirmed. The dates will be: **January 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25**. Please call Sr. Joan at 518-372-3381 ext. 224 to register or for further information. The Sacrament will be conferred sometime during the spring.

NEW BOOK GROUP

Beginning **January 8** and continuing on **January 22, February 5, February 26, March 12, March 19, April 9, April 23 and May 7** Sr. Joan will lead a discussion on **Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self** by Richard Rohr. Father Rohr likens true self to a diamond, buried deep within us, formed under the intense pressure of our lives, that must be searched for, uncovered, and separated from all the debris of ego, that surrounds it. In a sense, **True Self** must like Jesus, be resurrected, and that process is not resuscitation, but transformation. **Immortal Diamond** (whose title is taken from a line in Gerard Manley Hopkins poem) explores the deepest questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning. We meet in Room 8 of St. John the Evangelist Parish Center from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Please use the double doors under the awning across from the handicapped ramp to St. John the Evangelist Church. If you wish Sister Joan to order this book for you please call 518-372-3381 ext. 224.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Requested by

Bastian, Mark & Maureen
Clark, Margaret
Comley, Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Family
Coogan, GF
De Traglia, Mary & Jay
Farley, Robert & Marilyn
Fitzpatrick, Thomas & Linda
Fuschino, John & Marilyn
Herbert, Randal & Janet
Kastberg, Maura L.
Kaufman, Marcia
Kowalczyk Family

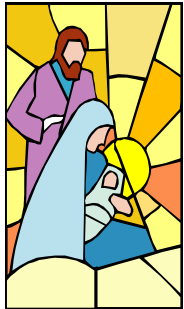
LaPointe, James & Janice
Lombardi, Donna Ball
Maher, Dorothy Ann

Patricca, Anthony
Pecora Family
Renzi Family
Schiavo, Drew & Susan, Lucas, Raymond
& Kathleen & Families
Schultz, Peter
Sefcovic, Jean Marie
Socha, Bernard
Spychala, Maria
Thwaites, William
Verrigni, Alexandra
Williams, Judy & Bill

In Memory of

Rita Charles Zalucki
Mary Lou Galeazza
Ed & Mary Zemeck
Margaret Mary Coogan
Georgie De Traglia
Thomas Bell, John Farley
Donald, Mildred & Joseph Kalinkewicz, Jean & Thomas Fitzpatrick
Sam & Mary Fuschino, Gregg Piatkowski
Deceased Members of Herbert Family
Deceased Members of Kastberg Family
Deceased Members of Kaufman Family
Deceased Members of Gajewski & Mazur Families, Steve & Bertha Kowalczyk
Deceased Members of LaPointe Family
Margaret Ball Smith, Gary L. Lombardi
Lisa Marie Schaefer, Deceased Members of Maher & Miller Families
& In Honor of Anna Marie Montanaro
Deceased Members of Patricca Family
Salvatore Pecora, Elliott & Mary Gorman
Ellen & Maxie Renzi
Louis & Mary Schiavo

Alexander Schultz
Deceased Members of Martin & Sefcovic Families
Ben Socha, Gregg Piatkowski
Zbigniew (Bruce) Chalkowski
Mary Ann Thwaites, Diane Thwaites, Gina Pedone
Deceased & Living Members of Bilowos & Verrigni Families
Nicholas Palombo



MASS SCHEDULE

This year we will celebrate the New Year at the following time:

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday January 1, 2018

St. John the Evangelist - 10:00 am

St. Anthony's - 8:00 am

Please note there will be no Vigil Mass at either Churches



CHURCH SUPPORT

See the bulletin of January 7 for information

AUDIT TEAM: January 2, Team D
January 8, Team A



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Louise Di Donna, Dolores Berrian & Carol Consalvo.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Miraculous Medal Novena will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the **Parish Center Room 8**. Please enter through the double doors at the Canopy Entrance closest to the church parking lot.



Coffee and Donuts

Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Parishioners and friends are invited to join us for Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Center cafeteria after the 7:30 am and 9:30 am Masses. Next Coffee and Donuts has been scheduled for Sunday, **January 7th, 2018**.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is held on Sundays, during the 9:30 am Mass, children in Grades Pre-K through 6 are invited by the priest to come forward to experience the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. They participate in songs, prayers and readings in the area of the church adjacent to the sacristy. The children will return to their seats after the Prayer of the Faithful.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 01 - 06 - 18

4:00 PM John & Helen Stone by Estate
Msgr. James G. Hart by Margaret T.
Connoly
Purgatorial Society

SUNDAY, 01 - 07 - 18

7:30 AM Florence Paurowski by Estate
Marie D. Whipple by Estate
Rose Pileggi by Family
Anniversary Remembrance - Americo
Aragosa by Wife, JoAnn

9:30 AM Hon. D. Vincent Cerrito by F. Teresa
Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy
Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., and
Families
Robert & Mary Emmett by Estate
Anniversary Remembrance - Francis
Hanaway by Family

5:00 PM Robert & Frances Wanwright by Richard
and Margie Wickerham
Mrs. Kilfeather by Theresa Finley
Zbigniew (Bruce) A. Chalkowski by
Ella & Darek Kluza

St. John the Evangelist Purgatorial Society

Society Member recently enrolled:

Zbigniew A. Chalkowski

By: Dot Maher

Cheryl Della Sala

By: Dot Maher



Lectors

TEAM 4

December 30, 2017

4:00 PM Margaret Connoly

December 31, 2017

7:30 AM Joan Vertigan

9:30 AM Janice Golden/Maura Kastberg

5:00 PM Anne Marie Heim

TEAM 5

January 6, 2017

4:00 PM Angela Grabowski

January 7, 2017

7:30 AM Matthew Spataro

9:30 AM Barbara Leonard

5:00 PM Ann Foskett

EYEGLOSS & HEARING AID RECYCLING PROGRAM

Take time to help those in need by giving the gift of sight and sound. The Lions International Eyeglass/Hearing Aid Recycling Program provides glasses and hearing aids to people in need in our community, as well as in developing countries. If you have either of these items that you no longer use, please place them into any of the three collection boxes at the entrances of our Church. Thank you for your assistance in donating to this wonderful cause.

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER PLAQUE

If you would like to submit a picture of a St. John the Evangelist Parishioner serving active duty in any branch of the military for inclusion on the Armed Services Prayer Plaque, email it to mfallacaro@gmail.com or send a 5" X 7" or smaller photograph to the parish office at: St. John the Evangelist Church - Attn: Armed Services Prayer Plaque, 806 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Include a paper with their name, branch of service, and where they are stationed.

THE KING'S MEN APOSTOLATE

All men, age 18 and over, are invited to join the Schenectady Chapter of the King's Men Apostolate. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the St. John's Parish Center room 8 for an evening of praying the rosary, spiritual reading, discussion, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. No dues or obligation to attend weekly. For more information contact Mark Roberts at 518-372-8322.

THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CENACLE

- All parishioners are invited to join "The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cenacle, every Thursday, 7:00 pm in room 5 of the Parish Center. Please come and receive this special grace. For more information contact Patti Schwartz 518-796-3111 or email at schwartz63@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Fr. Patrick Winslow delivers DVD lectures on the lessons prepared by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Fr. Pacwa is fluent in twelve languages and has a unique understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East.

The study consists of 26 lessons, 13 of which will be covered on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm beginning **January 9, 2018** in St. John the Evangelist Parish Center room 5. The second set of 13 lessons will begin after Labor Day, **September 4**. The cost is \$50.00 including the Study guide. A couple can use one study guide which includes all 26 lessons. To sign up, call Rich Winslow 518-399-4366 or email rwin-lo2@nycap.rr.com by 1/2/18.

SPECIAL THANKS

Congratulations to the Balcony Pew Cleaning Crew. We were able to complete our main project and had sufficient time to begin cleaning the woodwork. Many thanks to Laurie & Jim Barone, Patty and Dennis Chakas, Debbie De Luke, Andy Joslin, Dot Maher, Joanne Mc Grath, Phyllis Melideo, Mary & David Nowak, Bill Winkler, and the Rosary Society for refreshments.

ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD APOSTOLATE

The St. Anthony's Bread Apostolate will receive your special request for prayer that will be "lifted-up" in silence at the St. Anthony's Novena on Wednesday evenings. Those requests will be received by email only and thereafter placed in our "Book of Remembrance" for one year. If you are inclined, submit your prayer request to saintanthony_bread@nycap.rr.com.

The Journey Bereavement Ministry

St. Anthony's Parish sponsors a Bereavement Ministry Session for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our sessions are scheduled for the **last** Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in our chapel meeting room and all who are suffering are welcome. We pray that we will be able to leave our session with a little better means of coping with our loss.

BIRTHRIGHT OF SCHENECTADY

There is presently a great need for gently used baby clothing (especially warm winter clothes). As your children outgrow their baby clothes please consider donating them to Birthright. We accept sizes newborn to 24 months. We pass on what is donated to us with no charge to our clients. Our address is 12 Jay Street, Suite 1; Schenectady, NY 12305. If you have questions please call our office at (518) 370-1532.

St. John the Evangelist Parish Membership

Parishioners are individuals who are formally registered and active in our Parish. Please complete this form if you wish to join our Parish family. You may return this form to the Parish Office by dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to the Parish Office.

Check One:

_____ New Registration (Please Send Parish Registration Forms) .

_____ Change of Address (New address is listed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR EGIVING