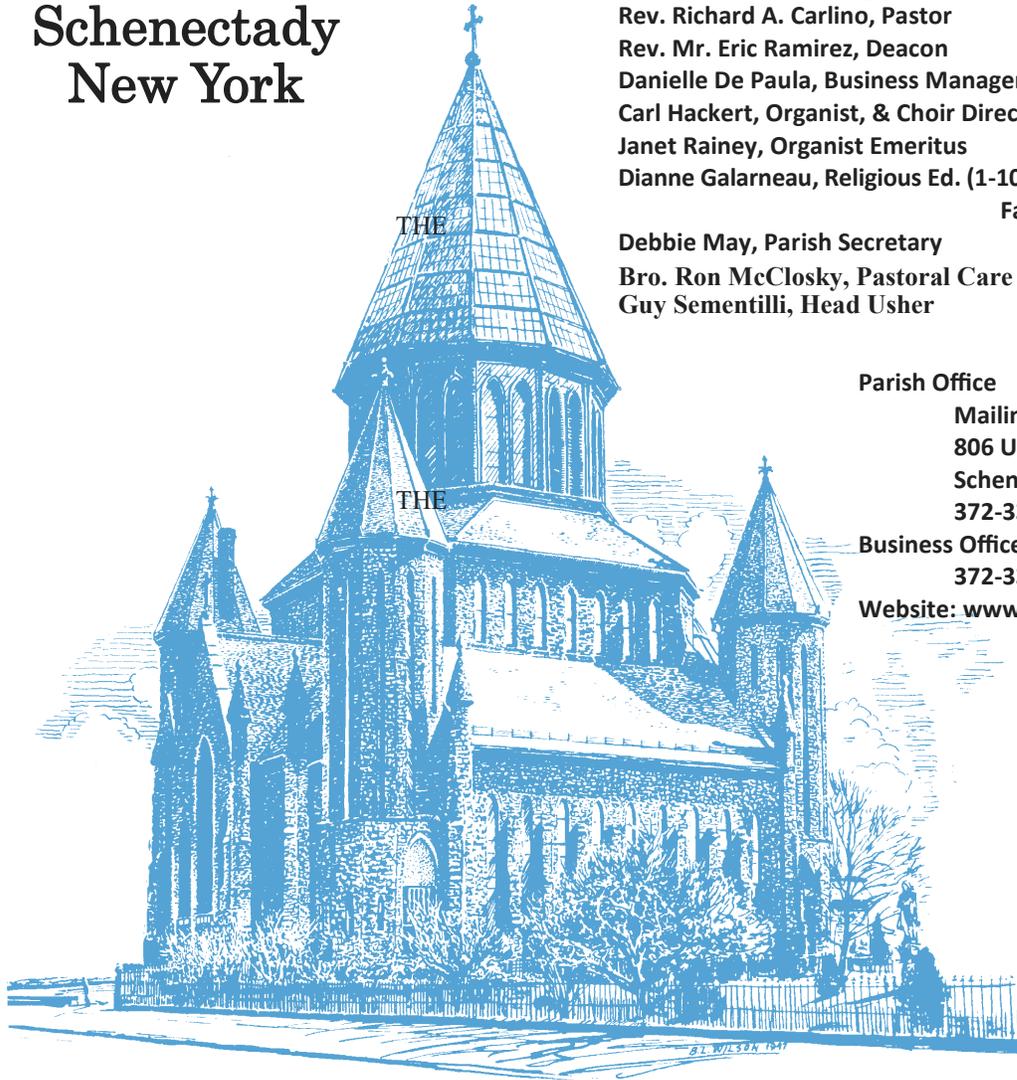


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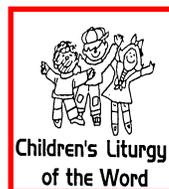
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HUMAN CONCERNS/SOUPER BOWL

This weekend **February 7/8**, the Human Concerns Committee is holding it's annual BOWL collection to support the Sycamore Collaborative (previously known as SiCM) annual 'Souper Bowl Fund'. 100% of the money raised from this drive will be used to help feed families throughout Schenectady County. The challenge of hunger in our county is great. Any donation to this collection would be greatly appreciated. Again, that collection will take place the weekend of February 7th and 8th.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 10:30 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.

OFFERING CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Fr. Carlino will be hearing Confessions by Appointment only. For those wishing to participate will need to call Fr. Carlino at (St. John's) 518-372-3381 ext. 9 or (St. Anthony's) 518-374-4591 ext. 9 no later than 3:00 PM the Wednesday before.

LENTEN SERVICES STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year, the Stations of the Cross will take place at **St. Anthony's Church** every Friday during Lent - 3:00 PM in English (except Good Friday) and 7:00 PM in Spanish.



As a sign of our penance, there is the custom of not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. Therefore, all Catholics, 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Good Friday and the other Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast.

Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting allows for eating only one full meal per day. Two additional, smaller meals may be eaten and there is no eating in between meals. By following these traditions, it is not intended that they be interpreted simply as laws or just as a duty; but also as signs of our love and devotion as disciples of the Lord. They are ways of expressing our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, to love our neighbor. Furthermore, all we have or are, we do not possess, but instead they are gifts. It is helpful to remember that the ability to decide how much or little one will eat is in itself a gift.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

February 18, 2026

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

9:00 AM Mass with distribution of Ashes

12:15 PM Mass with distribution of Ashes

2:00 PM Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

4:00 PM Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

8:00 PM Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

7:00 AM Mass with distribution of Ashes

10:00 AM Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

11:00 AM Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

5:00 PM Mass with distribution of Ashes

6:30 PM Spanish Mass with distribution of Ashes

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH

9:00 Mass with distribution of Ashes (Union St.)

12:10 PM Prayer service with distribution of Ashes (Rosa Rd.)

7:00 PM Mass with distribution of Ashes (Rosa Rd.)

ASHES FOR HOMEBOUND OF BOTH PARISHES

ASHES for Ash Wednesday distribution to the sick/homebound of **both parishes** will be located in a basket in the St. John the Evangelist Sacristy. Please sign your name on the form next to the basket along with the name(s) of those receiving the ashes. The ashes are to be distributed on **ASH WEDNESDAY, (February 18, ONLY.)** Any questions can be directed to Ron Mc Closky at the parish offices (518) 374-4591 ext. 103.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

On the weekend of **February 21-22**, purple crosses will be available in baskets near the church entrances. You are invited to take a cross as you enter the church. The cross will be worn throughout Lent to signify you are willing to carry your own cross and you may wish to add the intentions of a family member, friend or someone most in need of help during this time. You may return the cross to the baskets during Holy week to be put on our large cross in the sanctuary on Good Friday. Special thanks to the people who volunteered their time to make the crosses.

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

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
DONATION ENVELOPES**

Please know that if you plan to attend a mass at either St. Anthony's Church or St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church you may leave your donation envelope in their collection basket. Their church office will send all envelopes with our church name to our office for our weekly collection totals.

Last Week's Collection

Collection: 01/25/26 \$ 7,528.85

Help Collection \$ 2,610.00

Candles: 01/25/26 \$ 125.55

Collection: 02/01/26 \$11,301.00

Candles: 02/01/26 \$ 146.23

Audit Team D, February 9; Audit Team A, February 16

LIVE STREAMING

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can watch the Saturday, 4:00 PM Mass by going to our website at www.sjchurch.com and click on the YouTube Live Channel Icon and select the Saturday Mass.

ST. JOHN'S DECORATING COMMITTEE would like to send out a HUGH 'THANK YOU' to those who took the time to help us bring the Nativity set, trees and other decorations up from the basement as well as the those who came and used their talent to help us decorate our church for the Christmas season. People from all around the area come to see how beautiful our church is decorated during the holiday season and you can also see them taking many pictures. How proud we all are of St. John's. We would also like to send a BIG heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to those who came to take down the decorations. With the many hands that came to help, we had all the decorations down and put away in less than one hour. It's not easy work but you offered your time and help in which we were extremely appreciative. Again, to all of you who came to help from the very start to the end, we cannot THANK YOU enough. This Committee would also like to give a 'Special Thank You' to the students of our Faith Formation: Markus Ahrens, Natalie and Laura Graves, Will Lawton, Alexa and Max Muscedere who help to bring the heavy decorations up from the basement and those who used their creative talent to help decorate our church: Maria Perretta, Gracelyn Schinnerer, Will Lawton and Alexa and Max Muscedere.

**Words cannot properly portray the feelings on how thankful the Decorating Committee was for all the help given to decorate our beautiful church this Christmas Season from start to finish.
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH**

DAILY MASS ATTENDEES - During wintry days of snowy and/or icy road conditions, to find out whether or not the 9 AM Wednesday or Thursday Daily Mass at St. John's will be celebrated, call 518-372-3381 Extension 5.

SATURDAY DEVOTION AT ST. ANTHONY'S - Saturday, 10:00 AM. For more information contact Ronald Mc Closky, Pastoral Care Coordinator (518) 374-4591 Ext #8.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE
EUCHARIST & USHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 4:00 PM Mass and Ushers at the 4:00 PM and the 10:30 AM Mass. If you wish to help please contact the Parish office 518-372-3381 ext. 6. For Ushers, please call our Head Usher, Guy Sementilli 518- 878-2513



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We are never finished learning, if you feel the desire to grow in faith, we are here to help you do just that. Our faith-life is grounded in developing a personal relationship with Jesus. As its first goal, faith formation helps us acquire a conversion of heart, trusting in God's love, obeying His will and putting us in communion with Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive the sacraments, or simply have questions about the process, please contact Dianne Galarneau 518-372-3381 ext. 226 or via email at dgalarneau@sjchurch.com. We have a wonderful team ready to welcome you and walk with you along this journey.

THE KING'S MEN APOSTOLATE

All men ages 18 and above are invited to join the Schenectady Chapter of the King's Men Apostolate. We meet each **Tuesday** evening at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Parish Center, room 8 to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, spiritual reading & discussion. There are no dues or obligation to attend every meeting. For more information, contact Michael Zaccaria 518-779-2317.

**For Mass Attendees at
St. John the Evangelist & St. Anthony's**

On days of bad weather, to find out if there is Mass, from 8:00 AM onward please call St. John's Parish Office at **518-372-3381 Press Extension 5**, or Call St. Anthony's Parish Office at **518-374-4591 Press Extension 5** and listen to the recording. **Note:** Do **not** call **before 8:00 AM** as the information might not be accurate.

EYEGGLASS & 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 & 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.

Please pray for Your prayer are requested for the repose of the souls of Robert Sheehan & Philip Fraterrigo.



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 02 - 09 - 26

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Union Street

TUESDAY 02 - 10 - 26

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

WEDNESDAY 02 - 11 - 26

9:00 AM Mass at St. John
For the People

THURSDAY, 02 - 12- 26

9:00 AM Mass at St. John
Alan Schick by Family

6:00 PM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

FRIDAY, 02 - 13- 26

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 02 - 14 - 26

4:00 PM Mass at St. John
Stephanie & Edward Karwan by
Daughter, Stephanie
10th Anniversary Remembrance -
Edward Puszc by Stephanie Karwan
Bobby Gallo Sr. by Cherie Gallo
Peter Serzekis by Cherie Gallo
17th Anniversary Remembrance -
Edward Rinella by Family

5:00 PM Mass at St. Kateri, Union St.

SUNDAY 02 - 15 - 26

8:30 AM Mass at St. Anthony's

9:30 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

10:30 AM Mass at St. John
Lawrence Monarch by Fogg Family
Francesco, Rose & John Ferrari,
Pierino, Maria & Gina Palleschi by
Anthony & Rossana Ferrari
Nicholas Jegabbi by Family
Birthday Remembrance - Pauline
Carney Clark by Rit & Kathy Carney

11:30 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

11:45 AM Spanish Mass at St. Anthony's

4:00 PM Mass at St. Anthony's

Sunday Readings for February 8, 2026 - Year A
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 58: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation John 8: 12

Gospel Matthew 5: 13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Honor your loved ones through the tradition of Mass Intentions. Whether remembering those who have passed on or supporting those facing health challenges, your Intention will be specially recognized during a Mass of your choice. The names will also be featured in the weekly bulletin.

To schedule a Mass Intention either stop by the Parish Office or call 518-372-3381 ext. 6

SCHENECTADY SOCIAL CLUBS

Catholic Charities offers opportunities for seniors 55+ to gather to socialize, share a meal and participate in activities to improve emotional and physical health. **Current social clubs meet on Mondays at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center February 9 and 23, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Wednesday or Thursday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at St. Luke's Pastoral Center & Fridays at Bellevue Cafe.**

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

210 Princetown Rd., will be selling Fish Fry cost is \$15.00 during Friday's of Lent Date are February 20, March 6 and March 20 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm .

40 DAYS FOR LIFE TO STAND FOR LIFE

The Spring 40 Days for life Campaign starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 29. We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State St., from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm throughout the campaign. We seek to bring help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Won't you join us for an hour. Please contact Connie at sch40days@gmail.com and/or check our website, 40daysforlife.com/Schenectady to get involved.

ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

Come join us! We meet the First Tuesdays of September to June-10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Anthony's Church Hall. All are welcome. Learn to make rosaries with cord and beads. Take kits home and make rosaries at your leisure. Return made rosaries for distribution. For inquiries call Linda 518-399-6965 and leave a message. The desire to help fulfill the endless request for rosaries is all that is required.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

Contribution statements for 2025 will be **sent only to those who request them.** If you wish to receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes, please complete the form below. Your completed form can either be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church, 806 Union St., Schenectady 12308.

Please send a statement of my 2025 Donations.

Name: _____

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PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT

Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a visit/Communion? Please call our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Ron Mc Closky 518-374-4591 ext. 103.

EDDY ALZHEIMER SERVICES

Do you enjoy friendly conversation, sharing stories, or playing cards over a cup of coffee? Maybe sharing a meal or a car ride while listening to music? Your time and kindness can make a huge difference to someone living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

The **St. John the Evangelist Care Team** is looking for compassionate volunteers for visits and companionship. *Visits are primarily for socialization and there is no personal care involved. You can visit alone or with another volunteer. Training provided.* Care Teams are led by Eddy Alzheimer Services. You can learn more about volunteering or utilizing our services, by contacting Mary Coleman mary.coleman@sphp.com or at 518-250-9880 .

The Consultation Center of our diocese is having Dr. Richard McCorry come to speak at St. Joseph's Church in Scotia on **March 9th** (6pm Mass, 6:30pm talk). Dr. McCorry is steeped in knowledge about change, especially changes in the church. He wrote *Dancing with Change: A Spiritual Response to Changes in the Church*. In order to prepare for his talk, we are offering this book group over Zoom on Mondays at 6pm for 3 sessions: January 26th: Chapters 1 & 2 February 2nd: Chapters 3 & 4 thru Hebrew Scripture February 9th: Chapters 4 from Christian Gospel & 5 Join Zoom Meeting <https://s02web.zoom.us/j/86233055185> Meeting ID: 862 3305 5185

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

St. John's Church is open from **7:00 AM to 11:00 AM** Monday through Friday, for individuals to pray. St. Anthony's is open on week days from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

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.

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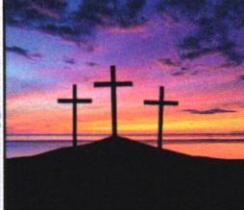
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