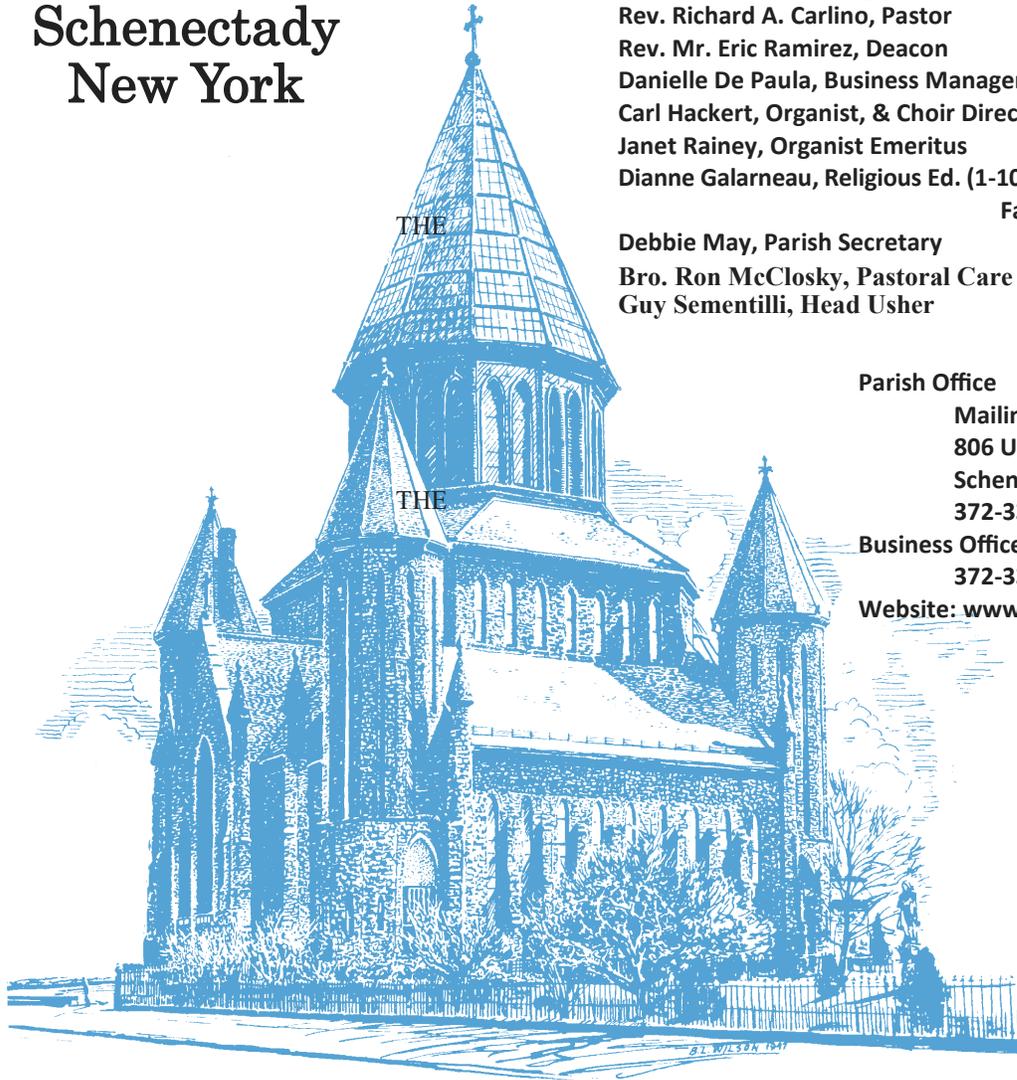


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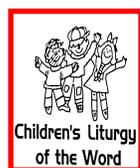
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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Please note that the Parish Office
(806 Union St.) is only opened
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM
to 4:00 PM. The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.

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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.

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

Little Black Books: Six- Minute Meditations on the Passion according to Mark are available for you to pick up this weekend. It is a gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey from Ash Wednesday **February 18**, through Easter Sunday **April 5**. We suggest you start with *How to use the 'Little Black Book'* and that you use the next three days to get ready for Lent.



Fasting & Abstinence

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.

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

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

This weekend, 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.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

We will be holding our annual '**Personal Care Closet**' collection this year to support the students attending Schenectady City Schools who find it hard to afford personal hygiene products. These items will be distributed to students and families experiencing economic hardships. By providing personal care products for these students, it not only takes a financial burden off families but can also help make students feel more comfortable and confident to face each school day. Some of the items needed are: **bars of wrapped soap, shampoo, conditioner, men's and women's antiperspirant deodorant, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine maxi pads/tampons, panty liners, body wash, body and hand lotion.** Travel/personal sizes of hygiene products are also welcome. We will be starting this collection the weekend of **March 7/8** and ending **March 28/29**. You can place your donations in the boxes marked '**Personal Care Closet**' located by each of the Church entrances. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for this very worthwhile collection. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact - Jeanne Servidone - 518-357-9053 or Kathy Carney - 518-396-0504.

BLACK, NATIVE AMERICAN & LATIN AMERICAN MISSION COLLECTION

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection next weekend for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs. The Black and Native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America including programs in the Diocese of Albany. Please place your envelope with your offertory envelope in the collection basket **TODAY**.

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE:

A **SECOND** Collection will be taken up next weekend for the Works of Mercy Initiative. Your gift will show works of mercy to so many who need it most. We thank you for your generosity.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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: 02/15/26 \$9,046.46
Candles: 02/15/26 \$ 241.00

Audit Team C, February 23; Audit Team B, March 2

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.

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Please join in this meaningful Lenten observance. Materials will be available near the church entrances the weekend of **February 21-22** to assist your participation.

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

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 & 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.

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.



Diocesan Appeal 2025-2026

The new year of the Diocesan Appeal began on July 1st! As you plan your budget, please consider a PLEDGE to the Appeal: Pledge Now, Pay by June 2026

1. It notifies your parish leader *early-on* that they can count on your help to reach the parish goal
2. You avoid solicitations (*first one is sent September 2025*)
3. You can spread out your payments for up to *12 months! *For pledges made in July; payment in full due by 6/30/26

Apportion your gift to one or more areas of focus: (*indicate within 'Comments' box in online form*)

- GENERAL BUDGET SUPPORT
- PARISH OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
- PARISH MISSION SUPPORT
- VOCATIONS



For details, visit *Materials* www.TheDiocesanAppeal



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 02 - 23 - 26

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

TUESDAY 02 - 24 - 26

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

WEDNESDAY 02 - 25 - 26

9:00 AM **Mass at St. John
Birthday Remembrance - Ruth
Gleason by Family**

THURSDAY, 02 - 26- 26

9:00 AM **Mass at St. John**

For the People

6:00 PM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

FRIDAY, 02 - 27- 26

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 02 - 28- 26

4:00 PM **Mass at St. John
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak
Smith by Family**

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

SUNDAY 03 - 01- 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
Theodore Monarchy by Fogg Family
Rose Pileggi by Family
Louise Monarch by Family
Philip A. Fraterrigo by Rinaldo &
Phyllis DiLegge & Family
Frances Bernard by Fiori Family**

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 22, 2026 - Year A
First Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading **Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:1-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17**

2nd Reading **Romans 5: 12-19 or 5:12, 17-19**

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4: 4b**

Gospel **Matthew 4: 1-11**

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

Please pray for

Your prayer are requested for the repose of the souls of Alexis Lopez, Vincent Schiavo, Josephine Williams & Angelo Coppola.

MASS STIPEND - Just a reminder that the stipend for all weekend or daily Masses increased to \$15.00.



St. Anthony's Church

The Venerini Associates helps distribute food to needy families during the year. Help us restock the supply so that the good work may continue.

Please join us by dropping off either at St. John or St. Anthony the following nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation of any amount. No gift is too small. This is what we are in need of: Canned Fruit, Canned Applesauce, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Canned Green & Yellow Waxed Beans, Soups, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Beans, Canned Peas, Canned Corn, Canned Stews, Pudding, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Jelly/Jam, Peanut Butter, Cooking Oil, Tuna Fish, Mayonnaise, Canned Meats. We couldn't do it with out you. Let's continue to feed others both spiritually and physically. Thank you for your help!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS WITH EXPIRED DATES AS WE CANNOT GIVE THOSE OUT

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 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 March 6 and March 20 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm .

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.

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.

RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

211 is a Resource in your Community – Burning question? Dial 211. Funded by the United Way, local and state government and private nonprofit organizations, 211 is a one stop resource for food, housing, child care, health care, substance abuse, financial problems and more available 7 days a week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties. 211 offers fast, accurate information on safety, relief and recovery services during natural disaster or regional emergencies.

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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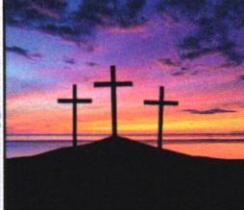
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