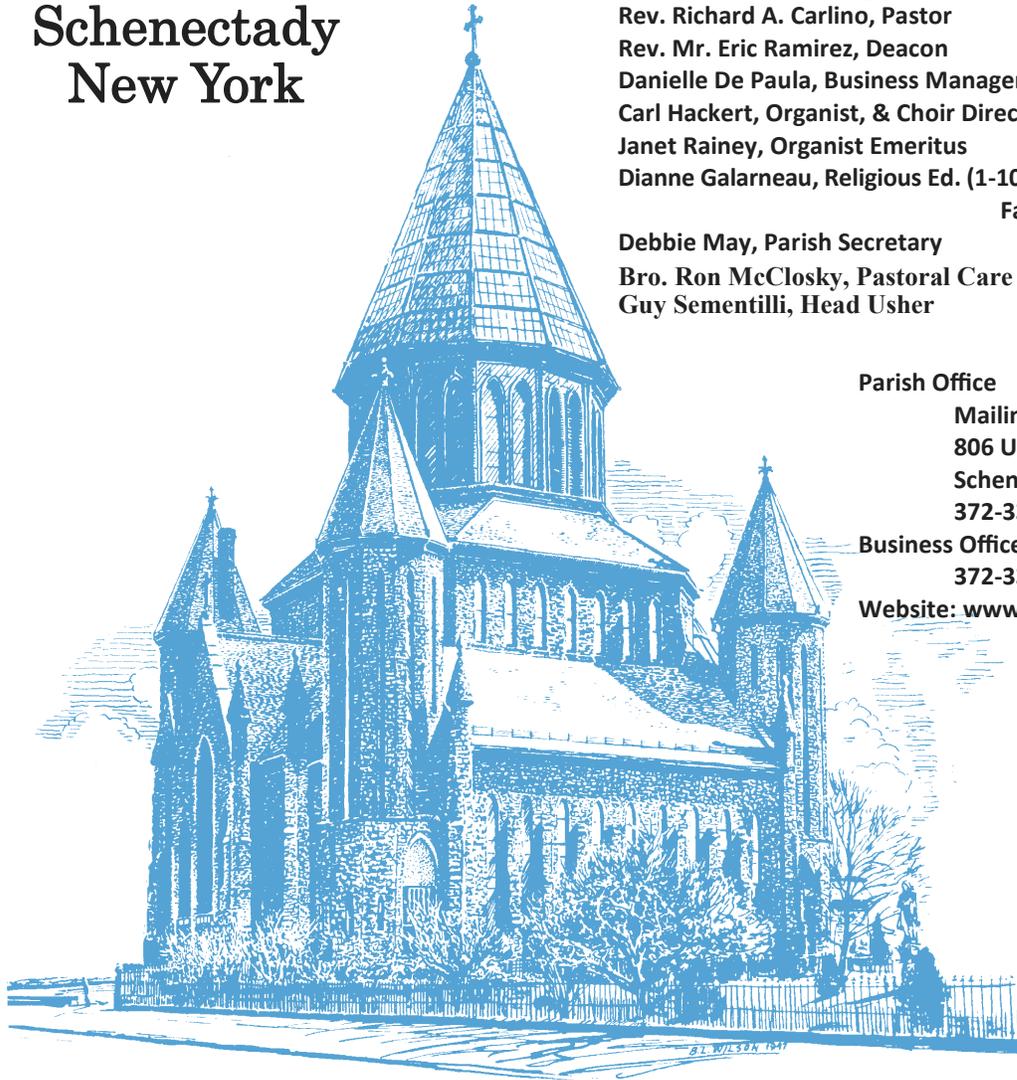


# The Church of St. John the Evangelist

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Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m. Vigil

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# LENT

## 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.

### PALM SATURDAY-SUNDAY BAKE SALE

St. Anthony's Church Hall, 331 Seward Place

Saturday, March 28, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 29, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Stop in!

Assorted Variety of Baked Goods available.

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### A LENTEN PRESENTATION ON THE MASS

Join us Sunday, March 15 from 11:45am - 12:45pm in St. John's Church for our gift to you this Lent. Presented by Catechists and Members of the Frassati Young Adult Group; Mr. Theodore Bareis, Mr. Luke Fallati, Mr. Mark Nicoletta, Mr. Brendan Nolan. Discussion topics will be how we can make our homes the sanctuary the Holy Family inspires it to be. Learn the importance of having home Sacramentals - Crucifix, Rosary Beads, Holy Water, pictures of Jesus, Mary, and the Saints, Family prayer, Weekly Mass and our Sunday Obligation. Please RSVP to Dianne Galarneau at 518-372-3381 x. 226 or [dgalarneau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarneau@sjchurch.com) by March 10. Refreshments will be offered in the parish center cafeteria following the Presentation.

### 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.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the Collection by placing your CRS envelope with your offertory envelope. Thank you.



### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We would like to offer parishioners an opportunity to donate to the Easter Flowers Collection in memory of your loved ones. This year, we provided Easter Flower envelopes with your regular envelopes. Please place your donation in the collection basket with the names of your loved ones or mail them directly to the parish office. Be sure to print clearly who is being remembered. All donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin at Easter and following week.

**THE JOURNEY**  
**WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent**

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

## THIRD 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: 02/22/26 \$ 14,163.10 (including 1 yearly Donation)

Black, Native & Latin American Mission \$971.00

Candles: 02/22/26 \$ 360.35

Collection: 03/01/26 \$ 10,595.65

Works of Mercy Initiative \$1,038.90

Candles: 03/01/26 \$ 206.40

Audit Team D, March 9; Audit Team A, March 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](http://www.sjchurch.com) and click on the YouTube Live Channel Icon and select the Saturday Mass.



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For the next three Sundays, we will celebrate the Scrutinies. Our catechumens, those people preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil are Ryan Beeman, Concetta

Hodgkins, Ethan Hull, Ryder Mollo, & Peyton Moran. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish their formation to receive all three Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Our sincere gratitude to their catechist, Yvonne Lawton, who has walked along with them on this journey of faith preparing these young adults to become new creations in Christ. The First Scrutiny focuses on water, the primary symbol in the reading for this Sunday. Water is a symbol of life, and it indicates that God wishes to give us life, as shown in the story of the woman from Samaria at the well. Jesus asks her for some water, but He also offers her living water, promising eternal life. As the woman talks to Jesus, her life is revealed to her. This results in healing, forgiveness and new life. She sees the truth about herself and sees God face to face.

### 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.

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Please join in this meaningful Lenten observance. Materials will be available near the church entrances to assist your participation.

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society will be meeting on Wednesday, **March 11th, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Cafeteria.** We welcome all parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary and to enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

### 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



**K of C #8121-St Patrick's Din-ner March 14 after 5:00 PM Mass at the St. Kateri Gym.** Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, with dessert and beverages for **\$20.** Children under 12- Free. **Send to Jerry Campo (518-588-8249.)** 1096 Van Antwerp Rd., Niskayuna, NY 12309. Live music by Erin Tide! **Doors to this event will not open until after Mass.**

### 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 Appeal 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](http://www.TheDiocesanAppeal)

**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, 03 - 09 - 26**

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

**TUESDAY 03 - 10 - 26**

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

**WEDNESDAY 03 - 11 - 26**

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

**THURSDAY, 03 - 12- 26**

9:00 AM **Mass at St. John  
Alan Schick by Family  
Birthday Remembrance - Dolores  
Babella by Linda Babella**

6:00 PM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

**FRIDAY, 03 - 13- 26**

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

**SATURDAY 03 - 14- 26**

4:00 PM **Mass at St. John  
Anniversary Remembrance - Joseph  
L. Connoly by Margaret T. Connoly  
Josephine Williams by Hardens  
Family**

**Anniversary Remembrance - Ed  
Heiserman by Wife & Family  
Sean Carlson by Mom & Dad**

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

**SUNDAY 03 - 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  
Anniversary Remembrance -  
Katherine Adams by Karen Adams  
Maria Palleschi by Anthony &  
Rossana Ferrari & Family  
Peter Moran by anne & Shawn Kilroy**

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 March 8, 2026 - Year A**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading **Exodus 17: 3-7**  
Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9**  
2nd Reading **Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8**  
Gospel Acclamation **John 4: 42, 15**  
Gospel **John 4: 5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

**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

**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 without 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**

**BLESSING OF THE FOOD**

Fr. Carlino will be blessing Easter Foods on Holy Saturday, **April 4, 12:00 noon** at St. John the Evangelist Church. The Blessing of the Food is a festive occasion. The three-part blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the basket with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes and breads.

**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](mailto:sch40days@gmail.com) and/or check our website, [40daysforlife.com/Schenectady](http://40daysforlife.com/Schenectady) to get involved.

**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, March 9 & 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.**

**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.

**See You  
Next Sunday!**

**RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

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**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.

**Check One:**

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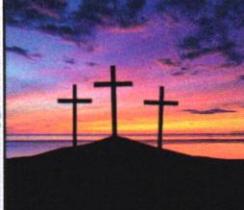
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