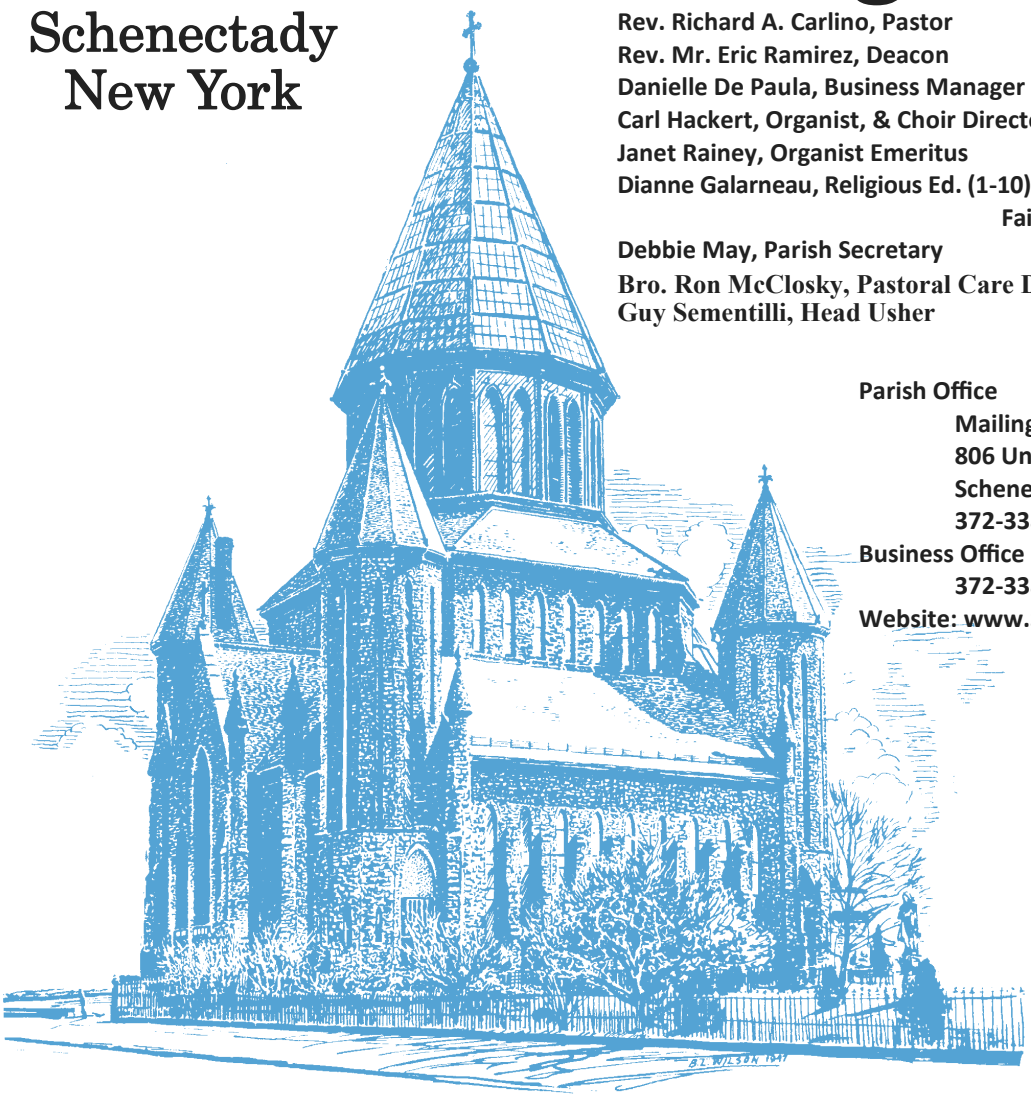
The Church of St. John the Evangelist

Schenectady New York



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Saturday Mass:	4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday Masses:	10:30 a.m.
Confessions:	By appointment only.
Baptisms:	To schedule a Baptism, please call 372-3381 Ext. 7
Marriages:	Please consult our website www.SJEChurch.com
Pastoral Care:	On admission to a nursing home or hospital, please be sure that the name of the church, as well as your religion, is specified at time of admission.

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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Deacon Eric Ramirez……	Eric.Ramirez@rcda.org

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S LEGEND OF THE LILY

The lily is associated with St. Joseph., spouse of Mary, through an ancient legend that he was chosen from among other men by the blossoming of his staff like a lily. Likewise, the bible passage, "The just man shall blossom like the lily" is applied in the liturgy of the Catholic Church for his feast day, **March 19th.**

St. Joseph, pray for us

AN IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do
May your purse always hold a coin or two
May the sun always shine on your windowpane
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain
May the hand of a friend always be near you
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you!

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

This 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.

Please pray for Your prayer are requested for the repose of the souls of Lydia Marlow & Peter De Ruscio.

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: 03/08/26 $7,413.00
Candles: 03/08/26 $ 199.00

Audit Team A, March 16; Audit Team C, March 23

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.sjechurch.com and click on the YouTube Live Channel Icon and select the Saturday Mass.

OCIA

For the next two Sundays, we continue to 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, and 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 Gospel today tells the story of the healing of the man born blind. The story does not end with his healing, but rather it continues with the arguments about what really happened and who Jesus is, the One who healed him. We call Christ "The Light of the World" and look to Him for the truth we need to really understand the world, ourselves and God.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A heartfelt welcome to our adults who will celebrate the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at next Sunday's 10:30am Mass. Please remember Emily Jo Almeida, Samantha Bachorik, Terrence Hanratty, Elizabeth Mazzoccone, Ann Marie Rasnick, Jessica LaSalle-West, Bridgette West, Roger West, and Trinity West, in your prayers. Our sincere gratitude to their catechists, Melanie Delf and Dennis Brunnett.

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.

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

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

EYEGLASS & 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.

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

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

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

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

Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 03 - 16 - 26
9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Union Street

TUESDAY 03 – 17 - 26
9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

WEDNESDAY 03 – 18 - 26
9:00 AM **Mass at St. John For the People**

THURSDAY, 03 – 19- 26
9:00 AM **Mass at St. John For the People**
6:00 PM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

FRIDAY, 03 - 20- 26
9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 03 - 21- 26
4:00 PM **Mass at St. John**
Alan Schick by Family
Anniversary Remembrance - Robert J. Sullivan by Ann & Giulio Facci
Anniversary Remembrance - Ed Heiserman by Family
5:00 PM Mass at St. Kateri, Union St.

SUNDAY 03 - 22 - 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**
Birthday Remembrance - Pat & Joe Formosa by Hanaway Family
Vincent Schiavo by Faye Falvo Rispoli
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 15, 2026 - Year A
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	**1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a**
Responsorial Psalm	**Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**
2nd Reading	**Ephesians 5: 8-14**
Gospel Acclamation	**John 8: 12**
Gospel	**John 9: 1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

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

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.

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. **Assorted Variety of Baked Goods available:** Rice Pie, Biscotti, Canoli, Guanti, Morzette, Pepper Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rosette's, Wine Cookies, Sfogliatelle, Pizzelle, Italian Bread, Italian Rolls, Sweet Breads with or without raisins or frosted. Frozen Dough, Pizza, Homemade Pasta’s, Stuffed Shells, Cavatelli, Pickled Egg Plant, Pickled Peppers, Tomato Sauce-Quart.

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

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.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE -

210 Princetown Rd., will be selling Fish Fry cost is $15.00 during Friday’s of Lent Date is 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.

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

THE NEW DAY - A JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO HEALING

Those coping with the loss of a loved one are warmly invited to a gentle nine-week grief-support series at the Retreat Center, using the reflective resource **The New Day Journal** by Mauryeen O'Brien. Led by facilitators MaryAnne Brown and Joan Horgan, each weekly session offers a caring blend of prayer, practical insights, guided journaling, quiet reflection, and optional sharing in a relaxed and confidential setting. Participants are also invited to linger afterward for refreshments and informal conversation, nurturing connection and comfort. Sessions will take place from 1:00–3:00 pm, **April 7 through June 2**, at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center. For questions or to learn more, please phone MaryAnne at the Retreat Center office (518-393-4169).

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.

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

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:

_____New Registration (Please send Parish Registration Forms)

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