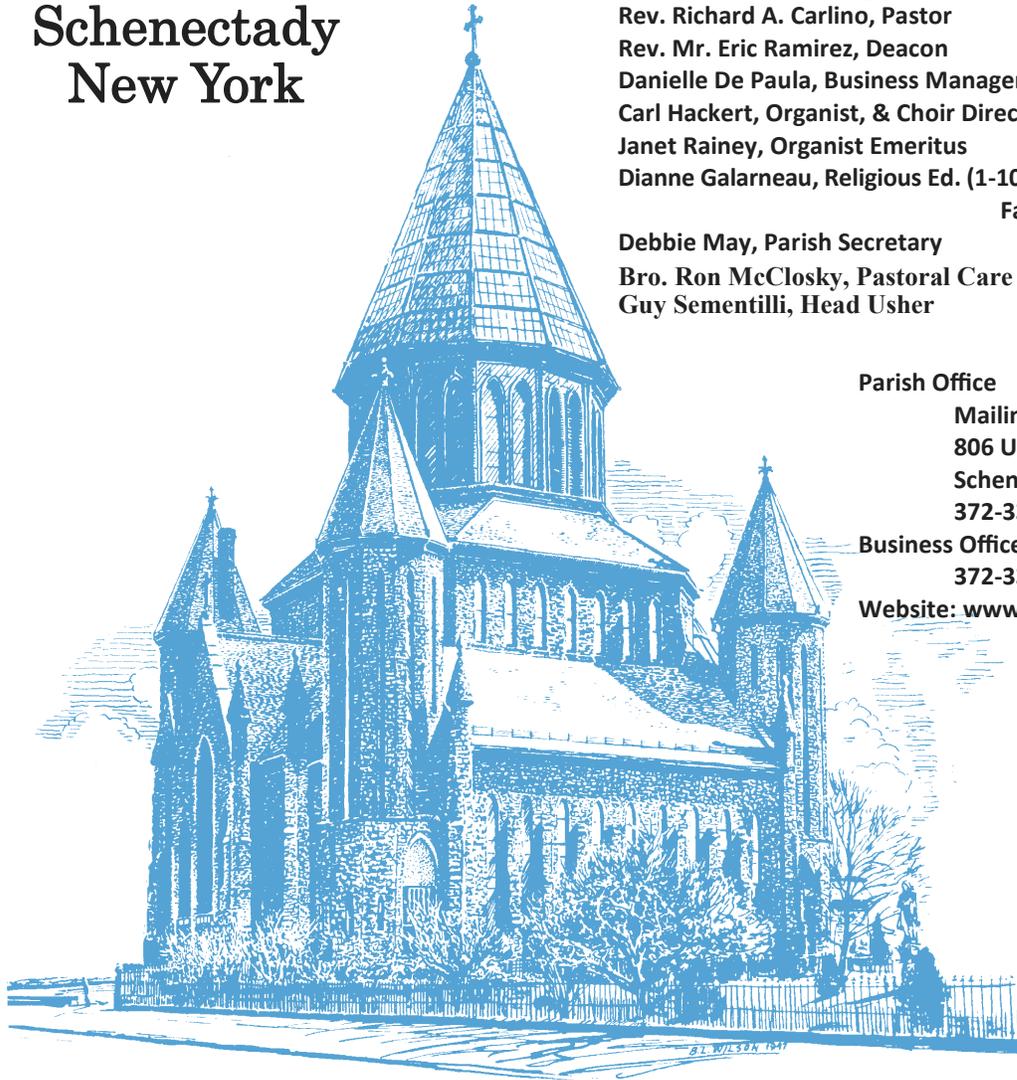


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# LENT

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**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.



**Vigil Mass Saturday, March 28**  
St. John the Evangelist Church 4:00 PM  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church 5:00 PM

**Sunday, March 29**  
St. John the Evangelist Church- 10:30 AM  
St. Anthony's Church 8:30 AM, 11:45 AM & 4:00 PM  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church 9:30 AM Union St.  
11:30 AM Rosa Road



**Holy Thursday, April 2**  
St. John The Evangelist Church  
Open for Adoration from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**St. Anthony's Church**  
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Open for Adoration from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church (Union St.)**  
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday April 3**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church,**  
Church will be open all day  
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross.  
7:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church (Union St.)**  
12:00 PM Seven Last Words Reflection  
7:00 PM Good Friday Service

**Easter Vigil April 4**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
12:00 Noon Blessing of Food  
7:30 PM Vigil Mass  
**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church (Union St.)**  
7:55 PM Easter Vigil



**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church 10:30 AM**  
**St. Anthony's Church**  
8:30 AM, 11:45 AM (Spanish), and 4:00 PM  
**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church 9:30 AM**  
(Union St.) and 11:30 AM (Rosa Road)

**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.

**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: 03/15/26 \$ 9,509.75  
Catholic Relief Services \$ 20.00  
Candles: 03/15/26 \$ 249.86  
Audit Team C, March 23; Audit Team B, March 30

**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.



Today is the final Third Scrutiny we will celebrate with our catechumens, those people preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Ryan Beeman, Concetta Hodgkins, Ethan Hull, Ryder Mollo, and Peyton Moran in your prayers. 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 Third Scrutiny emphasizes Jesus as "the Resurrection and the Life" as we hear in the Gospel of the raising to life of Lazarus. Jesus in His obedience to His Father has the authority to give life to whom He will. The raising of Lazarus is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day. It means that we, as believers have eternal life; and Lazarus has passed from death to life. It is also an anticipation of what is celebrated at Easter and in Baptism, resurrection and eternal life.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Congratulations to Our New Members. In Romans 15:7, St. Paul highlights the directive to "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." We warmly welcome Emily Jo Almeida, Samantha Bachorik, Terrence Hanratty, Elizabeth Mazzoccone, Ann Marie Rasnick, Jessica LaSalle-West, Bridgette West, Roger West, and Trinity West who received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation today. They are seated in the front pews with their sponsors and families, please personally welcome them as you leave Mass today.

**BOOK CLUB LAUNCH**

Liz Utzig would like to offer a Book Club at St. John the Evangelist. People interested would meet monthly for one hour. If you are interested and wish to discuss better day and time, please contact Liz at 518-339-5875



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

**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.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.



**Masses For The Week**

**MONDAY, 03 - 23 - 26**

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

**TUESDAY 03 - 24 - 26**

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

**WEDNESDAY 03 - 25 - 26**

9:00 AM Mass at St. John  
Vincent Schiavo by Mr. & Mrs.  
Gaetano Sementilli

**THURSDAY, 03 - 26- 26**

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

6:00 PM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

**FRIDAY, 03 - 27- 26**

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

**SATURDAY 03 - 28- 26**

4:00 PM Mass at St. John  
Gerald Lynch by Fogg Family  
Anniversary Remembrance - Matthew  
Czech by Czech Family  
5th Anniversary Remembrance -  
Eleanor Rinella by Family  
Birthday Remembrance - Brad Mc Kee  
by Family  
3rd Anniversary Remembrance - Irene  
Pecora by Daughters  
Patricia Cameron by Vince & Sandy  
DeJohn

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

**PALM SUNDAY 03 - 29 - 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

Francesco, Rosa & John Ferrari,  
Pierino, Maria & Gina Palleschi by  
Anthony & Rossana Ferrari  
Rose Pileggi by Family  
Louise Monarch by Family  
Josephine Williams by Carl & Choir  
Members

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

1st Reading Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130; 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

2nd Reading Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel Acclamation John 11: 25A, 26

Gospel John 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7,17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Please pray for**

Your prayer are requested for the  
repose of the soul of Fr. Albin Fusco

**60 See You  
Next Sunday!**

**SACRAMENTS OF THE EASTER VIGIL -  
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

This Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, we joyfully welcome Ryan Beeman, Concetta Hodgkins, Ethan Hull, Ryder Mollo, and Peyton Moran into full communion with the Catholic Church. Having prepared their hearts and minds, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this sacred step in their faith journey. Please join us in a warm and joyous welcome after Mass.

**DECORATING ST. JOHN'S FOR EASTER.**

The Decorating Committee will be getting the church ready for Easter on Saturday, **April 4**, starting at 9:00 AM. If you are available, we could use your help. Decorating should take around two hours. Whatever time you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**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.

**MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT WILL BE RETURNING  
APRIL 13.**

We are excited to announce our Monday Movie Night will resume for the third year on April 13! Please join us in St. John's parish center's cafeteria. Entrance from the rear parking lot directly into the cafeteria. Movies will begin at 6:30pm. Snacks and beverages will be offered at no cost. For planning purposes, please email or call Dianne Galarnau with your interest - [dgalarnau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarnau@sjchurch.com) or 518-372-3381 ext. 226. A complete list of movies will be available on our websites by March 13. Please visit [www.sjchurch.com](http://www.sjchurch.com) or [www.stanthonychurch.net](http://www.stanthonychurch.net). Come and enjoy Catholic family movies and learn more about the lives of Jesus, and Mary, the Saints, the Church, and more faith-based topics. **Bring your friends, and plan to make new ones!**

**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.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**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 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.**

**GOOD FRIDAY "WAY OF THE CROSS"  
AT SCHENECTADY PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service: Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion  
When: Friday, **April 3**, 10:00 AM Where: Public Right of Way in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St. in Schenectady. More Info: Call/Text Larry at (518) 847-1630 Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

**NOTRE DAME-BISHOP GIBBONS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE -**

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School, 2600 Albany Street, will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and families on Wednesday, **March 25**, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. To register go to <https://nd-bg.org/admissions/openhouse/> or contact us at (518) 393-3131 ext. 107.

**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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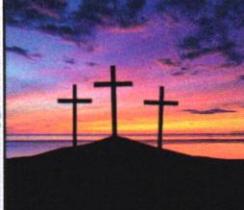
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