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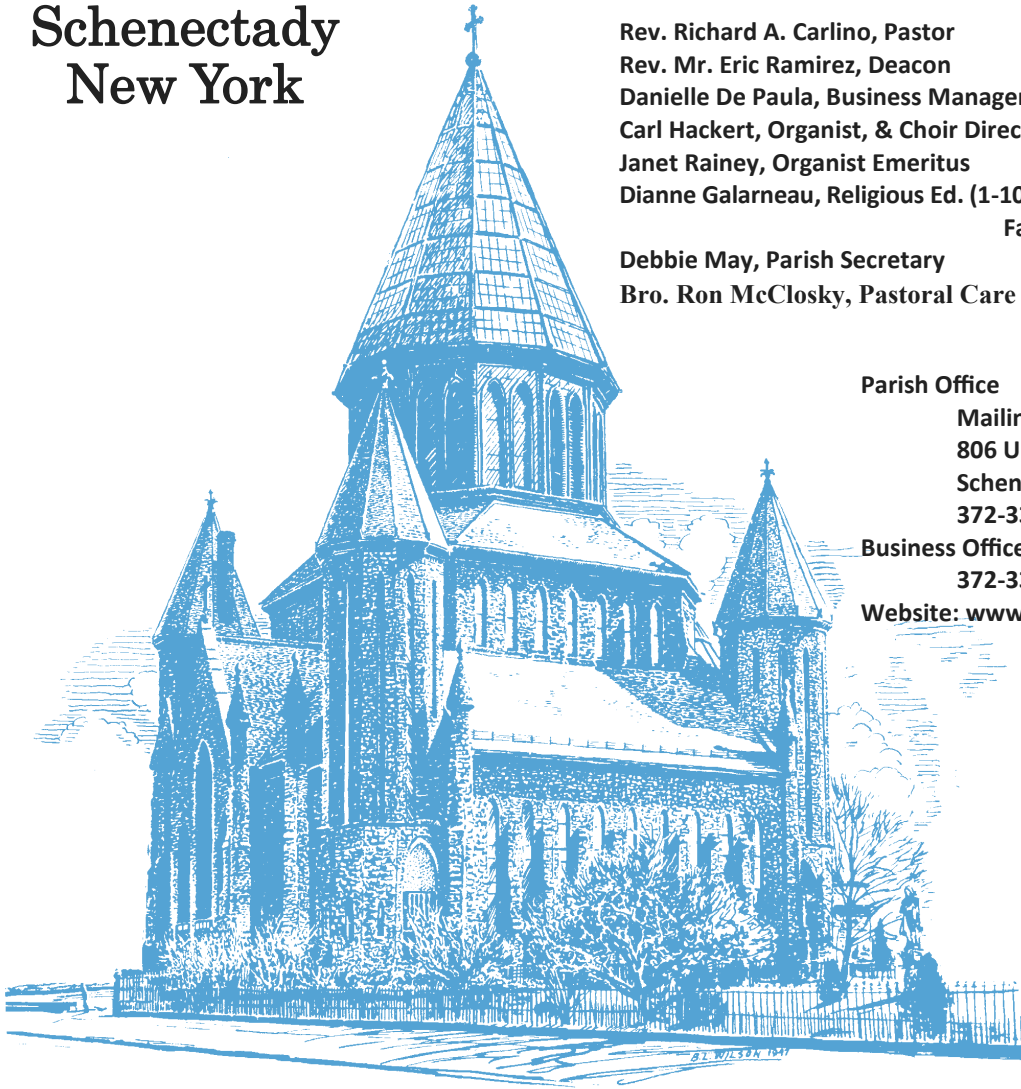
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**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CHURCH**

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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Father & Giver of all good gifts, thank you for giving me Your Son, present in the Eucharist. May I grow to know & love him more deeply this Advent season.



**MOVIES AT ST. JOHN**

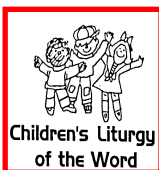
If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Galarneau at [dgalarneau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarneau@sjchurch.com). Snacks and beverages are provided at no cost. For the complete movie listing please visit our website at [www.sjchurch.com](http://www.sjchurch.com), click on Religious

Education, you will find the Movie

**Due to darker evenings this time of the year, we will also offer Sunday afternoon films. The same film will be offered Monday evenings.**

**IF ONLY WE HAD LISTENED, November 30,  
2:30 – 3:35 PM**

According to several children, God sent a messenger to Kibeho, Rwanda, to warn about an impending disaster, but few heeded the warning. Immaculee Ilibagiza knows the story all too well. Her family was killed during the genocide, and she survived by hiding in a bathroom with seven other women for three excruciating months. The film follows Immaculee as she returns to Rwanda uncovering the secrets of Kibeho while reconciling with her painful past. This is a remarkable story faith and hope.



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.



**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 call Dianne Galarneau 518-372-3381 ext. 226 or via email at [dgalarneau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarneau@sjchurch.com). We have a wonderful team ready to welcome you and walk with you along this journey.

**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.

**PARISH CALENDARS**

The 2025 Parish Calendars provided by the Gleason Funeral Home will be available at all the Masses the weekend of **December 6 & 7**. Our sincere appreciation to the Gleason Funeral Home for this generous donation.

**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.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE**

St. John the Evangelist's Rosary Altar Society is having their Annual Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale on Saturday, **December 13th 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Parish Center**. A variety of delicious foods will be available for purchase for lunch. Admission is free.

--There will be many fabulous vendors selling a variety of items which would be great for gifts.

--We will raffle great gift baskets that include generous donations from area restaurants and businesses.

**Our Annual Bake Sale table is in need of your delicious baked goods.** You may drop off your baked goods either Friday, **December 12th from 12 noon to 6:00 PM** or Saturday, **December 13th from 8:00 AM to 9 :30 AM** Please call Joanne McGrath at 518-356-2996 if you have any questions. **Thank You!!**

Also, our "Elegant Leftovers" (aka White Elephant Sale) will be accepting your donations of gently used items (please no large items) on Friday, **December 12th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM**

Please join us at our Annual Holiday Event

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to make donations toward the purchase of flowers for Christmas is invited to do so. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones, and all donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Using your Christmas Flower donation envelopes please either send your envelope to the church office at 806 Union St. or place in the collection basket. Thank you.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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: 11/23/25      \$SEE NEXT WEEKEND  
Candles: 11/23/25      \$BULLETIN  
Audit Team C, December 1; Audit Team B, December 8

**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.

#### ST. NICHOLAS VISIT

Join us for a special visitor after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday December 6 and after the 10:30am Mass on December 7th. St. Nicholas will come to celebrate the spirit of the Christmas and the tradition of gift-giving. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and remember the true meaning of the feast of St. Nicholas who was a 4th-century Christian bishop of Myra, and known for his great generosity, especially to the poor and children. His legend is the basis for our Santa Claus, a name derived from the Dutch name for him, "Sinterklaas". Legends often feature his secret acts of kindness, most famously the story of him dropping gold to help a poor man build a dowry for his daughters. St. Nicholas will give children of all ages their very own gold coin!

### Annual Christmas Party Buffet Luncheon Hosted By

**St John The Evangelist Rosary Altar Society and  
St. Anthony's Sacred Heart League**

Where - Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Ave Scotia NY 12302

When- Sunday **December 14, 2025**

Time- 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost- \$25 for members and \$30.00 for non-members

Rosarian Altar Society/St. John The Evangelist Church  
only mail check to:

Catherine O'Rourke, 24 Rivers Run Dr., #103,  
Niskayuna NY 12309. Any questions call (518) 557-2004

Sacred Heart/St. Anthony's Church only mail check to:

Cathy Busher, 211 Lincoln St. Scotia NY 12302

Any question call 518-366-2307

Please fill out, detach and must be received by  
December 1, 2025

**Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest (s) Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_



### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses for the Feast of Mary's Immaculate  
Conception Monday, **December 8,**

St. Anthony's Church 7:00 AM

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, Union St.  
9:00 AM

**St. John the Evangelist Church 12:15 PM**

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, Rosa Road, 7:00 PM

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

**All children from Kindergarten to 8th Grade** are invited to participate in the 2025 Children's Christmas Eve Pageant that will take place at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church. Needed are angels and shepherds, kings and stable animals, Mary and Joseph, narrators and choir members. Participants will be required to attend rehearsals on the following Sundays from 12:45 - 1:30 PM. **December 7, 14, 21.** All participants will sing! Student participants who attend Faith Formation classes will simply stay in the cafeteria after class as directed by their teachers until rehearsals begin. Students who do not attend Sunday Faith Formation classes at St. John's will need to be escorted by their parent/guardian into the parish center cafeteria by 12:30 PM. Please enter the parish center through the Eastern Avenue parking lot. **If you are interested in helping with the pageant** email Laurie Barone at [lauriejbarone@gmail.com](mailto:lauriejbarone@gmail.com)

**If your child/ren are interested in participating in the pageant,** email Dianne Galarneau at [dgalarneau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarneau@sjchurch.com). Please provide child's name, grade, home/cell phone number, parent/s name/s and email address. Additional telephone number of second adult.

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

The weekend of **November 14/15**, the Advent Giving Tree was set up in front of Mary's altar and decorated with various gift cards. If each family would take at least one gift tag from the tree and purchase the item requested, it would help to brightened the Christmas Season for so many in our community who have so little. Wrap the gift in holiday paper, securely attach the **original tag to the outside of the package** and return the gift under the Giving Tree. To ensure the gifts reach their recipients in time for Christmas, **we ask that all gifts be returned by the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Servidone at 357-9053 or Kathy Carney at 377-7444. Your continued generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated.

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### Masses For The Week

#### MONDAY, 12 - 01 - 25

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

#### TUESDAY 12 - 02 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

#### WEDNESDAY 12 - 03 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. John  
Francis J. Clark by Estate

#### THURSDAY, 12 - 04 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. John  
Mary C. Emmet by Estate

6:00 PM NO Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

#### FRIDAY, 12 - 05- 25

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

#### SATURDAY 12 - 06 - 25

4:00 PM Mass at St. John  
Birthday Remembrance - Edward  
Karwan by Daughter, Stephanie  
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak  
Smith by Family  
Rose Pileggi by Family  
Daniel Fogg by Family  
Birthday Remembrance - Edward  
Heiserman by Family  
Jonathan Hatheway Farkas by Farkas  
& Hatheway Families

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

#### SUNDAY 12 - 07 - 25

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 & Family  
Louise Monarch by Family  
Gloria Cuomo by Children  
Dr. William E. Reynolds by Bonnie &  
John Maurycy  
Christopher Witkowski by Teresa  
Matwiejczuk  
Paul Fitch by 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 November 30, 2025, Year A

#### First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 85:8

Gospel Matthew 24: 37- 44

### 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.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We invite everyone to join our faith formation students and adults preparing for the sacraments in a beautiful prayer experience. **Pray the Family Rosary** beginning **November 2** through to **November 2, 2026**. Why? On May 13, 1917 Our Lady of Fatima requested of us to **"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world."** There is grace in one prayer, one decade, or one Rosary. Benefits? + Enjoy 20 extra minutes of family time and by God's grace - peaceful homes. + Share each other's gratitude and concerns through prayer intentions.+ Explore our faith through the Rosary's Mysteries.

+Find strength through Mary's intercession and God's grace to withstand life's trials by promoting peace within our families, and the world. + If older children say they don't have time ... check their screen time. + "The Family that prays together - stays together." Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton.

### 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.

### Bishop Mark O'Connell's Installation and prayer service.

Evening Prayer will take place on Thursday, **December 4**, 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany and all are invited. It will also be livestreamed. That link will be shared on the RCDA website when it is available. <https://www.rcda.org/>

The Installation will take place on Friday, **December 5**, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park. It is invitation only. All invitees should be in place by 1:00 PM. The procession begins at 1:30 PM The Mass follows. Seating is limited at the Installation. **Tickets are required.** A limited number of tickets will be allocated to each parish; therefore, watch parties are encouraged. A link to the livestream will be shared on the RCDA website when it is available. <https://www.rcda.org/installation>. **Tickets to the Installation are NOT available for sale.**



### 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!.

**DECORATING COMMITTEE:  
REQUEST FOR HELP!!!**

The following dates have been set up to decorate St. John's for Christmas:

**Thursday, December 11, 6:00 PM** – We will need people (men especially) to help bring up the Nativity set, risers, Christmas trees and all the boxes of decorations from the basement and put them in the room opposite the sacristy.

**Thursday, December 18, 6:00 PM** - decorate the church including putting up the Nativity.

**Tuesday, December 23, 9:30 AM** - arrange flowers

**As you can see, we do not have a lot of time to decorate our magnificent church for Christmas. We need a lot of hands to help decorate this year if we want St. John's to look as beautiful as it has in the past during the Christmas season. If you can come even for an hour, we could use your help.**

**On Monday, either January 5 or 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM** we will be taking down our beautiful Christmas decorations. We will need help to undecorate the church along with bringing the Nativity set, risers, Christmas trees and all the boxes of decorations to the basement. With a lot of help this can be done in a short period of time. If you can spare an hour of your time, please come and help. Thank you. A definite date will be published in the bulletin soon.

If you have any questions, call Kathy Carney – 518-377-7444

**Please pray for** Your prayer are requested for the repose of the souls of Dolores Morrette, James Hourigan.

**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)

☐ Change of Address (New address is listed).

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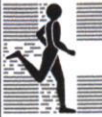
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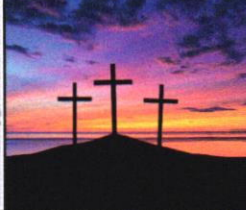


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