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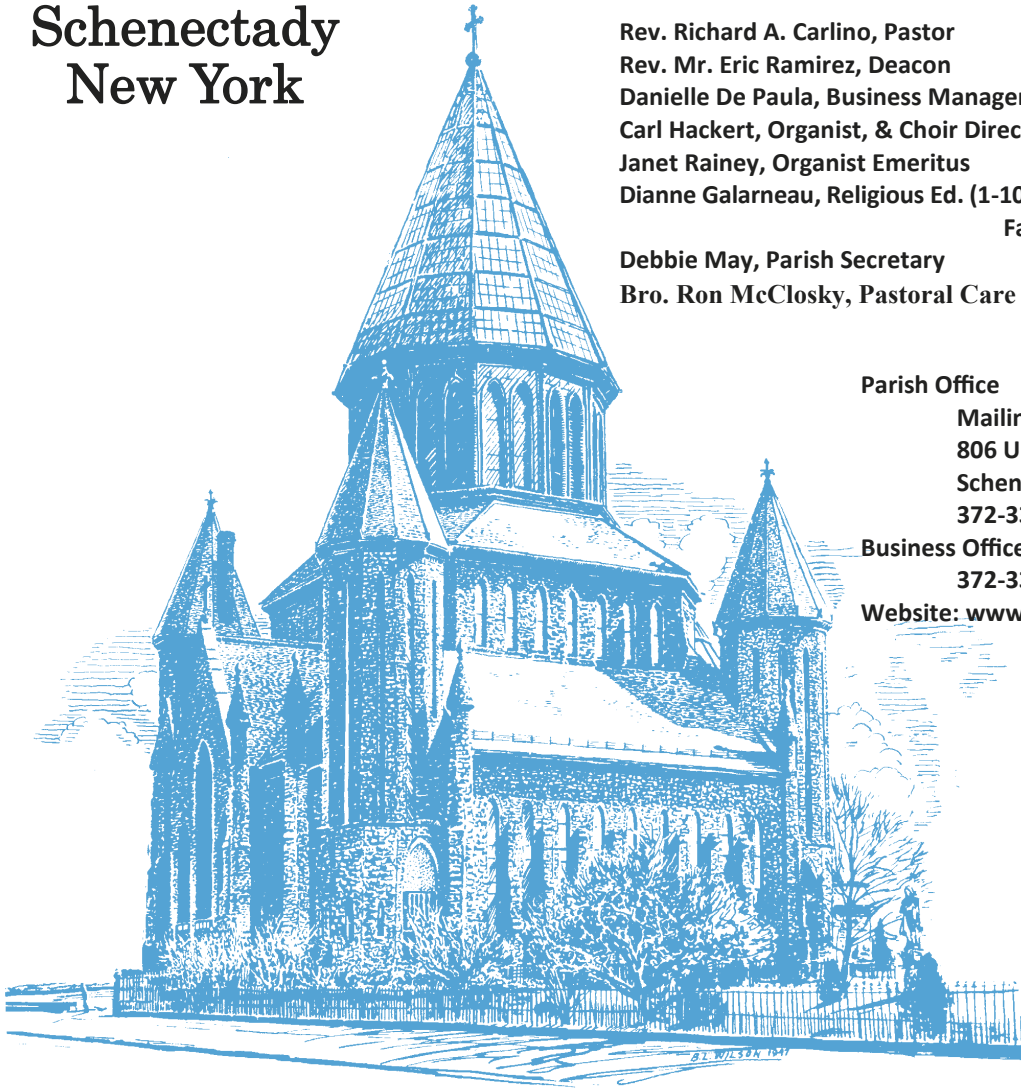
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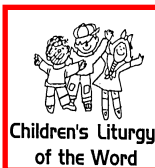


WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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.

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

PARISH CALENDARS

The 2026 Parish Calendars provided by the Gleason Funeral Home are available at all the Masses THIS weekend, **December 6 & 7.** Our sincere appreciation to the Gleason Funeral Home for this generous donation.

MASS STIPEND

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



Father in Heaven, though I go to bed many nights uncertain of my works, I trust in Your love. Strengthen me in trust.

MOVIES AT ST. JOHN



If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Galarneau at dgalarneau@sjchurch.com. Snacks and beverages are provided at no cost. For the complete movie listing please visit our website at 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.

The Wonders of God's Creation, Sunday, **December 7, 2:30—3:41 PM** & Monday, **December 8, 6:30 – 7:41 PM.** **Animal Kingdom – How Great Are Thy Works ~ Psalm 92** It has been said that the wisest of human engineers could not improve the control system found in the tail of a common squirrel. Similar statements could be made while observing the inhabitants of any pond, field, or wilderness. God has left His indelible signature on every member of the animal kingdom. As you view this program you will be amazed at the mysterious migration of the pacific salmon and the monarch butterfly's annual trek from Canada to Mexico. Visit the interior of a honeycomb to learn the language of bees. And so much more.

Saturday Movies for Children of All Ages! We are happy to invite all children to an assortment of Saturday movies. All movies will be shown in St. John's cafeteria from 11:00AM - 12:00PM. All movies are animated and no longer than 30 minutes, extra time is added for getting comfortable and picking out a snack and beverage. If you would like to attend with your children, please email Dianne Galarneau at dgalarneau@sjchurch.com or call 518-372-3381 ext. 226. Please join us **December 20** to see the movie - **Holy Night – The King is Born** Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heart-warming presentation of the birth of God's Son! This is a wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Christmas season.

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.

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 McClosky 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: 11/23/25 \$10,178.21
Candles: 11/23/25 \$ 115.35
Collection: 11/30/25 \$ 9,527.00
Candles: 11/30/25 \$ 194.00
Audit Team B, December 8; Audit Team D, December 15

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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree in front of Mary's altar is 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 NEXT Sunday, December 14th.** 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.

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!

AS A LASTING TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

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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 lauriebarone@gmail.com **If your child/ren are interested in participating in the pageant**, email Dianne Galarneau a 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.

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



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 12 - 08 - 25 (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 AM Mass at St. Anthony's
9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Union Street
12:15 PM Mass at St. John
7:00 PM Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

TUESDAY 12 - 09 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

WEDNESDAY 12 - 10 - 25

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

THURSDAY, 12 - 11 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. John
Birthday Remembrance - Pauline U. Bruggeman by Estate

6:00 PM Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

FRIDAY, 12 - 12 - 25

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 12 - 13 - 25

4:00 PM Mass at St. John
Anniversary Remembrance - Margaret F. Downey by Margaret T. Connolly
Amy Lindemann by Family
Birthday Remembrance - Edward Rinella by Family
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family

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

SUNDAY 12 - 14 - 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
Birthday Remembrance - Peter Zeppetelli by Anne Zeppetelli
Louise Monarch by Family
Birthday Remembrance - Katherine Adams by Karen Adams
Carl LaMalfa by Patrick Mc Neil
Carl LaMalfa by Herb & Sue Pagano
Christopher Witkowski by Stanislawa Bucwinski

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 December 7, 2025, Year A Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72: 2-3,7-8,12-13,17
2nd Reading Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel Acclamation Luke 3: 4, 6
Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

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.

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.



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**

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.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE
EUCHARIST & USHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Ushers at the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays. If you wish to help please contact the Parish office 518-372-3381 ext. 6. **ALSO - Funeral Ministry** is in need of **servers**. If you wish to help please contact the Parish Office 518-372-3381 ext. 6



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.

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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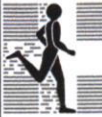
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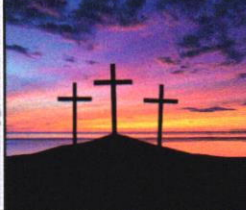


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