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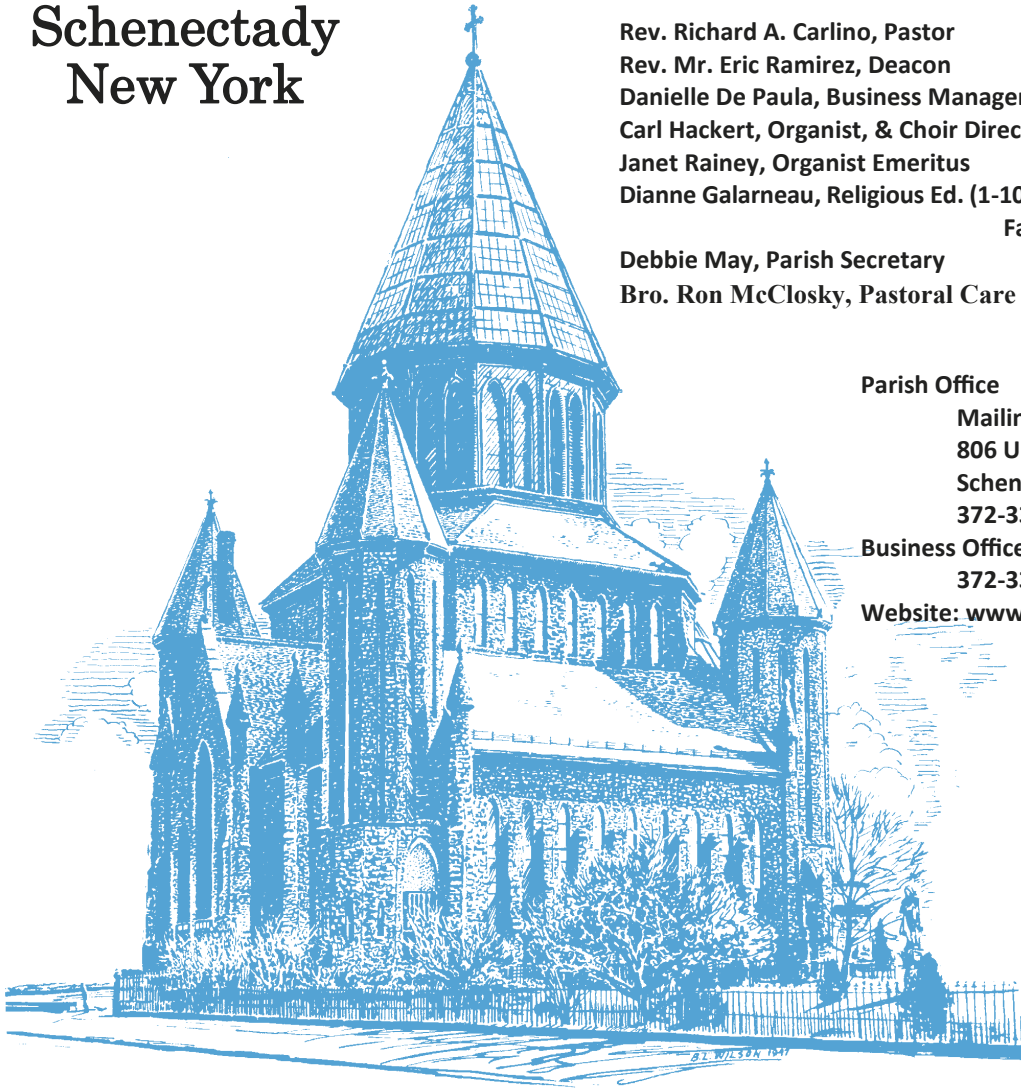
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Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday Masses: 10:30 a.m.
Confessions: By appointment only.
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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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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Merciful Father, Your Son became human to bring your eternal love into the flesh and blood of our lives; may we reflect His love this day and always.

MOVIES AT ST. JOHN



If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Galarneau at dgalarnau@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

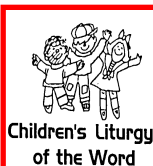
Education, you will find the Movie

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 Nativity Story, Sunday, December 14, 1:50 - 3:30 PM & Monday, December 15, 6:30 - 8:10 PM.

The Nativity Story is a beautiful telling of one of the world's most familiar stories. It was the cruelest of time. Under Herod's torturous reign, families struggled to Survive and yet, in the midst of utter turmoil. A young Woman's faith was put to the test. We will join Mary and Joseph on an incredible journey of hope and discovery As we prepare for His holy birth.

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 contact Dianne Galarneau at 518-372-3381 ext. 226 or dgalarnau@sjchurch.com. 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.



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.



This year we will celebrate Christmas and its Vigil at the following times:

CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday 12/24/24)

**St. John's - 4:00 PM (Children Mass)
7:00 PM**

**St. Kateri - 4:00 PM (Union Street)
7:00 PM (Rosa Road)
Midnight Mass (Union Street)**

CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday 12/25/24)

St. John's - 10:30 AM

**St. Anthony's - 8:30 AM (English)
11:45 AM (Spanish)**

St. Kateri - 10:00 AM (Union St.)



Poinsettias

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.

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.

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.

HELP NEEDED **At St. John the Evangelist Church**
We will be in need of 6 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Ushers at the 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses and we will be in need of 4 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Ushers at the 10:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. Please call the Parish Office if you can help 372-3381 ext. 6.

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: 12/07/25	\$10174.97
Candles: 12/07/25	\$ 196.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 3,193.00
Audit Team D, December 15;	
Audit Team A, December 22	

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 this 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.

DECORATING COMMITTEE: REQUEST FOR HELP!!!

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

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 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

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 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 **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.

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.

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

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AND OUT OF OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT.**



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 12 - 15 - 25

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

TUESDAY 12 - 16 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

WEDNESDAY 12 - 17 - 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. John
John & Helen Stone by Estate

THURSDAY, 12 - 18 - 25

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

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

FRIDAY, 12 - 19- 25

9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 12 - 20- 25

4:00 PM Mass at St. John
Stephanie & Edward Karwan by
Daughter, Stephanie
Deceased Members of Puszcz &
Karwan Families by Stephanie
Karwan
John S. Johnson by Family
Birthday Remembrance - Carl Adams
By Karen Adams

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

SUNDAY 12 - 21 - 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
Mary Ellen Goodjon Johnson by
Family
1st Anniversary Remembrance -
Peter Zeppetelli by Anne Zeppetelli
Louise Monarch by Family
Gerald Giagni by Holly & Bill Vacca
Anniversary Remembrance - Ulisse
Battista by Paolina, Lisa & Deanna

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 14, 2025, Year A
Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

2nd Reading James 5: 7-10

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1

Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11

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.



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.

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.

EYEGLOSS & 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

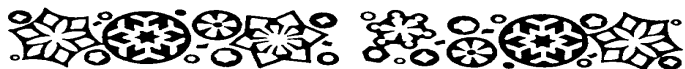
The Venerini Associates helps distribute food to needy families during the year. Help us restock the supply so that the good work may continue. Please join us by dropping off either at St. John or St. Anthony the following nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation of any amount. No gift is too 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**

SCHENECTADY COUNTY SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE SERVICES/NY CONNECTS

Your trusted source for reliable information and assistance for older adults and people of all ages with disabilities, their caregivers, and families, located at 107 Nott Terrace Suite 305, call 518-382-8481 ext. 1302. Your link to Long Term Services and Supports. www.SchenectadyCounty.com.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, Wednesday or Thursday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at St. Luke's Pastoral Center and Fridays at Bellevue Cafe.**

Senior Social Club Upcoming Activities-December in the St. Luke's Pastoral Center for fun activities and friendly connections. We will gather on: Thursday, Wednesday, **December 17**, 1:00 - 2:30 PM for Crafting Fun. Please RSVP to Kristin Black stlukescares@gmail.com or 518-347-9955.

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.

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.

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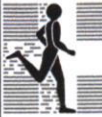
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