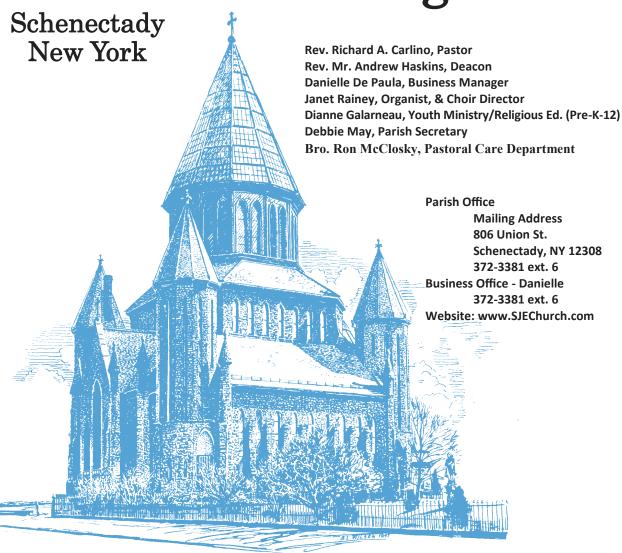
The Church of St. John

the Evangelist



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.







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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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.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which help Christians in the Holy Land. 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. We thank you for your generosity.

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.

CAREGIVERS' PROGRAM

To find out information about our Caregivers' program, please call St. John's office and leave a message at (518)-372-4619 Extension 326. When you do so, the following is the recording that you will hear:

"Thank you for calling The Caregivers' Center at St. John's and St. Anthony's Churches. Someone will call you back within 3-4 business days if not sooner.

As you leave your name and phone number, please speak slowly, clearly, and loudly, and make sure that you say your phone number twice."

Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we surrender the idea that we can control all aspects of our life circumstances, we experience the great freedom to live in the moment, seeking God's will in all circumstances. In this way, we learn that dying has no ultimate power over us.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

We will be holding our annual 'Personal Care Closet' collection this year to support the Schenectady Office of Catholic Charities and 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. The clients that Catholic Charities serve live on fixed, limited incomes. Once basic needs are met, they have little or no money left for other necessary items such as personal care products. cleaning and laundry supplies. The 'Personal Care Closet' provides these types of items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not usually available through food pantries or other sources. Some of the items needed are: bars of wrapped soap, shampoo, conditioner, men's and women's antiperspirant deodorant, Chapstick. toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouth wash, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, dish soap, sponges, laundry detergent, household cleaning products, feminine maxi pads/ tampons, panty liners, body wash, body and hand lotion, face wash, shaving cream, hair brushes, combs, band aids, first aid supplies, 3in1 shampoo/ conditioner/body wash and individually packed ra**zor.** Travel/personal sizes of hygiene products are also welcome. We will be starting this collection the weekend of March 2/3 and ending March 16/17. You can place your donations in the boxes marked 'Personal Care Closet' located at 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 - 6:00 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Spanish.

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.



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

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: 03/10/24 \$8,510.00 Catholic Relief Services \$1,104.00 Candles: 03/10/24 \$ 162.42

Audit Team A, March 18; Audit Team C, March 25



This Sunday, our adults who will be initiated at Easter will experience the 3rd and final of the Scrutinies at the 10:30 AM Mass. These spiritual scrutinies are ritual

prayers for their preparation for initiation, meant to strengthen them as they get closer to baptism. Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Whether or not you are baptized already, or want to receive later sacraments as an adult, we can tailor a process that works for you. St. Anthony, St. John and St. Kateri parishes are working collaboratively to help you grow in faith. Please contact Kris Rooney to get started kafe@stkateriparish.org or 518-346-6137 X-239. Sessions have started but it is never too late to answer God's call.

UPCOMING ADULT CONFIRMATION

At the Easter Vigil this year (**March 30**) Emma Marcucci will be Confirmed. Please join the Adult Formation team in praying for her! Thank You

Baptism-If you desire to have your child baptized who is below the age of seven, parents please call Debbie at 518-374-4591 ext. 7. Parents will be required to take a baptism class. Children **OVER** the age of seven are required to take RCIA, please contact Kris Rooney at 518-346-6137 Ext. 239 or <u>kafe@stkateriparish.org</u>. We are a family of churches and we work together, St. John the Evangelist, St. Anthony's & St. Kateri.

The Sacred Heart League is hosting a Holy Thursday Covered Dish Dinner- 5:30 PM St. Anthony's Church Hall. All who are attending please bring a covered dish and or dessert to share. Register by calling Sharon Ferro at 518-421-5846 & let her know what food you are bringing and the count of people in your party.

THE SCHENECTADY 40 DAYS FOR LIFE TEAM

invites you to participate in our peaceful, prayerful spring 2024 campaign through Sunday, March 24. Weekly Prayer time slot: Thursdays at 10:00 AM: Our parish Respect Life Ministry invites all from St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Anthony's to join our prayer warriors at this time to pray for all souls - from conception to natural death - and for healthy healing for all affected families, medical providers, and counselors. Calendar Signup: Please use the on-line calendar at www.40DaysforLife/Schenectad to sign up for prayer times.



Vigil Mass Saturday, March 23 St. John the Evangelist Church 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 24

St. John the Evangelist Church- 10:30 AM St. Anthony's Church 8:30 AM, 11:45 AM & 4:00 PM Limited amount of Palms available



Holy Thursday, March 28
St. John The Evangelist Church
Open for Adoration from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM
St. Anthony's Church only
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29
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

Easter Vigil March 30
St. John the Evangelist
12:00 Noon Blessing of Food

St. Anthony's Church Only 7:30 PM Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31
St. John the Evangelist Church 10:30 AM

St. Anthony's Church 8:30 AM, 11:45 AM (Spanish),1:00 PM (Italian) and 4:00 PM

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PALM SATURDAY & SUNDAY BAKE SALE

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Saturday, March 23 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM **Sunday, March 24** – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Rice Pie, Ricotta Pie, Biscotti, Cream Puffs, 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, Eggplant Parmigiana (frozen).

BLESSING OF THE FOOD

Fr. Carlino will be blessing Easter Foods on Holy Saturday, **March 30th**, **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.



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 03- 18 - 24

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

TUESDAY, 03 - 19 - 24

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

WEDNESDAY, 03 - 20- 24

Mass at St. John 9:00 AM

Robert & Mary Emmet by Estate

THURSDAY, 03 - 21 - 24

9:00 AM Mass at St. John

Ann & Ed Angelo by Sons

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

FRIDAY. 03 - 22 - 24

9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 03 - 23 - 24

4:00 PM Mass at St. John

Anniversary Remembrance - Edward

Heiserman by Family

Anniversary Remembrance - Robert J.

Sullivan by Ann & Giulio Facci 3rd Anniversary Remembrance -**Eleanor Rinella by Family Jerry Blanch by Lawton Family** Pat LaPorta by Michael Devlin &

Giannetti Family

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

SUNDAY 03 - 24- 24 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 AM Mass at St. Anthony's

9:30 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

10:30 AM Mass at St. John

Todd Luloff by Joseph & Lisa

Di Matteo & Family

Francesco & Rosalie Di Matteo by Joseph & Lisa Di Matteo & Family Benny Cannavo by St. John's Choir

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 17, 2024 Year B Fifth Sunday of Lent 4:00 PM Mass

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15

2nd Reading Hebrew 5: 7-9 Gospel Acclamation John 12: 26 John 12: 20-33 Gospel

Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM Mass

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

John 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, Gospel:

20-27, 33b-45

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

in your packet of envelopes, you will find an Easter Flower envelope. Please place your donation in the collection basket with the names of your loved one or mail them directly to the parish office at 806 Union St. Schenectady 12308. All donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin at Easter and the following week.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

The purple crosses are 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.

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER PLAQUE

If you would like to submit a picture of a St. John the Evangelist Parishioner serving active duty in any branch of the military for inclusion on the Armed Services Prayer Plaque, email it to mfallacaro@gmail.com or send a 5" X 7" or smaller photograph to the parish office at: St. John the Evangelist Church - Attn: Armed Services Prayer Plague, 806 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Include a paper with their name branch of service, and where they are stationed.

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 and 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.

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life. Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic church—support parish offertory and diocesan Appeal goal! Envelopes for your donations or pledges can be found at the entrances of the church.

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 i open on week days from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RESTORATION MEMORIALS

We acknowledge with appreciation the following donations to St. John the Evangelist Restoration Fund: **IN MEMORY OF:**

Dr. Bernard Mc Evoy by Elena Alvarez

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 Thursday 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 Mark Roberts at 518-372-8322.

Race and Ethnicity- Let's Talk

Save the Date- Saturday April 20 2:00-4:00 PM, Rosa Road Parish Center Parishioner panelists and small group discussions Explore how race or ethnicity have shaped our lives and How we ourselves, our ministries, and our full church

community can be even more sensitive and inclusive.
Organized by the Racial Justice Ministry in response to requests from the Synod on Race and Ethnicity.
Register with names & number of people by Friday 4/12 e-mail address: RegisterNow555@gmail.com or call 518 -881-7295

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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.

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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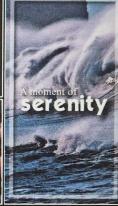
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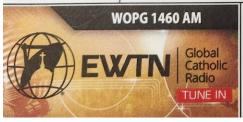


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