SEPTEMBER

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Parish Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. The office will be closed on Fridays.

St. John the Evangelist Church

Schedule of Holy Day/Holiday Masses ...
Cancleation of Weekday/Weekend Masses...
Parish/Business Office ...
Wedding Office ...
Religious Education Office ...
General Calls to Fr. Carlino ...
Last Rites of the Church ...

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Miracleous Medal Novena will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Room 8. Please enter through the double doors at the Canopy Entrance closest to the church parking lot.

Last Week’s Collection
Collection 09/15/19: $9,393.11
Diocesan Collection: $498.00
Candles: $175.70

AUDIT TEAM: September 30, Team B
October 7, Team D

Religious Education and Youth Ministry News
Registration for Kindergarten - Confirmation: Grades 11 & 12. Registration forms for the 2019 - 2020 term are available on both church websites along with the Student - Parent Handbook.

Children preparing for First Communion must have participated in a parish program during the previous year.

Registered Students in Grades 9 and 10 received course option material during the month of August.

Students in public and private high school are eligible to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation if they attended a parish program during the previous year. Catholic high school students will be instructed together with the class and must register for the entire program.

Please visit St. John’s website at www.sjechurch.com and click on Religious Education and St. Anthony’s website at www.stanthonyschurch.net and click on Education. For more information please contact Dianne Galarneau either at dgalarneau@sjechurch.com or 518-372-3381 ext. 226.

The 2019-2020 term for all grades will begin Sunday, October 20. Kindergarten through Grade 10 will meet from 10:45 - 11:45 am with additional classes for Grade 2 and Grade 3 held at 8:15 - 9:15 am. Confirmation candidates will meet from 9:30 - 10:15 am at St. Anthony’s in the DeFranco Room.

Please mark your calendar for the following meetings:
Thursday, October 10 Grade 9 and 10 Student and Parent Meeting - St. John’s Parish Office cafeteria from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Please enter through parking lot entrance.

Sunday, October 20 Confirmation Orientation for Candidates and Parents - St. Anthony’s DeFranco Room beginning at 9:30 am. Please enter through Seward Place entrance.

Thursday, November 7 Grade 2 Parent Meeting - St. John’s Church from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP
We are excited to launch a book club specifically geared toward parenting children with the intention of raising them to be lifelong faithful and committed Catholics. The club is open to men and women, and grandparents are welcome as well. The first book we will be reading is called Building Better Families by Matthew Kelly. For more information on the book itself please visit dynamiccatholic.com to read a synopsis of the book. If you are interested in joining or have questions please email Yvonne Lawton at ylawton35@gmail.com by November 15th and she will order enough books for all attendees. The goal is to have the first club meeting for discussion of the book and fellowship sometime in January. We will meet in Dianne Galarneau’s office beginning at 6:30 pm.

IS ABORTION EVER OKAY - “The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn’t learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.” Mother Teresa

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 Plaque, 806 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308. Include a paper with their name, branch of service, and where they are stationed.
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

“Our Year of Building a Legacy of Faith and Friendship Fostering the Social and Spiritual Life in Union with Our Parish”

Our Rosary Altar Society is an organization for women of our parish who are devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its primary purpose is to encourage the prayer of the Rosary; to promote fellowship, support, and spirituality among its members; and to generously donate our time, talent, and treasure to causes and needs within our parish.

Our mission barely touches on the rich tradition and beautiful, life-long, faith-filled friendships that have developed throughout St. John the Evangelist’s history. If interested in joining our Rosary Altar Society, please call Kathy Hatheway 518-393-1025 or Toni DiCaprio 518-895-8275.

We encourage all women of the parish to join us as we prayerfully prepare our hearts for the 2019-2020 Year at the Enrollment Mass for New Rosarian’s on Wednesday, October 9th, 7:00 pm in the Church. Refreshments and a Brief Business Meeting will follow in the Parish Center Cafeteria.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The Rosary Society has placed a basket of Rosaries in front of the Blessed Mother Altar as our gift to parishioners to encourage the praying of the Rosary.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society will host a Craft Show and Bake Sale at the Parish Center Gym on Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Crafters or vendors interested to reserve a table may contact Joanne Mc Grath at 518-356-2996 for details and further information.

Choir News

Our first Choir rehearsal of the season is this Sunday, 10:30 am following the 9:30 am Mass. A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners who like to sing. The Choir will be preparing for Christmas so it is an ideal time to join. For additional information, please see the Organist, Janet Rainey.

CYO Basketball - It's time for CYO Basketball again! CYO Basketball is open to all boys and girls of St. John's and St. Anthony's Parishes.

Instructionals - Instructional division is for boys and girls in Grades 4 and under. This program meets on Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30 am from October through March when the gym is available. The cost for the entire year is $55 and includes a t-shirt. The program starts on October 12th.

Questions regarding the CYO Program may be directed to Coach Larry O'Brien, Program Director at (518) 382-1135.

PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT - Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a visit/Communion? Please call our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Doreen Murdock 518-372-3381 ext. 234.

HUMAN CONCERNS TOY DRIVE

The Human Concerns Committee will be holding its annual ‘Toy Drive’ for three weekends this year starting October 5/6 and ending October 19/20. This year the toys will be going to the City Mission of Schenectady’s ‘Christmas Toy Store’. The City Mission is asking for NEW toys for children ages newborn to 10 years of age. Some suggestions are: board games, books, puzzles, sports items, arts and crafts, jewelry, wallets, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, pajamas, socks, underwear, educational toys, etc.

You may place your donations in the boxes set up in Church marked ‘Toy Drive’ starting the weekend of October 5/6. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity in this project and for making Christmas a little more exciting for those children who have so little. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Servidone 357-9053 or Kathy Carney 377-7444.

WORKS OF MERCY: BACK TO SCHOOL

Good Neighbor Program provides clothing to school age children in need to help them feel comfortable, confident and ready to learn. Please help by donating any of the following: Boys & Girls Sizes 4-18 (may be new or gently used) - Jeans, long pants, capris or shorts, long and short sleeve shirts, zip front hooded sweatshirts. (The following must be brand new) sneakers, socks and underwear. Please leave clothing items in the white baskets at entrance of the church. For more information contact Doreen Murdock at sayersd@icloud.com.

THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CENACLE - All parishioners are invited to join “The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cenacle”, Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Room 5 of the Parish Center. Please come and receive this special grace. For more information contact Patti Schwartz email at schwartz63@gmail.com or call 518-796-3111.

THE KING’S MEN APOSTOLATE

All men, age 18 and over, are invited to join the Schenectady Chapter of the King’s Men Apostolate. Join us each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the St. John's Parish Center Room 8 for an evening of praying the rosary, spiritual reading, discussion, and the Divine Mercy Chapel. No dues or obligation to attend weekly. For more information contact Mark Roberts at 518-372-8322.

ROSARY RALLY— Please join us at St. Anthony’s Church in front of the Grotto, on Saturday, October 12, 12:00 noon to pray thee Rosary for America in unison with thousands of others in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.
St. Anthony's Church
As you may be aware Sr. Maria Rosa and the Venerini Order distribute food to the needy throughout the year. Sister is able to do this with your help and participation. Please bring your food donation (non-perishable) to the Parish Office and we will get make sure Sr. Maria Rosa get all donations. Food donations are accepted all year. We are always in need of coffee, canned vegetables, soups, pasta, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jams/jellies, boxed cereals, rice etc. Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE
The 47th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2:00 pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at The Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through the parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY
211 is a Resource in your Community – Burning question? Dial 211. Funded by the United Way, local and state government and private nonprofit organizations, 211 is a one stop resource for food, housing, child care, health care, substance abuse, financial problems and more available 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties. 211 offers fast, accurate information on safety, relief and recovery services during natural disaster or regional emergencies.

St. John the Evangelist Purgatorial Society
Society Member recently enrolled:
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By: Gurt, Lisa & Frankie
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LightHouse Catholic Media CD's
Check out our display of CD's at our center doors at the Union Street entrance. You will find informative, life changing talks such as 13 Reasons Why You Matter, Anger and Forgiveness, Is Contraception okay, The conversion of a Jewish woman and The Journey of an ardent Atheist to Catholicism. Talks from great speakers such as Bishop Fulton Sheen, Johnette Benkovic, and the humorous Fr. Larry Richards. Please contribute $3 for each CD. This is a not for profit outreach to the families of our parish.

Charismatic Mass & Healing Prayer Teams invite you to Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Dr. Loudonville, on Wednesday, October 9 beginning at 7:00 pm with Prayer & Praise, 7:30 pm Healing Mass. Healing Prayer to follow immediately after Mass. For more information contact Jack Ellsbury 518-334-6503.

ATTENTION SINGLE WOMEN:
Could God be calling YOU? Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life – a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org or call (518) 453-6690 for more information. Our Lady of Vocations, pray for us!
DO YOU HAVE 2-3 HOURS PER MONTH TO HELP SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

- 1 in 8 persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 will be diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease.
- 80% of Alzheimer’s patients are cared for at home by family.

Caring for someone with memory loss can be both isolating and exhausting for family members. THESE FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP! Belonging to a Care Team, you only give the time you can when you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping the family. The average volunteer offers just 2-3 hours per month. The team provides non-medical support and friendship. All volunteers are offered training and continued support from the staff at Eddy Alzheimer’s Services. If you would like to receive more information about our Faith In Action Care Team Program, please contact Sandy Monahan at Eddy Alzheimer’s Service 518-238-4167 or email Sandra.monahan@sphp.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.

Check One:

- New Registration (Please send Parish Registration Forms)
- Change of Address (New address is listed).

Name: _______________________________________
Address: _____________________________________
City: ____________________ Zip Code: __________ __

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