From the Pastor’s Desk

Update of Construction of New Façade of our Church. Due to delays on the delivery and installation of the new railings flanking the church steps, the stamped concrete and black top, and of the Church Sign, as well as the Asbestos Abatement lasting longer than anticipated, our contractors have informed me that the completion date for the new façade is not likely to occur before the end of November. As the progress continues and enfolds towards completion I will keep you all in the loop as best I can. In the meantime thank you for your patience!

Fr. Carlino

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Miraculous 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 09/29/19: $9,314.49
Candles: $See next week bulletin

AUDIT TEAM: October 7, Team D
October 14, Team A

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.stanthonychurch.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.

   Christmas Eve Children’s Mass - All parish children are encouraged and welcome to participate in the celebration of Jesus’ birth during our 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. John’s. Children do not have to be enrolled in our faith formation program to participate. Rehearsal schedule is as follows: November 17, 24, December 8 from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Center Gym and December 15 from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Dress rehearsal will be Monday, December 23 in St. John’s Church from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For more information please email Dianne Galarneau at dgalarneau@sjechurch.com.

IS ABORTION EVER OKAY

The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government”. Thomas Jefferson

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.
TODAY IS PRO-LIFE SUNDAY - Our 1st reading states: “How long Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, ‘VIOLENCE!’ but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord”. It’s easy to feel this way in regard to the direction our world is going with respecting life in all stages, from womb to tomb. Then in our 2nd reading today, St. Paul answers our dismay when he wrote to St. Timothy, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control”. So, what can we do when we’re discouraged by the ever increasing attacks on human life? Offer a daily prayer, your Rosary or Mass to end abortion and stop the onset of euthanasia. Join others in prayer for the next 40 days. For more information visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady or call Patty Gutch 518-372-3381 ext. 229.

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.

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.

CYO Basketball - 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.

The Fellowship Dining Group - will gather to support St. Anthony’s Church at their Chicken Parm Dinner on Saturday, October 19th, 5:30 pm. Please call Dot Maher 518-374-6913 to reserve your place. Limited transportation is available. All are welcome.

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 McGrath 518-356-2996 for details.

St. Anthony's Church
Chicken Parmesan Dinner
Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th
4:00 to 8:00 pm both nights

Dinner includes a side of Ziti and Salad, Sr. Maria Rosa’s Homemade Bread, Dessert & Coffee. Cost: $13.00 for adult, Children $6.00. Takeout available. Tell your friends & neighbors, and share a meal together.
SATURDAY, 10 - 12 - 19
4:00 PM
Anniversary Remembrance - Theresa H. Dailey by Margaret T. Connoly
Stephanie & Edward Karwan by Daughter, Stephanie
Mary Zyra by Paula Waselauskas
Wanda Hagan Golson by Cercone Family
Catherine Perkinson Sabol by Margaret T. Connoly

SUNDAY, 10 - 13 - 19
7:30 AM
Peter & Mary Paurowski by Estate
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family
Rose Piatkowski by Mary, Bernie, Bernadette & Anna Socha

9:30 AM
Felicisimo & Basilia de Jesus by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families
In Honor of Benjamin Cole Johnson by F. Teresa Mc Carthy, MD., Vida Mc Carthy Cerrito, Esq., Amour Johnson, MD., & Families
In Honor of Christine Cuomo by Dean & Deryck

5:00 PM
Marie D. Whipple by Estate
Carl Paurowski by Paurowski Estate

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 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.

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 gets 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.

THE JOURNEY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRIES
consists of a team of Bereavement Ministers available to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. We invite those in need to call for an individual meeting with one of our ministers at 518-374-4591 ext.103 to schedule an appointment. Please leave a message with your name and phone number so we may contact you and know that all communication is held in the strictest of confidentiality.

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.

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. Thank you.

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.
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: __________

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR EGIVING

PLEASE OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SIGNS IN AND OUT OF OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT.