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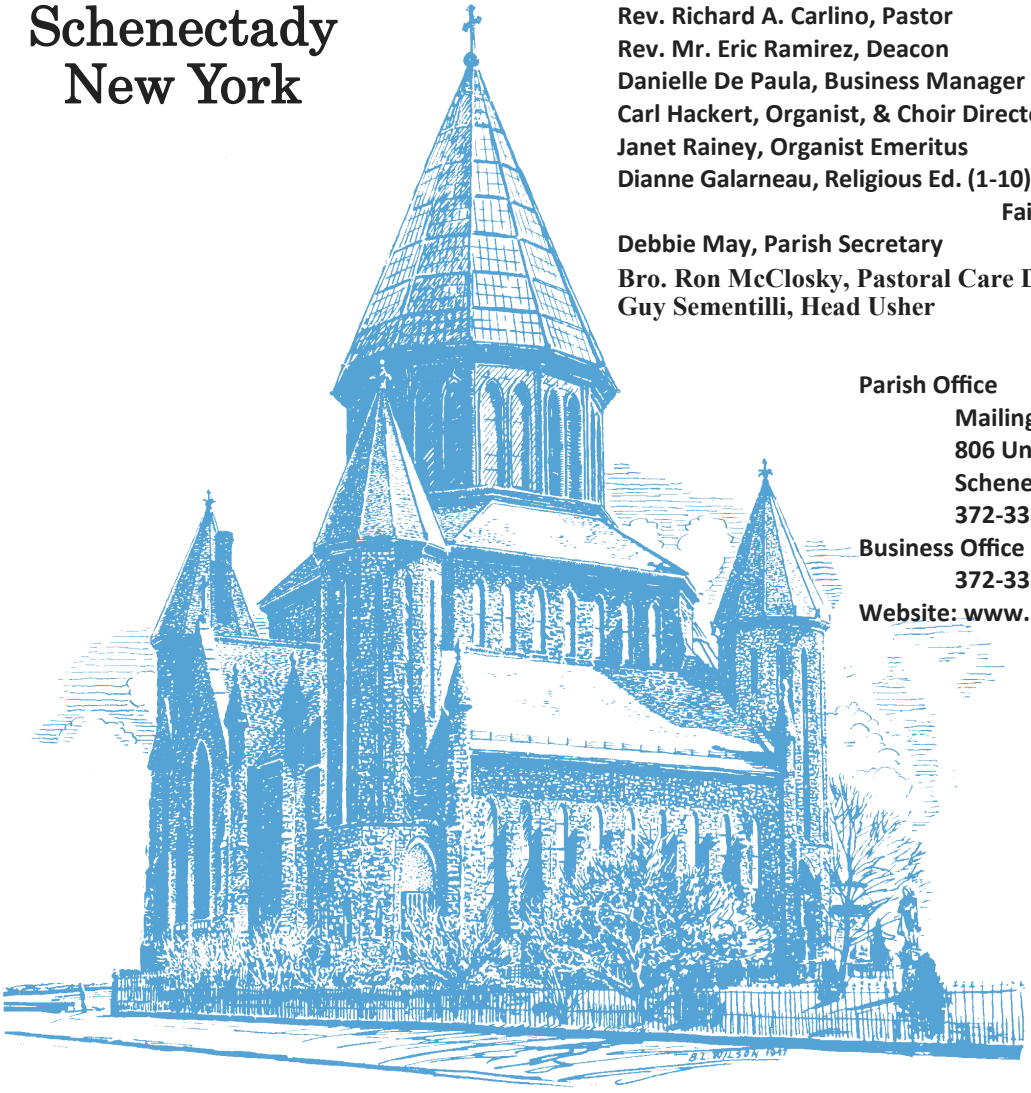

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Saturday Mass:	4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday Masses:	10:30 a.m.
Confessions:	By appointment only.
Baptisms:	To schedule a Baptism, please call 372-3381 Ext. 7
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Pastoral Care:	On admission to a nursing home 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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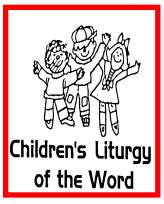
We are never finished learning, if you feel the desire to grow in your faith, we are here to help you do just that. Our faith life is grounded in helping to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive the sacraments or simply have questions about the process, please call Dianne Galarneau at 518-372-3381 ext 226 or email dgalarneau@sjechurch.com. We have a remarkable team to accompany you; for initial insight, a Q & A is available on our websites. Click on Religious Ed, then ADULT FAITH FORMATION - Information with Q & A. We are here for you .



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.

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH

Please do not forget to pick up your **Little Blue Books - Advent/Christmas Seasons 2026.** It is a pre-Christmas gift to you from your parish to assist you as you journey through the 43 days of the Advent/Christmas season. We suggest you start with *How to use the 'Little Blue Book* and that for each of the next 43 days you take but six minutes to let God speak to you.

BOOK OF MEMORIES

During the month of November a Book has been placed in front of the Mary Altar. You are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased family and friends. They will be remember, at the Holy Mass.

Please pray for Your prayer are requested for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Aversa.



Father & Giver of all good gifts, thank you for giving me Your Son, present in the Eucharist. May I grow to know & love him more deeply this Advent season.



MOVIES AT ST. JOHN PARISH CENTER

Due to unforeseen circumstances St. John's movies are postponed for the remainder of the year. We will resume in the spring.

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.

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.

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 12th from 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 11th from 12 noon to 6:00 PM or Saturday, December 12th 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 11th from 12 noon to 6:00 PM**

Please join us at our Annual Holiday Event

Diocesan Appeal

PLEDGE NOW PAY BY JUNE 2027 - The new year of the Diocesan Appeal began on July 1st! As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the Appeal.

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.

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: 11/22/26	$See Next
Campaign for Human Development	$Week
Candles 11/22/26	$Bulletin
Audit Team C, November 30	
Audit Team B, December 7	

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.

EVERY MAN MATTERS; THE KNIGHTS NEED YOU

Are you a man over the age of 18 and looking to get involved with St. John's, St. Anthony's, and the Schenectady community? We humbly invite you to join the Knights of Columbus council here at our parish! The Knights of Columbus offer great opportunities to help the people around you, and support parish and family life. Interested? Contact Mark Nicolella at marknicolella1998@gmail.com, or scan the QR code to get started. Monthly meetings are held first Sundays at 12:45 in the St. John's school cafeteria. We hope to see you soon!

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.

ST. NICHOLAS

At the conclusion of the Liturgies on December 12 and 13, we will have a short presentation in honor of good St. Nicholas. There will be gold candy coins for the children and the young at heart. Please join as we celebrate his goodness.

PARISH CALENDARS

The 2027 Parish Calendars provided by the Gleason Funeral Home will be available at all the Masses the weekend of **December 5 & 6.** Our sincere appreciation to the Gleason Funeral Home for this generous donation.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

All children from Kindergarten to 8th Grade are invited to participate in this year' 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 12:45-1:30PM. **December 6, 13, 20 and 23** if needed. All participants will sing! Student participants who attend Faith Formation classes will simply stay in the gym or 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 gym or cafeteria by 12:30PM. Please enter the parish center through the Eastern Avenue parking lot. **If your child/ren are interested in participating in the pageant**, email Laurie Barone at lauriejbarone@gmail.com

Please provide child's name, grade, home/cell phone number, parent/s name/s and email address. Additional telephone number of second adult. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS - Honor your loved ones through the tradition of Mass Intentions. Whether remembering those who have passed on or supporting those facing health challenges, your Intention will be specially recognized during a Mass of your choice. The names will also be featured in the weekly bulletin. To schedule a Mass Intention either stop by the Parish Office or call 518-372-3381 ext. 6



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, 11 – 30 - 26
9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri, Union Street

TUESDAY 12 – 01 - 26
9:00 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street

WEDNESDAY 12 – 02- 26
9:00 AM **Mass at St. John**
Marjorie Ditoro by David Ditoro
Barbara Houle & Grace Hanson by Daughters, Debra & Peggy

THURSDAY, 12 – 03 - 26
9:00 AM **Mass at St. John**
Robert & Mary C. Emmet by Estate
John & Helen Stone by Estate
6:00 PM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

FRIDAY, 12 - 04 - 26
9:00 AM St. Kateri, Rosa Road

SATURDAY 12 - 05 - 26
4:00 PM **Mass at St. John**
Alan Schick by Family
Birthday Remembrance - Edward Karwan by Daughter, Stephanie
2nd Anniversary Remembrance - Peter Zeppetelli by Anne Zeppetelli
Birthday Remembrance - Edward Heiserman by Connie Heiserman
5:00 PM Mass at St. Kateri, Union St.

SUNDAY 12 – 06 - 26
8:30 AM Mass at St. Anthony's
9:30 AM Mass at St. Kateri Union Street
10:30 AM **Mass at St. John**
Andrew Furchak & Dolores Furchak Smith by Family
Rose Pileggi by Family
Louise Monarch by Family
Payton Cantanucci & Deceased Members of Cantanucci & Lucey Families by Bentrovato & Warrell Families
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 November 29, Year B
First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading	**Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:1-7**
Responsorial Psalm	**Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19**
2nd Reading	**1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**
Gospel Acclamation	**Psalm 85:8**
Gospel	**Matthew 13: 33-37**

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.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses for the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, **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

DECORATING COMMITTEE: REQUEST FOR HELP!

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

Thursday, December 10, 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 17, 6:00 PM - decorate the church including putting up the Nativity.

Wednesday, 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 11, 2027 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

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER PLAQUE

If you would like to submit a picture of a St. John the Evangelist parishioner presently serving active duty in any of the branches of the military, please email it to ddepaula@sjechurch.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. Be sure to include a paper including their name, branch of service and where they are stationed. Please include a local contact name, address and or email address.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 4:00 PM Mass and Ushers at the 4:00 PM and the 10:30 AM Mass. If you wish to help please contact the Parish office 518-372-3381 ext. 6.

For Ushers, please call our Head Usher, Guy Sementilli 518– 878-2513



St. Anthony's Church

Bethel Northside located in the old St. Anthony's School, 1840 Van Vranken Ave., has taken over to help distribute food to needy families during the year. But we need your help to 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 (make check payable to St. Anthony's Church or Bethel Northside). 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 the work Sr. Maria Rosa and the Venerini Nuns have been working so hard to feed others both spiritually and physically. Thank you.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS WITH EXPIRED DATES AS WE CANNOT GIVE THOSE OUT



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: _____

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