

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME
TO SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH
Parish Office hours are Monday through
Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.



FROM THE PASTOR To reach Fr. Carlino at St. Anthony's call 518-374-4591 or at St. John's 518-372-3381. For Last Rites of The Church, press 7. For any other reason, you are to press 9.

If you know of a parishioner that is no longer able to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the church office at 518-374-4591 ext. 5.

For Daily Mass Attendees at St Anthony's 8:00am Mass:

On days of bad weather, to find out if there is Mass, from 7:00AM onward please call St. Anthony's Parish Office at 374-4591 extension 280 and listen to the recording. Note: Do not call before 7:00 AM, as the information will not be available. This *only* applies to Daily Mass, Not Weekend Masses, for they are never cancelled.

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH

What Should I Give?

Sometimes parishioners ask how much should they give? No one can determine that but you. Your financial situation is unique and a private matter. What you decide is based on your particular situation. We would ask everyone to try to do something within their means. After reading the information and praying over your decision, we would ask every parishioner:

If your situation allows consider a pledge or one-time gift to the campaign. Be an ambassador for the campaign, share your enthusiasm with your fellow parishioners on how this campaign can build our local parish and our sister parishes throughout the Albany Diocese. Pray for the success of the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign, so that it may reach out into all our communities and be a beacon of light and hope for all members of our region.

Please know that whatever you decide will be appreciated and greatly needed to strengthen our parish. For more information or to watch the video, please visit the website at: www.reignitingourfaith.org.

TRY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RETURN YOUR DECISION TO THE PARISH ON OR BEFORE

"COMMITMENT WEEKEND" SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23/24!

You can return your envelope to the Parish Office by mail or simply placing it in the collection basket during the Mass.

Please Remember

**We may not all be able to make the same size gift;
But we can all make the same size sacrifice.**

BLACK, NATIVE & LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection on **March 9/10, 2019** for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. By contributing to this week's collection you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Black and Native American Missions of the United States and the Church in Latin America. Please place your donation envelope for the Missions together with your regular weekly envelope in the collection basket.



Simple Soup Super followed by a Scripture reflection and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:30pm every Thursday during Lent at St. Anthony's Church.

Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony's Church every Friday during Lent - 3:00pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish).

Fasting and Abstinence - As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Friday's of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused.



As we travel along our Lenten journey, we grow closer in our relationship with God through prayer. Prayer is also an essential part of reaching out to those in need and growing in solidarity with them. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl helps reach those in need, both in our own community and around the world. Please join in this meaningful Lenten observance. Materials are available at the church entrances to assist you in your participation.

40 Days for Life -Bishop Scharfenberger will once again lead *Schenectady 40 Days for Life* in prayer as we welcome speakers from **National 40 Days for Life** on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6 PM** in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State Street, Schenectady. Come and join us as we pray for an end to abortion. Bring your family and friends! Viviane: 518-399-0699 or Sarah: Sch40days@gmail.com

Looking for Something Different to do for Lent - A Lenten Bible Study

The course is designed to be an introduction to that will provide you the foundation needed and a plan to easily read through the bible. Cost: \$40.00; (a couple can share one set of materials). Two options are available: Wednesday mornings at 10am at St. Luke's, Schenectady or Wednesday Evenings at 7pm at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center. Meetings will be held **3/13/19 through 4/10/19**. To sign up for either session contact Richard Winslow, 518-399-4366, rwinslo2@nycap.rr.com, by 3/5/19.

BISHOP'S APPEAL - The Office of Development and Stewardship would like to remind all parishioners that the final pledge statements for the 2018 Bishop's Appeal will be mailed in February. The deadline to submit gifts for the 2018 Bishop's appeal is **March 15, 2019**. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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 Extension 103 to schedule an appointment. Please leave a message with your name and telephone number so we may contact you and know that all communication is held in the strictest of confidentiality.

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SACRED HEART LEAGUE NEWS...

Sacred Heart League Day of Reflection

The St. Anthony's Sacred Heart League is having their Annual Lenten Day of Reflection on **Saturday, March 16th** at 10:30 am at St. Anthony's Church. The speaker will be Father Jeffrey L'Arche. There will also be a luncheon for \$10.00. Forms for the luncheon will be available at both entrances of the church. All are welcome. Please mail the reservation form and \$10 Luncheon fee to Cathy Busher, 211 Lincoln St., Scotia and make checks payable to The Sacred Heart League. Bring your family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Chairperson Cathy Busher at (518)366-2307.

To All Women of Our Parish Family

You are cordially invited to become members of the Sacred Heart League of Saint Anthony's Parish during the Celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

To be eligible you must be over 18 years of age and attend one meeting and one league function. Meetings and functions will be listed in our church bulletins.

We are an organization that was initiated in the parish in June of 1928 and is canonically established. The Sacred Heart League is a Religious Society which aims at fostering in its members an ardent devotion, to bring about the sanctification of its members, the welfare of the Church and the spread of Christ's Kingdom. Applications will be available at the meetings. Please call **President - Chris Kazmierczak (518)785-3426** if you have any questions.

Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, 3040 Hamburg Street, Rotterdam, NY. Fridays: **March 15, 22, April 5 & 12, 2019**, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the school gym. Dinners include: Baked or Fried Fish, a Baked Potato OR Mac & Cheese and Cole Slaw. Take Out or Eat in: \$10 adults; \$7 children 12 and under. Tickets available at the door ONLY.

RAFFLE

The **Saint Joseph's Men's Group** will be holding a raffle at St. Anthony's on **Sunday, March 17th 2019** for a LG 50" Class 4K Smart LED, UHD TV. It features Intelligent Voice control that requires LG Magic Remote, sold separately. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from Brother Ron.

Mark your calendar...



Hospitality sponsored by Baptist Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at St. Anthony's Church Hall on **March 31st from 9am—10:30am**. Along with coffee and doughnuts, representatives will provide information and answer questions regarding Nurse Connection (home health aides), Rehabilitation, Assisted Living and Long term Care. A nurse will also be available to check blood pressures. All are welcome.

Important Notice Regarding Bulletin Articles

All articles must be submitted to the Church Office at least **two weeks (three weeks if there is a holiday during the month)** prior to the run date in order to meet transmission deadline. All submissions must be in writing and will not be accepted over the phone. **Deadline to submit is on Monday at noon.** Thank you.

Dear friends of Saint Anthony's and Saint John 's Churches,

Last January 22, on the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Governor Cuomo signed it into law the Reproductive Health Act, or RHA - the most horrific late term abortion law to date. This law **legalizes abortion until the moment of birth** and on-demand for essentially any reason. The RHA also **removes legal protections** that once ensured that viable babies who survived abortion would be given medical treatment. The RHA says that **certain non-physicians can now commit abortions in New York**. The RHA also **takes away New York laws that punish criminals who harm women in an attempt to kill their preborn children- hence leaving the mothers of wanted children to mourn without recourse to the state.**"

So, what can we do to counter this culture of death and support non-violent means of saving lives (as abstinence, natural birth control methods, adoption, and respect/dignity of human life? Let me suggest three. **First**, pray (alone and/or in groups) that this law will be overturned. **Second**, we must speak up and contact our political leaders, and let them know that the RHA is unacceptable by any human standards. **Third**, sign the petition, share with friends/family; http://www.votervoice.net/Shares/B7GUcAhdAE_YAAAdK8_T7FBA

Thank you,
Ottavio Lo Piccolo



St. Anthony's Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. 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 to the Parish Office and we will make sure Sister gets the donation. Items always needed are: coffee, canned vegetables, soups, pasta, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jams/jellies, boxed cereals, rice etc. Thank you for your generosity.

FESTA 2019 News

Last year we invited a few vendors to join us by offering an opportunity for them to offer their service/products at our annual FESTA . . . they had a successful time and we are looking to once again offer the opportunity at this year's FESTA

Looking for Vendors/Crafters For FESTA 2019
June 7th, 8th & 9th

Do you know someone who may be interested? -
limited spaces available!

For more information contact us by email at
StAnthonysFestaVendors@yahoo.com

St. Anthony's Parish - 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 Form) _____ **or**
Change of Address (New address is listed) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

MARCH 10, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, March 11 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Sacred Heart & St. Theresa by Devotee

Wednesday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Amy Lindemann by Family

Thursday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Philip & Mary Visco by Family

Friday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Sally Spina by Jane & Erwin Susich
Theodore Soroka Jr. by Wife
Bob & Mary Lou Tower by Lee & Dora Cestra

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Benefactors of St. Anthony's Bread by St. Anthony's Bread
Marina Cavoli by Cavoli Family

4:00 pm For the People
Rae & Tony Friello by Mae Friello

Sunday, March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Tina Bianchi by Vince
Lori Pedone by Parents
Vincenza Califano by Paul & Anna
Olga Adamo by Alberto & Rosa Mastroianni
Michael DiCerbo by Janet Lake

10:30 am Spanish Mass

 *Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Emilio Cacchillo.



**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of
March 10 – March 16, 2019**

***Evelyn & William Meyer, Debbie Sowards
(for Healing) by Bea DeBlasio***

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Altar Linen: Joanne Parchetta

Ellis Hospital & Long Term Care Center: Ron McClosky

Important Notice to our Audit Teams: Please report to the DeFranco Room at 9:00 am. **Audit Team #2- Monday, March 18th:** Danielle DePaula, Leonard DePasquale, Lois Ferro

Lectors March 16th & 17th:

Saturday, 4:00pm - Liz Ciccone, Marco Spataro

Sunday, 8:30am – Dave Ditoro, Christina Fagan

10:30am - Mercedes Puicon, George Puicon.

PARISH SUPPORT

March 3, 2019: \$ 5,390.00

Candles: \$ 95.00



PRAYERS * PRAISE* PETITIONS
COME JOIN US IN OUR WEEKLY
DEVOTIONS

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY

Every Wednesday (except during Lent) in St. Anthony's Church at 6:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30-9PM. Includes prayers in both English and Spanish. The Saint Anthony's Bread Apostolate will receive your special request for prayer that will be "lifted-up" in silence at the Saint Anthony's Novena on Wednesday evenings. Those requests will be received by email only and thereafter placed in our "Book of Remembrance" for one year. Please submit your prayer request to saintanthony_bread@nycap.rr.com

El Grupo de Hombres de San José (Saint Joseph's Men's Group) will receive confidential prayer request to be lifted-up on Wednesday evening during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Prayer request envelopes are located at both entrances to the church that are to be sealed upon making your request. You may place them in the collection basket or deliver them to the office.

EVERY SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE 8:00 AM MASS

The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered. First Saturday devotions will continue, led by the Secular Carmelites attending St. Anthony's Church.

EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM MASS

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in Spanish in St. Anthony's Church.

ALL ARE WELCOME * LET US PRAY TOGETHER

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