

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH

Father Richard Carlino cordially invites you to join him and Bishop Scharfenberger in Prayer and to learn more about our plans for addressing our needs at **St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony Parishes** while strengthening the future of the Diocese of Albany, on Tuesday, **December 11, 6:30 pm** Prayer Service at St. John the Evangelist Church. Following the Service, please join the Bishop for a presentation launching the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign for both St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony's Parishes. Refreshments immediately following the presentation.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

We are collecting gift items from **December 2nd until December 18th** for The Quest for Grace Foundation. The Quest for Grace Foundation is founded and administered by St. Anthony's Parishioners, Dr. Louis and Michele Ianniello. The Quest for Grace serves the needs of foster children in the

Capital District with free items such as clothing, books, coats, shoes, toys and other items. The foundation relies solely on donations and good will. Items Needed: (For Boys & Girls) New Socks and Underwear sizes NB-Teen, New Pajamas sizes NB-Teen, New Toys. Please do not wrap items and place them in boxes under the Tree. Thank you for your generous donations to this wonderful organization. **May God Bless You!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES...

Tis the Season of Advent - We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our homes, and shop - sometimes too much. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Our older students will be participating in this and we invite you to join us for the Best Advent Ever; a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with a short inspirational video, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. Plus, every Sunday during the program, you'll receive a thought-provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life. To sign up, visit www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas. You won't be disappointed.

Rosary Making Ministry at St. Anthony's

Anyone who may be interested in joining us can contact Linda Levine at 518-399-6965. No experience is necessary. We will teach you all you need to know. We meet from September to June at 10am, the first Tuesday of each month. Newcomers are always welcome! We will meet on **December 4th**.

NEW TUESDAY ADULT ED COURSE

The Apostle Paul's Letters by Fr. Raymond F. Collins, M.A., S.T.D. 24 DVD Lectures If you want to gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament, this course is for you. You will explore the thirteen letters of Paul, the oldest canonical work in the New Testament and some of the most influential works ever written. Under the guidance of Father Collins, you will enter into Paul's world and letters. Beginning Tuesday, **December 4** and continuing with two lectures a class at 1 PM on **Dec. 11, Jan 8, 15, 22, 28, Feb, 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12** (and we have two make-ups for March 19 & 26 if needed). There will be a \$3 fee for materials. All sessions are in Room 8 of SJE Parish Center. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to SJE Church.

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

December 6 *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. We will meet at 1 PM in Sr. Joan's Office. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to SJE Church.

Mass Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: Friday, December 7, 2018 6:30pm at
St. John the Evangelist Church

Please Note: Because there is a 6:30pm Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 7th at St. John the Evangelist we will **not** have First Friday Adoration at St. Anthony's Church on that night.

Feast Day Mass: Saturday, December 8, 2018
8:00am at St. Anthony's Church

SACRED HEART LEAGUE NEWS...

Sacred Heart League Mass: **Sunday, December 2nd** at 8:30am.

Sacred Heart League Meeting: **Monday, December 3rd** at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Sacred Heart League Christmas Party

Please note change in date and location!

Friday, December 7, 2018, 6:00 pm at the Stadium Golf Course, 333 Jackson Ave, Schenectady. Co-chairwomen Lisa & Annette Serafini (518)355-9265. Reservation forms at both entrances to the church. Deadline to submit reservation is December 2nd. All are welcome!

Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale


Sponsored by the Rosary Society at St. John the Evangelist Church
Please join us at this Annual Holiday Event! **Saturday, December 8th**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. Lunch will be available. From 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Santa Claus will be there to see children and provide a treat. Admission is free.

Crafters or vendors interested in reserving a table may contact Joanne Mc Grath 518-356-2996 by November 18.

Our Annual Bake sale table is in need of your delicious baked goods for our event. Drop off time for baked goods is from 8:00 am to 9:30 am on **Saturday, December 8th**. Please call Toni Di Caprio 518-895-8275 if you are able to assist.

Our "Elephant Leftovers" (aka White Elephant Sale) booth will be accepting your donations of gently used items (please no large items) on **Friday, December 7th** from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm.

You Are Invited...



The Mass in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on **Sunday December 9th** at 10:30 AM. We will begin with the Rosary at 10 AM, followed by the Holy Mass and the representation of the apparitions. After the Mass you are cordially invited to a lunch in the Church's Hall.

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.

Support Groups for Divorced Catholics - Support for those who have experienced or are experiencing divorce is offered in both Albany and Loudonville starting in November. Participants share insight, support and renew their faith. Meetings take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 40 N. Main Ave in Albany and St. Pius X Parish in Loudonville. For registration and more information please contact Mary Fay at 518-453-6644 or mary.fay@rcda.org

The Women's Club of St. Gabriel
The 36th Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held **Saturday, December 1st** from 10 AM until 3 PM at **St. Gabriel the Archangel School Building**, [3040 Hamburg Street, Rotterdam]. The fair will feature **70 talented and creative Crafters**, our famous "**Cookie Walk**", Raffles, Food and Beverages. Admission is FREE. Come and complete some of your Holiday Shopping and have a good time! Plenty of parking.

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE - Good Neighbor Program continues to grow! WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have urgent inventory needs for the following sizes: Boys size 7-14 jeans/pants, long and short sleeve shirts, and hooded sweatshirts. We always happily accept clean, gently-used and new clothing in all children, teen, and adult sizes. Remember adult clothing should be basic styles that teens may wear. Please contact us to drop off donations at worksofmercyschdy@live.com or at (518) 347-0871.

FROM FR. FRISONI

As many of you know by now, I have been asked to be part of a new "interim parish team" model in our diocese, where a deacon and a priest will serve the needs of one or more parish families in between the departure of their pastor and the appointment of another one. The shortage of available priests does not permit the immediate appointment of a pastor in all vacant parishes. This will mean that, regrettably, I can no longer serve you at St. Anthony's and St. John the Evangelist Churches because there are several parishes in the diocese who have been lacking a more stable priest, some for a considerable length of time.

It has been a true blessing from God to be here with you on weekends over the past four years. I particularly thank Father Carlino, our pastor and my good friend, who graciously invited me to celebrate Mass with you and for all of his kind support. Thank you for accepting me so warmly into your home.

I will miss you as I move to other parish communities in interim service. As of this writing, my next mission will be Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Paul the Apostle Churches here in Schenectady, who have not had a pastor since the end of June. I will continue my full-time ministry as a judge with the Tribunal of our diocese, and I will remain a resident of the city of Albany.

Please add a prayer for me once in a while if your time permits; I will pray for you, in thanksgiving to God for the blessing that you are. Pray for our priests, and for more men to answer the call of God to serve the Church in ordained ministry.

Take good care. God's peace to you,
Fr. Frisoni

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 Chaplet. No dues or obligation to attend every week. Just bring a rosary. For more info, contact Mark Roberts at 518-372-8322.

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!*

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: _____

DECEMBER 2, 2018

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 4 – Advent Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 6 – Advent Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Friday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Alain Vilaire by Family

Saturday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary


8:00 am Benefactors of St. Anthony's Bread by St. Anthony's Bread
Antonio Massimiano by Jane & Erwin Susich

4:00 pm Deceased Members Solecki, Ryan & Smith Families by Family
Deceased Members Luca & Borrelli Families by Borrelli Family
Frank, Grace & Antoinette Miano by Miano Family
Ferdinando Correra by Wife & Children
Paul Freudigman Sr by Judy Mavente

Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am For the People
Mario Massaroni by Family
Eugene Kazmierczak by Family
Marietta Popolizio by the Decker Family
Carmelina Walkup by Judy Mavente

10:30 am Spanish Mass

 *Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lorraine Maiorano and Agnes Durkin.



**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of
December 2nd – December 8, 2018**

Carol DiCerbo by Pat & Betty DeSimone

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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December 9, 2018

Altar Linen: Amelia Pedone

Ellis Hospital & Long Term Care Center: Chris & Ed Kazmierczak

Important Notice to our Audit Teams: Please report to the DeFranco Room at 9:00 am. **Audit Team #4**, Tuesday, December 11: Danielle DePaula, Sandy Felthousen, Ramon Diaz, Juan Lopez

Lectors December 8th & 9th:

Saturday, 4:00 pm – Matthew Spataro & Sharon Ferro

Sunday, 8:30am - Chris Kazmierczak & Christina Fagan

10:30am - Rocio Pollares, Salomon Garcia

PARISH SUPPORT

November 11, 2018: \$11,879.28 , Works of Mercy \$547.75,
Candles \$114.10



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.

**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY (except during Lent)
DEVOTIONS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
from 7:30PM - 9:00PM.**

ALL ARE WELCOME * LET US PRAY TOGETHER

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