

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Lord Jesus, as we begin our Advent Season, give us the energy & courage to stay awake and respond to your slightest nudge. Protect us from insensitivity; grace us with the desire to walk in the light of your love. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Office Hours for Fr. Carlino: St. John's Parish Office on Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 4 PM and St. Anthony's Parish Office on Thursdays from 12 Noon to 4 PM. He is available to schedule appointments at other times as well. You can call him personally 7 days a week from 6 AM to 8 PM at 518-374-4591 Extension 7. You can call him for The Last Rites of The Church 24/7 also at 518-374-4591 but at Extension 9.



BAPTISM Baptisms at St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony's Churches will take place only on the First Sunday of each month and only **during** Mass. Baptisms are not scheduled outside of Sunday Morning Mass. If you wish to schedule a baptism at St. John's please contact Debbie May at 372-3381 ext. 5. For one at St. Anthony contact **Judy Mavente** at **518-374-4591 ext. 5**.

A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH - Little Blue Books - Advent/Christmas Seasons 2017-2018 are available at the church entrances for you to pick up. 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.

Sacred Heart League News...

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 any of the following if you have any questions: **President - Chris Kazmierczak (518)785-3426, Vice President - Lois Ferro (518)346-1024, Secretary - Cathy Busher (518)393-1638, Treasurer - Florence Falcone (518)372-2248.**

Sacred Heart League Mass: Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 8:30am.

Sacred Heart League Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00pm.



A very special thank you to Rossi Ditoro Funeral Home for providing our 2018 Parish Calendars that are available at the church entrances for you to take. We are very appreciative of this generous gift.

Mass Schedule for Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 7th - 6:30pm at St. John's

Feast Day Masses: Friday December 8th -
8:00am St. Anthony's, 12:15pm at St. John's

Note: There is no Evening Mass at either church on Friday, December 8th.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

"May the Love of Christ Shine in all of us this Christmas Season as we open our hearts to give to those in need"

Beginning the first weekend of Advent, **December 2/3, 2017** we will be collecting Christmas gift items for the Quest for Grace Foundation. **Please do not wrap items, you may include wrapping paper with your gifts if you would like.**

THE QUEST FOR GRACE FOUNDATION - "Every Child is a Gift" (This 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 goodwill.)

Items Needed: New socks and underwear (boys & girls) sizes NB-Teen, New Pajamas (boys & girls) sizes NB-Teen, New Toys. Please place items in the boxes under the Tree. Thank you all for your generous donations to this wonderful organization. **May God Bless You!**

St. Anthony's Rosary Making Ministry



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. We will meet on **December 5th**.

RCDA Marian Consecration & Renewal with 33 Days to Morning Glory

or a Marian Consecration book of your choice - Bishop Ed is inviting everyone in the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period beginning around Sunday, November 5, 2017. The preparation will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Mary at the Cathedral on the holy day of obligation, **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, December 8th at 5:15 PM**. This Consecration Mass fulfills the holy day obligation. Do not worry if you begin the preparation late or fall behind on chapters. Simply catch up when you can. Please check out www.rcda.org/marianconsecration for more information. Thank you!

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FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

On **December 7th** we will gather at 1 & 7 PM in Room 6 of SJE Parish Center to discuss **Mr. Timothy by Louis Bayard**. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to SJE Church.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE - To honor our Blessed Mother and to pray for respect for all human life, St. Madeleine Sophie Respect Life Ministry will observe the **28th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life** at St. Madeleine Sophie Church, 3500 Carman Road, Schenectady, NY 12303 (Guilderland). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at **9:30 PM on Friday, December 8th and concludes with Benediction at 12:30 AM on Saturday morning, December 9th**. Please join us in bridging the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego. For more information, please call Theresa Schweigert at 518-355-5919.

RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING

Sunday, **December 10th**, 9:30 am Mass at St. John the Evangelist, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming. This year we have four people enrolled in the RCIA process. We have two Catechumens : Marcella Clark and Melanie Mattus. They will be Baptized, and receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We have two candidates: Michael Badger and Donna Mastro. Michael will be received into the Church and receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Donna will receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter vigil.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - On December 11, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm St. John the Evangelist, St. Anthony's and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Churches will have joined Penance Services at St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 2216 Rosa Road.

Faith Formation News - K - 12

Thank You for your generous donations of food this fall. Beginning in October, our students have brought at least one non-perishable food item with them to every class which made it possible to assist many in need for Thanksgiving. I also want to thank the members and their families of St. Joseph's Athletic Club for their collection of over \$200 which benefited Sr. Maria Rosa's Food Pantry; your kindness in remembering the needs of babies, young children and families made Thanksgiving Dinner a reality for those less fortunate. Jesus said, **"Whatever you do for the least of My people, you do for Me."** Thank You!



Christmas Eve Mass: Exciting plans are underway for our student's special performance in honor of Jesus' birth. The Christmas Eve concert is open to children of all ages. Our talented, Tina Chericoni-Versaci will once again lead the Bell Choir. Please plan to join us in celebration. Students in Grade 5 and above are invited to bell choir rehearsals on Sunday, December 3, 10 and 17 from 9:30am to 10:30am in St. John's Parish Center. No prior experience necessary and participants are not required to read music. Details were distributed to students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 in November. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Galarneau at 372-3381 ext. 226 or via email, dgalarnau@sjechurch.com

The Journey Bereavement Ministry: Saint Anthony's Parish sponsors a Bereavement Ministry Session for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our sessions are scheduled for the last Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in our chapel meeting room and all who are suffering are welcome. We pray that we will be able to leave our session with a little better means of coping with our loss.

WORKS OF MERCY INITIATIVE... We appreciate children's gently worn or new clothing up to age 18. Clothing items may be dropped off to us at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Please contact us for drop off days and times at 518-347-0871. For more information go to www.worksofmercyshdy.org and click on the "Good Neighbor" Program tab.

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. To receive more information about our Faith In Action Care Team Program, please contact Sandy Monahan at 518-238-4167 or email Sandra.monahan@sphp.com.

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.

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.

Birthright of Schenectady - is in great need for gently used baby clothing (especially warm winter clothes). We accept sizes newborn to 24 months. We pass on what is donated to us with no charge to our clients. Our address is 12 Jay Street, Suite 1; Schenectady, NY 12305. If you have questions please call our office at (518) 370-1532.

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.

DECEMBER 3, 2017



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday, December 4 – Advent Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 6 – Weekday

8:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 7 – Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Mass

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

8:00 am Antonio Massimiano by Jane & Erwin Susich

Saturday, December 9 – Advent Weekday

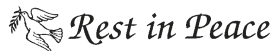
8:00 am Benefactors of St. Anthony's Bread by St. Anthony's Bread

4:00 pm Sammy & Carmella Iovinelli by Annette & Andy
Deceased Members Smith, Solecki & Ryan Families by Family
Mario Dagostino by Family
Deceased Members Fazzone Family by Fenisia
Frank, Grace & Antoinette Miano by Miano Family

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am For the People
Mario Massaroni by Family
Eugene Kazmierczak by Family
Mary Visco by M/M Louis Petraccione
Florence LaPorta by M/M Anthony Pedone & Family

10:30 am Spanish Mass



Rest in Peace

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Antonietta Galvano, Florence LaPorta and Stefano Spezzaferro.*



**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of
December 3rd - December 9, 2017**

Margaret Ciancetta by Family

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: Judy Mavente

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

Important Notice to our Audit Teams:

Please report to St. Anthony's Chapel at 9:00 am.

Audit Team — Team 3, Tuesday, December 12: Danielle DePaula, Carmella Coppola, Louise DiDonna, Maria Fagan

Lectors December 9th & 10th:

Saturday, 4:00 pm– Mike Basile, Pat DeSimone

Sunday, 8:30 am– Vince Lecce, Lisa Serafini

10:30am– Nilsen Polanco, Maria de la Paz

PARISH SUPPORT

November 19, 2017: \$5,058.30

CCHD: \$585.00

Candles: \$101.00



PRAYERS * PRAISE* PETITIONS

**COME JOIN US IN OUR WEEKLY
DEVOTIONS**

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY

Every Wednesday 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

**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 7:30-9:00PM.**

ALL ARE WELCOME * LET US PRAY TOGETHER

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