

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**WELCOME TO
SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH**

Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the holiday.



**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.



**Mass Schedule for
The Solemnity of Mary**

December 31, 2018 - Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church.

January 1, 2019 - Masses: 8:00am at St. Anthony's Church, 10:00am at St. John the Evangelist Church.

VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

To be in love with life and the Giver of it

To practice the presence of God

To forget self that Christ may be remembered

To be strong enough to master evil

To be wise enough to let the good master us

To see in every friend a proof that God is good

To see in those we may dislike an opportunity to show that love never fail

To turn hindrances into helps

To see the light along the edge of every shadow

To be a living example of the joy deeply rooted in faith

To be courteous to the aged, gracious to the maturing, and guide the steps of little children

To profit by the past

To look earnestly in the present

To look hopefully to the future.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign - The diocesan-wide campaign goal is \$45 million. Of this, St. John the Evangelist seeks to raise \$826,445.00 and St. Anthony's seeks to raise \$339,305.00. Of the \$45 million, 70% will be allocated to care for parishes on the local level while 30% will be allocated to support diocesan-wide needs such as caring for retired clergy, meeting increased vocations demands, investing in initiatives that will assist with evangelizing, and developing Catholic schooling resources. Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign is currently being implemented at both of our parishes. We will receive our first campaign disbursement 6 months after the closure of our campaign.

Please Note: Due to various preparations for the Christmas holiday, the Novena to St. Anthony is canceled for Wednesday, January 2nd.

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 not meet in January due to the holiday, but look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, February 5th**.

FIRST THURSDAY FILM PROGRAM - **January 3rd** at 1 PM in Room 8 of SJE Parish Center Sr. Joan will show Part II of a four part series on Christianity: The First Two Thousand Years Approximately 100 minutes. If you missed part I you can always borrow the DVD. Please use the double doors under the canopy across from the handicapped ramp to SJE Church.



Come join us for

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at St. Anthony's Church on **Friday, January 4, 2019** from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. All are welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Twelve sessions will be held from 8:30 to 9:20 am in Room 6 of the Parish Center, for adults (College age and above) who have not yet been Confirmed. The dates will be: **January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24**. Please call Sr. Joan at 518-372-3381 ext. 224 to register or for further information. The Sacrament will be conferred sometime during the spring.

SACRED HEART LEAGUE NEWS...

Sacred Heart League Mass: Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 8:30 am.

Sacred heart League Meeting: Meeting will resume in March.

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. Continuing with two lectures a class at 1 PM on **Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, 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.

Free Pastoral Care Mini Presentation - Please join us on Saturday, January 12, 2019 for a FREE presentation entitled "**Ministering in Times of Spiritual Distress**" to be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany **AND** will be broadcast to the following six videoconferencing sites for viewing: Our Lady of the Annunciation/Queensbury, St. Edward's /Clifton Park, St. Patrick's/Catskill, St. Henry's/Averill Park, St. Francis de Sales/Herkimer, St. Mary's/Oneonta. Please join Father Joseph Mali and Sister Kitty Hanley as they explore this topic and how not to lose sight of the "treasures" in darkness. To register for this free presentation or for additional information: <https://www.rcda.org/offices/pastoral-care-ministry/ministering-times-spiritual-distress> or email Maria Schollenberger at Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org or call her in Pastoral Care Ministry at (518) 641-6818. All faith traditions welcome.

Mark your calendar:

Sacred Heart League Cavatelli Dinner

The Sacred Heart League of St. Anthony's Church is hosting a cavatelli dinner on **Friday, January 18** and **Saturday, January 19, 2019** from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, both days.

Dinner consists of cavatilli, meatball/saugage, tossed salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea.

Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children under 12. Take-out is also available.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following for their donations:

Beatrice DeBlasio, Mrs. Joseph Almaviva

In Memory of:

Luigi & Elia Lecce by **Vincent Lecce, Vincenza & Pasquale Perretta, Virginio & Flaminia Niro** by **M/M Romeo Niro, Leva's, Catapeno, & Mennillo Families** by **M/M Donald Mennillo**

FIRST THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

On February 7 we will discuss *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian in Room 6 of SJE Parish Center with Sr. Joan. When Elizabeth Endicott arrives in Syria, she has a diploma from Mount Holyoke College, a crash course in nursing, and only the most basic grasp of the Armenian language. The First World War is spreading across Europe, and she has volunteered on behalf of the Boston-based Friends of Armenia to deliver food and medical aid to refugees from the Armenian genocide. There, Elizabeth becomes friendly with Armen, a young Armenian engineer who has already lost his wife and infant daughter. When Armen leaves Aleppo to join the British Army in Egypt, he begins to write Elizabeth letters and comes to realize that he has fallen in love with the wealthy young American woman who is so different from the wife he lost.

Flash forward to the present where we meet Laura Petrosian, a novelist living in suburban New York. Although her grandparents' ornate Pelham home was affectionately nicknamed the "Ottoman Annex." Laura has never really given her Armenian heritage much thought. But when an old friend calls claiming to have seen Laura's grandmother in a newspaper photo promoting an exhibit at a Boston museum, Laura embarks on a journey through her family's history that reveals love, loss-and a wrenching secret that has been buried for generations. If you wish Sr. Joan to order this book in paperback for you please call 518-372-3381 ext 224.

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.

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? 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!*

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.

Support Groups for Divorced Catholics - Support for those who have experienced or are experiencing divorce is offered in both Albany and Loudonville. 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

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.

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.



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 30, 2018

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 1 – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 am For the People
Paolo Barbolla by Wife & Children

Wednesday, January 2 – Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00 am Paolo Barbolla by son by Michael
Sacred Heart & St. Theresa by Devotee

Thursday, January 3 – Christmas Weekday

8:00 am God the Father by Devotee
Anna Petraccione by M/M Louis Petraccione

Friday, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 am Lucy Buono by Hilary Buono & Gail Savini
7:30pm-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 5 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop


8:00 am Benefactors of St. Anthony's Bread by St. Anthony's Bread
Nellie Aragona by Michele Freeman & Susan Connelly

4:00 pm Bert & Sylvia Scavia by Family
John Spezzaferro by M/M Louis Petraccione
Vincenza Polsinelli by Marianne Panetta
Paul Freudigman Sr. by Phyllis Derenske
Pasquale & Mariangela Coppola by Stefano & Teresa

Sunday, January 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Deceased Members Sacred Heart League
Intentions of our Venerini Associates
Robert Laurange by Family
Carmelina Walkup by Nicolina & Brian Luby
Rosalina Apreola by Genoveffa Mastroianni
Marietta Popolizio by Mary Borrelli
John Spezzaferro by Stegagno Family

10:30 am Spanish Mass
Marta Rosa Ortiz by daughter Olga

 *Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Esther Russo.

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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January 6, 2019

Altar Linen: Joanne Parchetta

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, Monday, January 7th: Danielle DePaula, Sandy Felthousen, Ramon Diaz, Juan Lopez

Lectors January 1, 5 & 6:

Tuesday, 1/1, 8:00am - John DeCiero, Cara Olsen

Saturday, 1/5, 4:00pm – Ron McClosky, Marco Spataro

Sunday, 1/6, 8:30am - Gabriella Ditoro, Vince Lecce

10:30am - Olga Tapia, Roxanna Homic

PARISH SUPPORT

December 16, 2018: \$ 4,196.93

Candles: \$94.46



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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