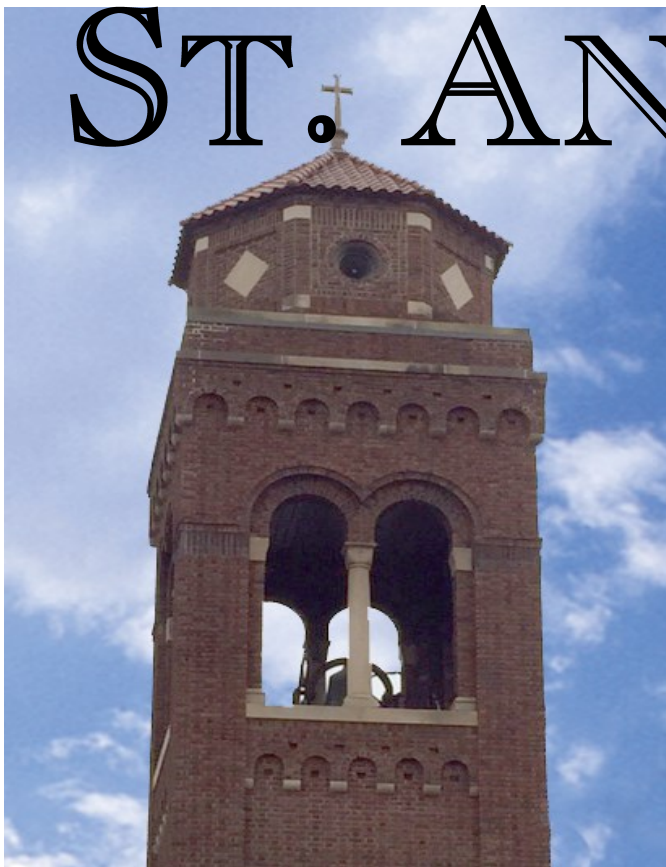


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## MISSION STATEMENT

WE ENDEAVOR TO SHARE OUR  
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TO GROW IN FAITH AND LOVE,  
TO ACT IN CHARITY AND TO SERVE  
ALL OF HIS PEOPLE.



Through the intercession of  
**St. Anthony**

When I'm depressed, Help me find hope.  
When I feel alone, Help me find love.  
When I can't see God anywhere, Help me find faith.  
When I'm afraid, Help me find trust.  
When I am weak, Help me find courage.  
When I am sick, Help me find healing.  
When I am overcome by grief, Help me find comfort.  
When I am angry, Help me to let go.  
When I'm in trouble, Help me find God.  
We ask this, through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE PRESENTED  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**NO DAILY MASS**

**SUNDAY MASS CELEBRATED AT 8:30 AM &  
11:45 AM (SPANISH), & 4:00 PM**

## RECONCILIATION

**CALL 518-374-4591 EXT. 9 FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY THE WEDNESDAY-  
BEFORE.**



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### **SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH** **Sunday, December 14, 2025**

#### Regular Parish Office Hours

Monday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Tuesday through Thursday

7:00am to 3:00pm.

*Fridays, the Parish Offices are closed.*

**St. Anthony's Mass Book is open for 2026**  
**Mass Cards Available-Mass Intentions are \$15.**

#### **St. Anthony's Church Extensions** **518-374-4591**

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#### **Sunday Readings-December 14, 2025**

##### **Third Sunday of Advent**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
**Responsorial:** Ps. 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
**2nd Reading:** James 5:7-10  
**Gospel Acclamation** Isaiah 61:1  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

#### **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.

**Hispanic Community--"Sundays-11:15 AM:** Rosary Prayer-Church." Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after the Spanish Mass. **Sunday Nights-Spanish Prayer Meeting-6:00 PM-9:00 PM** DeFranco Room. **Monday Nights-6:00 PM-9:00 PM,** Spanish Bible Study in the DeFranco Room.

**PASTORAL CARE DEPARTMENT** - Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a visit/Communion? Please call our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Ron Mc Closky 518-374-4591 ext. 103.

**CAREGIVERS' PROGRAM** - please call St. John's office and leave a message at (518)-372-4619 Extension 326.

### **Sunday, December 14, 2025-MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:30 AM** Mary Bonaquisto & Anthony R. Bonaquisto by Daughter & Sister  
 Marina & Vigilio Cavoli by Cavoli Family  
 Eugene & Lucy Kazmierczak by Ed and Chris Kazmierczak  
 Helen Preston by Family  
 Hank Fulton by Son, Joshua Fulton  
 Deceased Members of the Venerini Associates  
 Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart League  
**9:30 AM** St. Kateri-Union Street  
**10:30 AM** St. John the Evangelist  
**11:30 AM** St. Kateri-Rosa Road  
**11:45 AM** **Spanish Mass-St. Anthony's**  
**4:00 PM** St. Anthony's Bread by St. Anthony's Bread  
 Filomena Godio by Family  
 We pray for the repose of the soul of: Robert Matarrazo

### **Week Day Masses**

#### Monday, Dec. 15, 2025

**9:00 AM** St. Kateri, (Union Street)

**7:00 PM** St. Kateri (Rosa Road)

#### Tuesday, Dec. 16

**9:00 AM** St. Kateri, (Union Street)

#### Wednesday, Dec. 17

**9:00 AM** St. John the Evangelist

#### Thursday, Dec. 18

**9:00 AM** St. John the Evangelist

**6:00 PM** St. Kateri, Rosa Road

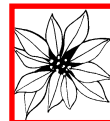
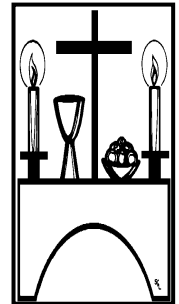
#### Friday, Dec. 19

**9:00 AM** Mass St. Kateri-Rosa Road

#### Saturday, Dec. 20

**4:00 PM** Mass St. John the Evangelist

**5:00 PM** Mass St. Kateri, Union Street

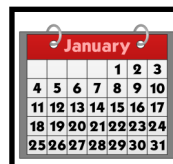


### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

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 331 Seward Place or just place in the collection

### **Diocesan Appeal 2025-2026**

The new year of the Diocesan Appeal began on July 1st! As you plan your budget, please consider a PLEDGE to the Appeal: Pledge Now, Pay by June 2026  
 For details, visit **Materials** -[www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org](http://www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org)



**2026 CALENDARS** have been generously provided by DiToro/Rossi Funeral home again. We are grateful for this wonderful and useful gift.

They will be available in English, Spanish & Italian.

**Please take one per household.**



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### COLLECTION

**Nov. 30, 2025**-Regular-\$3, 985.00

Candle: \$63.00



**Altar Linens:** 12/14-Sr. Christeena 12/21-Francis Marcil

**Audit Team:** 12/15-Team C 12/22-Team D

**Lectors:** Next Week- Dec. 21, 2025

8:30 AM: Vince Leece & Matthew Spataro

11:45 AM: Brian Garcia & Omar Crozier

4:00 PM: Melanie Delf



**A GIFT FROM YOUR PARISH** - Please do not forget to pick up your **Little Blue Books - Advent/Christmas Seasons 2024**. 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.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

#### Week of Dec. 14-20

Antonio & Mary Bonaquisto by Daughter, Betty

#### Week of Dec. 21-27

Marie & Joseph Samborin by Daughter

Paolo & Paul M. Barbolla by Wife & Mother

Alberto Biasiucci by Wife

#### Week of Jan. 4-Jan. 10, 2026

Gloria Cuomo by Children

#### Weeks Jan.11-31-OPEN



### St. Anthony's Church

The Venerini Associates help distribute food to needy families during the year. Help us

**restock** so the good work can continue.



No gift is too small. Monetary gifts for the food pantry should be placed in an envelope marked clearly **Food Pantry c/o St. Anthony's Church**. **Nonperishable food items can be brought directly to St. Anthony's Church placed in the food containers by doors, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Monday through Friday or to St. John the Evangelist on weeks days 7am to 11:00AM or on weekends before Masses at either church.** 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. Thank you.

DECEMBER 14, 2025

### SCHENECTADY SOCIAL CLUBS

Catholic Charities offers opportunities for seniors 55+ to gather to socialize, share a meal and participate in activities to improve emotional and physical health. **Current social clubs meet on Mondays at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center and Fridays at Bellevue Cafe.**

**St. Luke's Parish Center-Upcoming Activities-Wednesday, December 17, 1:00-2:30pm for Crafting Fun**

Please RSVP to Kristin Black at [stlukescares@gmail.com](mailto:stlukescares@gmail.com) or 518-347-9955

### ST. JOHN'S MOVIES

Due to darker evenings this time of the year, we will also offer Sunday afternoon films.

The same film will be offered Monday evenings.

For the complete movie listing please visit our website at [www.sjchurch.com](http://www.sjchurch.com), click on Religious Education, you will find the Movie.

**The Nativity Story, Sunday, December 14, 1:50 - 3:30 PM & Monday, December 15, 6:30 - 8:10 PM.**

The Nativity Story is a beautiful telling of one of the world's most familiar stories. **Saturday Movies for Children of All Ages!** We are happy to invite all children to an assortment of Saturday movies. All movies will be shown in St. John's cafeteria from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

**December 20** to see the movie - **Holy Night - The King is Born** Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heart-warming presentation of the birth of God's son! This is a wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Christmas season.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

All children from Kindergarten to 8th Grade are invited to participate in the 2025 Children's Christmas Eve Pageant that will take place at the 4:00PM 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 14 and 21.** 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 you are interested in helping with the pageant** email Laurie Barone at [lauriejbarone@gmail.com](mailto:lauriejbarone@gmail.com) **If your child/ren are interested in participating in the pageant,** email Dianne Galarneau at [dgalarneau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarneau@sjchurch.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!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**-We are never finished learning, if you feel the desire to grow in faith, we are here to help you do just that. Our faith-life is grounded in developing a personal relationship with Jesus. If you wish to receive the sacraments, or simply have questions about the process, **please call Dianne Galarneau via email at [dgalarneau@sjchurch.com](mailto:dgalarneau@sjchurch.com) or 518-372-3381 ext. 226.**



DECEMBER 14, 2025

**St. Anthony's Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour**  
Every Saturday 10:00 AM  
518-374-4591 Ext. 8 Bro. Ron



#### Faith Formation News

We invite everyone to join our faith formation students and adults preparing for the sacraments in a beautiful prayer experience. **Pray the Family Rosary**, it began **November 2**, now through to **November 2, 2026**. Why? On May 13, 1917 Our Lady of Fatima requested of us to **"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world."**

There is grace in one prayer, one decade, or one Rosary. Benefits? + Enjoy 20 extra minutes of family time and by God's grace - peaceful homes.

+ Share each other's gratitude and concerns through prayer intentions. + Explore our faith through the Rosary's Mysteries.

+ Find strength through Mary's intercession and God's grace to withstand life's trials by promoting peace within our families, and the world. + If older children say they don't have time ... check their screen time. + "The Family that prays together - stays together." Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton.

#### 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.



**The Works of Mercy Initiative's Good Neighbor Program** is looking for a few compassionate volunteers to help us serve our community. **Join Us:** Be a Good Neighbor &

Make a Difference!

For info: Call 518-347-0871 or email:

[worksofmercyschdy@live.com](mailto:worksofmercyschdy@live.com)

• **Volunteer hours:** Tuesdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM (come for all or part of the time) No weekly commitment required. Must be able to navigate stairs (workspace is on the second floor, no elevator)

• **Location:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Parish Center  
Training provided.

**St. Joseph Church-19th Annual Pre-Holiday Bake Sale**  
on **Saturday, December 20** from 4:30 to 6:30 PM and  
**Sunday, December 21** from 8:30 AM- 10:30 AM in the  
Gathering Area of the Church.



All kinds of baked goods for the Christmas Holiday, (Cookies, nut breads, pies and cakes, etc...Public invited, handicapped accessible and parking available behind the Church. More information is available by calling 518-374-4466 ext. 13.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Merciful Father, Your Son became human to bring your eternal love into the flesh and blood of our lives; may we reflect His love this day and always.



#### DECORATING COMMITTEE:

##### REQUEST FOR HELP for St. John's!

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

**Thursday, December 18, 6:00 PM** - decorate the church including putting up the Nativity.

**Tuesday, December 23, 9:30 AM** - arrange flowers

**On Monday, either January 5 or 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM** we will be taking down the decorations.

If you have any questions, call Kathy Carney - 518-377-7444



**SJE THE KING'S MEN APOSTOLATE**-All men ages 18 and above are invited to join. **We meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Parish Center, RM 8** pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Michael Zaccaria at 518-779-2317.

#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree in front of Mary's altar is decorated with various gift cards. If each family would take at least one gift tag from the tree and purchase the item requested, it would help to brighten the Christmas Season for so many in our community who have so little. Wrap the gift in holiday paper, securely attach the **original tag to the outside of the package** and return the gift under the Giving Tree. To ensure the gifts reach their recipients in time for Christmas, **we ask that all gifts be returned by the 10:30 a.m. Mass TODAY-December 14th**. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Servidone at 357-9053 or Kathy Carney at 377-7444. Your continued generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated.



This year we will celebrate Christmas and its Vigil at the following times:

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday 12/24/25)**

**St. John's** - 4:00 PM (Children Mass)  
7:00 PM

**St. Kateri** - 4:00 PM (Union Street)  
7:00 PM (Rosa Road)  
Midnight Mass (Union Street)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday 12/25/25)**

**St. Anthony's** - 8:30 AM (English)  
11:45 AM (Spanish)

**St. John's** - 10:30 AM

**St. Kateri** - 10:00 AM (Union St.)



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