

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Bishop's Appeal

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for our Bishop's Appeal. During all Masses this weekend, the opportunity will be given for everyone to make a pledge towards this year's Appeal. This pledge can be paid in installments over the course of a year. Our assessment for this year is \$53,908.00 which represents a 4% increase over last year's assessment. With the Pastoral Planning process underway in our diocese, we need to ensure the future financial viability of our parish. Your pledge to the Bishop's Appeal means that we won't have to deplete our parish savings in order to meet our assessment. Please prayerfully consider what you can give towards this year's appeal. May our pledges represent our continuing commitment to our beloved parish of St. Anthony.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Parishioners with concerns or comments are invited to come to be the first part of the meeting and speak during the "Privilege of the Floor".

### Adult Education Class

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be discussing some future options in terms of these sessions.



### St. Anthony's Faith Formation

Registration for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1, for the 2008-2009 School year will be held at St. Anthony's on Van Vranken Avenue.

Last year we started a Kindergarten Program and we had two students attending. Hopefully, we can have more attending this year.

Students in Grades 1-6 and 7-12, registration forms will be sent or mailed to each family. Forms must be returned no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>

New families are also welcome and may register their child/children at St. Anthony's Faith Formation or Youth Ministry Offices on Van Vranken Avenue.

Registration Dates: Monday through Friday  
10:00am-12:00pm or 2:00pm-4:30pm

Week of: April 21-25, May 19-23, May 26-30, June 2-6, June 9-13

### Upcoming Events:

- Schenectady Deanery Healing Mass with the opportunity for sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick- Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St. John the Evangelist
- Feast of the Ascension (a holy day of obligation) Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>- Masses will be celebrated on

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7am and 12:10pm.

### Cavatelli Dinner

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm – 7:30pm

St. Anthony's Church Hall

Proceeds to benefit the Jack Falvo III Foundation

Adults \$8.00 Children 12 and under \$5.00

Take out available



### April – The Holy Rosary

This April, we will pray the Rosary every Sunday at 9:30AM, in Thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings we have received from Our Lord, most especially for giving us His own Mother to be our Mother. Thanks be to God!

Sanctity of Life

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken to Jeremiah the prophet saying: A voice was heard in Ramah: lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children; and she would not be comforted, because they are no more.

Matthew 2:17 18



**Looking for all youths in the Parish!** Need a place to grow with the Lord? Do you want to do something ...but don't know what? Get involved with the Youth Ministry Program ages 12 and up. Call 847-3044.

### **CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration begins at 12:30pm Walk begins at 1:45pm**

**Saint Helen's Catholic School**

**Upper Union Street, Schenectady**

I would like to invite you to take part in the CROP WALK and to sponsor me by making a pledge/donation, and/or join me as a recruiter for our church by collecting funds for this cause. I have been taking part in the Schenectady Crop Walk since 1988. This year, in an effort to do better than last year, I would like to raise a minimum of \$1,500. I will raffle one of my paintings on Mother's Day Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Those who pledge/donate at least \$5.00 will get a chance at this artwork. In addition, I would like to get your participation in helping me collect funds as part of our congregation at St. Anthony's. You too can be a recruiter. Just sign up (contact me or the church secretary), take one or several of the Crop Walk forms with you and get sponsors from your family, friends and/or job, then come to the walk on May 4th. For more info call Ottavio LoPiccolo 370-4476, email [Ottavio48@verizon.net](mailto:Ottavio48@verizon.net) or call the Crop Walk at 374-2683. You can also sign up or make a donation on line go to [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org).

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mark Your Calendars

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Fr. DeFranco will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Due to the Festa preparations, we will celebrate Fr. DeFranco's anniversary on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> with a Mass at 2pm followed by a reception at Mallozzi's. More details will follow.

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### **Golf News!**

#### **Get ready for the Eleventh Annual Augie DiDonna Golf Classic!**

Save the date of Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and plan on being a part of this fun day of golf and friendship and help the Holy Name Society raise funds for its Scholarship and Benevolent Fund. This year we are moving our tournament to the beautiful Schenectady Municipal Golf Course.

More news to follow in coming weeks.

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### Weekly Suggestion for Living your Faith:

Listen to someone you would otherwise pass by.

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### **PRAYERS \* PRAISE\* PETITIONS**

COME JOIN US IN OUR WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

#### **TUESDAYS 11AM**

Our Lady of the Eucharist Cenacle- We pray the Rosary with love for all our Priests, and especially for our Pastor, Father John. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, for an end to abortion and respect for all life, will follow.

#### **WEDNESDAYS 11AM**

Prayer Group for peace- We pray the Rosary for peace in the world and for our servicemen and women. We bring our petitions to the Miraculous Medal and St. Anthony novenas'.

#### **THURSDAYS 2:55PM**

Mother Cabrini Intercessory Prayer Group

We pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for the sick, dying, vocations, and all other needs.

Bring your petitions and come join us in prayer.

ALL ARE WELCOME \* LET US PRAY TOGETHER

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### **Prayers for our Parishioners Serving in the Military**

Please pray for all of our military personnel throughout the world especially Lt. Colonel Richard Sloma who is being sent to Afghanistan.

### **ALTAR SERVERS – April 26/27, 2008**

**Saturday, 4:00pm-** Johnathan Delf & Michael Dagostino

**Sunday, 10:00am-** Gina & Jennifer Cerutti, Anthony Sawyer

## **Around The Diocese**

### **Dominican Retreat & Conference Center**

1945 Union St, Niskayuna, NY 12309

**April 22, 2008, 6-9:15PM, Evening of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers "Exploring Our Relationship with the Sacred". Presenter: Tony Kall, OFM Conv.** Is currently part of the pastoral team of the Center City Catholic

Community of Albany. \$25.00 (includes dinner). For information/reservations call 518-393-4169 Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM, e-mail [dslcny@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dslcny@nycap.rr.com) or visit [www.dslcny.org](http://www.dslcny.org).

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### **Little Sisters of the Poor and Volunteers 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Card Party**

The Little Sisters of the Poor and Volunteers will sponsor the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Card Party for the benefit of Our Lady of Hope Residence on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Colonie Elks Lodge #2192 Route 155, Latham. Tickets for the Card Party may be purchased at the door and everyone is cordially invited.

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### **Saturday, May 3, 2008- A TRIPLE CROWN EVENING**

featuring live and silent auctions to benefit the Schenectady Catholic Schools (St. Helen's, St. John the Evangelist and Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons). This first annual cocktail evening includes hearty hors d'oeuvres and cash bar with a broadcast viewing of the Kentucky Derby. The evening's auctioneer is St. Helen's own Rev. Robert Longobucco!

**TIME:** 5:30pm – 9:30pm

**PLACE:** Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School, 2600 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY

**TICKETS:** per person; no guests admitted under age 21; seating is limited. For more information, please call 382-8225.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are interested in placing an ad in the event program book, making a contribution or donating an item for auction, please call 382-8225. Thank you.

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### **A Day of Prayer & Healing at Rosa Mystica House of Prayer**

Please join us on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:00am at the Rosa Mystica House of Prayer in Edmeston, NY for a day of *Prayer and Healing*. There will be a Candle-lit Rosary Procession, Confession, Adoration Divine Mercy, and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Amedeo Guida, Pastor from Syracuse, NY. Olive Dawson from England will give a moving testimony about her ministry for "Our Lady of Mercy." Olive has lived only on the Holy Eucharist for many years. A Healing Service and pray-overs will be included. \$15 donation for the education of seminarians (lunch is included).

**Reservations and Directions:** Call (607)965-9656

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### **Vocation Discernment Retreat**

A Vocation Discernment Retreat will be offered on November 21-23, 2008 for men and women, ages 18-40, interested in discerning religious life. You will find more information at both entrances of our church. For additional information, contact Sister Rosemary at our diocesan vocation office at 674-3818 or email her at [rosemary.cuneo@rcda.org](mailto:rosemary.cuneo@rcda.org).

**APRIL 20, 2008**

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**Monday, April 21 Anselm, bishop, doctor**

7:00am Nicholas DeMeo/ By Ed & Priscilla McNulty

**Tuesday, April 22 Easter Weekday**

7:00am Rosemary Saraco/ By Joseph & Matilda  
Barry & Family  
M/M James Saraco/ By Joseph & Matilda  
Barry & Family  
M/M John Barry/ By Joseph & Matilda Barry  
& Family

**Wednesday, April 23 George, martyr/ Adalbert, bishop, martyr**

7:00am Paolo & Angelarosa Coppola/ By Stefano &  
Teresa  
Rose Diamante/ By Family

**Thursday, April 24 Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr**

7:00am Rose Cassillo/ By Lee & Dora Cestra

**Friday, April 25 Mark, evangelist**

7:00am Ofelta Mennillo/ By Mary Pomato

**Saturday, April 26 Easter Weekday**

8:00am Lydia T. Villeneuve/ By Karen Edson  
Louis Altieri/ By Elva Laurange  
Friends & Benefactors of St. Anthony's  
Bread/ By St. Anthony's Bread  
4:00pm Filomena LaPorta/ By Children  
Frank & Erma Mazzotti/ By Dave & Fran  
Rakvica  
Nicholas Palombo/ By Wife & Daughters  
Gabrielle West/ By Family

**Sunday April 27 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Luigi Lecce/ By Wife & Family  
Kathleen Wall/ By Alan & Ann  
Parents of Vita & Michele Serafini/ By Vita &  
Michele  
Arthur Palumbo/ By Jim & Maggie Martin  
10:00am For the People of St. Anthony  
Mary & Gildo Budel/ By Daughter  
Arthur Qualtere/ By Qualtere Family  
Patrick DiLorenzo/ By Wife

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**MINISTERS**  
**April 27, 2008**

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**Audit Team**

Team 2

Chuck & Helen Hendrickson, Carmen Caruso, Tony Popolizio

**Lectors**

Saturday 4:00pm C. Kazmierczak, A. Salavantis  
Sunday 7:30am David Phelan, Robert West  
10:00am Bernice Honicki, Ron McClosky

**Ushers**

Saturday  
4:00pm Joe DeFilippo, Robert West  
Paul Freudigman, Martin Bianchi  
Sunday  
7:30am Vince Bianchi, Vince Lecce,  
Carmen Caruso, Joe Catalfano  
10:00am Tom Marotta, Joe Spadafora,  
John Clark, Gene Falcone

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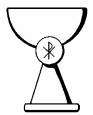
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**Sanctuary Lamps for the week of**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Lucy & Angelo Meola/ By Rose Meola**

**Angelina Colandra/ By Michael & Carol  
DiCerbo**



**Bread and Wine for the week of**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**In Memory of Paul Anthony Morrell/  
By William & Jennifer Ziskin**

**ST ANTHONY BREAD**

St. Anthony's Bread is an organization here at our parish that helps people in need. It would be akin to the St. Vincent DePaul Societies that parishes had in years past. As an effort to support this organization in its ministry, there will be free-willing offering baskets at our 8am Mass on Saturday.