

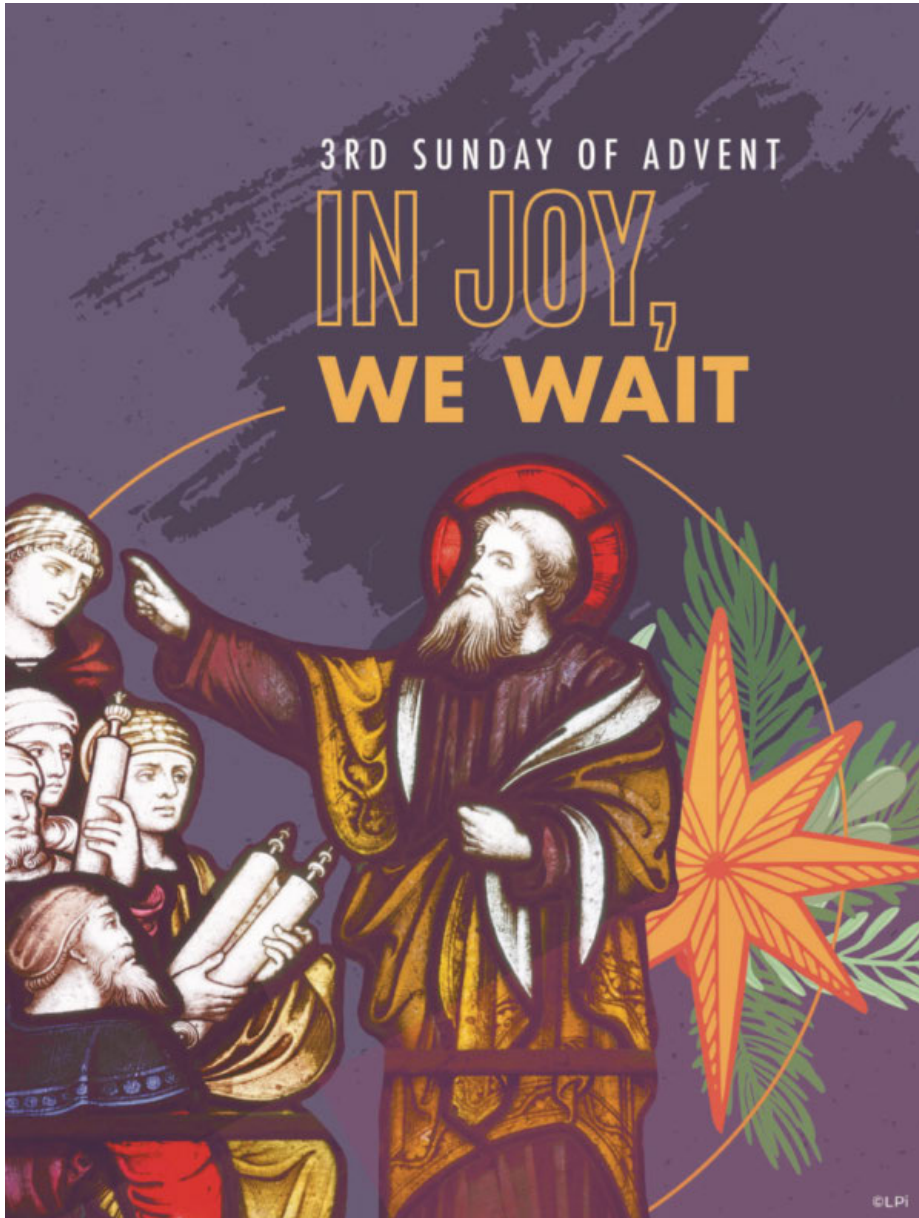
DECEMBER
15
2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

The Parish of

CHRIST *the* KING

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



MISSION STATEMENT

Christ the King Parish is called together by God as a faith sharing community to radiate, celebrate and proclaim Jesus Christ through prayer, word, worship and service as we seek to build up His one body, adapting to the diverse needs of the people in whose midst we live and witness.

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

9:00am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 11:00am
Livestreamed & ASL interpreted at 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:00pm
Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday | 9:30am - 8:00pm

Rosary

Wednesday | 6:15pm

CONTACT US

20 Sumter Ave
Albany, NY 12203

Office hours: M-Th 8:30am-4pm,
Friday 8:30am-noon

Phone and Fax: 518-456-1644
Unless requesting Last Rites, all calls to
the parish office after office hours will
be returned the next business day.

Office email:
lcarducci@ctkparishny.org

www.ctkparishny.org
Like us on Facebook!



@ChristTheKingChurchAlbany

LEARN ABOUT US

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Richard Lesser
rick.lesser@rcda.org

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Matthew Duclos
matthew.duclos@rcda.org
Rev. Charles Onyeneke
charles.onyeneke@rcda.org

Deacon

Dcn. Tony Cortese
tcortese@ctkparishny.org

Deacon Emeritus

Dcn. Joseph Markham

Pastoral Associate for Administration

Linda Carducci
lcarducci@ctkparishny.org

Pastoral Associate for Parish Life

LouAnn Cleary
lcleary@ctkparishny.org

Pastoral Associate for Music

Melinda Cestaro
mcestaro@ctkparishny.org

Business Manager

Michael Markham

Media Coordinator

Sarah Guerra
sguerra@ctkparishny.org

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Gina Luce

Buildings and Grounds

James Murphy

Church Custodian

Lesley Markham

Parish Trustees

Cindy Carlstead & Connor Kasuba

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Phone: 518-464-4776

ffym@ctkparishny.org

Pastoral Associate Faith Formation

Margaret Stockwell
mstockwell@ctkparishny.org

Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry

Rebecca Hanson
rhanson@ctkparishny.org

FF/YM Administrative Assistant

Tom Tommell
tom@ctkparishny.org

Christ the King Early Childhood Education Center

phone: 518-456-5400

Director, Stacie Boelkins

sboelkins@ctkparishny.org



DEADLINES

Bulletin

Bulletin announcements need to be submitted to Sarah Guerra by noon on the Friday of the week prior — 9 days before the weekend you'd like it to appear.

Mass Intentions

Our Saturday and Sunday Mass times fill up quickly. We suggest scheduling your Mass Intentions three weeks prior to your desired date. There is always availability at our weekday Masses! To request a Mass Intention, you may call the parish office or visit the parish website.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Care of the Sick

Our Visitation Ministry Team would like to bring Communion to our homebound parishioners as well as visit those in a hospital or a nursing facility. Please call the Parish Office to let us know of those who wish to be visited.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with one of the priests at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding. A Marriage Preparation program and interviews are required.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism preparation class is required prior to the Baptism. This class takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm. Please contact the parish office to schedule the Baptism date at least 3 months in advance of the desired date.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is the process available for those wishing to explore becoming a member of our Catholic Christian Community. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Offertory..... | \$7,933.00 |
| Maintenance..... | \$920.00 |
| E-Giving Faith Direct | \$4,400.75 |
| Collection Total | \$13,253.75 |
| Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week | \$13,865.00 |

PRAYER AND READINGS



Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of December 2024 has been donated in loving memory of

Wallace & Michael Diehl

requested by
Maria Diehl

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

Tuesday, December 17 | 9 am

Frank Shellenbach (Birthday Memorial)
*Granddaughter, Patricia
Edna Riedy (Anniv Memorial)
*Granddaughter, Patricia

Wednesday, December 18 | 9 am

Mary Fay
*Marie Hartigan

Thursday, December 19 | 9 am

Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, December 21 | 4 pm

Bob Edick
*Marion Edick
Giuseppe Rigamonti
*Stephen Lynn & Janet Gorman
Christopher Holmberg
*The Graffeo Family
Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice
*Shirley Daly & Sandy St. John
Eddie Cotugno
*Carmela & Tom Palmiotto & Family

Sunday, December 22 | 8 am

Donald Reynolds
*Jim & Diane Dollery
Mary Ann Pierce
*Sue Hollander
For the Intentions of Christopher Visser
*MC Breakfast Friends

Sunday, December 22 | 11 am

Anna & Felix Florio
*Cathy Greco & Family
Sadie Perrino
*Cathy Greco & Family
Mary Sheehan
*Tom Sheehan
Paul Stelmaszyk (Birthday Memorial)
*Mariann
Ed Cupoli
*Tina Pietrosanto
Micky Pietrosanto
*his Mother & Family

Pray For...

Our Sick

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Rev. Sally Heiligman (pastor at St. Boniface) | Maryann Markham |
| Christopher Visser | Becky Hilton Heeps |
| Shirley Ratta | Don McCarthy |
| Cher Joseph | Ryan Stoepell |
| Case Kerns | Carolyn Harris |
| Cassidy Zyskowski | Bob Wallace |
| Ellie Leaver | Michele Peichota |
| Christine Nelson Testani | Joshua Carpenter |
| Linda Gosch | Carson Leonard |
| Joanne Lue | Patricia Bogg |
| Christine Slattery | Reed Dewitt |
| Paul Pierce | Rick Gelley |
| Donna Johnson | David Latina |
| Timothy J. | Judi McGinn |
| Kathy Bator | Michela |
| Dr. Marilyn Levine | Marie Luce |
| Fr. Tom Holmes | Liz Stewart |
| Joan Schramm | Patricia Bruno |
| Betty Low | David Birkun |
| Vincent Kelder | Rick Rodino |
| Eileen Reis | Luke Danker |
| | Roman Hunt |

If you or someone you know are in need of our prayers, or if you had asked for prayer and your prayers were answered, please call the parish office. Names will be removed from the list periodically.

Our Beloved Deceased

Edward Cupoli (November 16)
Josephine Pellerin (November 16)
Larry Prichard (November 22)

First Year Anniversary December 2023

Mark Freeman (December 11)
Matilda Duncan (December 15)
Donald Noakes (December 16)
Ashley Duncan (December 16)
Elizabeth Koster (December 28)

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, December 15 ●

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday, December 16 ●

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17 ●

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18 ●

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19 ●

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 20 ●

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21 ●

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday, December 22 ●

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Reflection for the Week

In today's Gospel, we see the humility of John the Baptist. He was quick to deny that he might be the Messiah. He knew what his ministry was and stuck to it.

What is the Lord calling me to do in this world and am I accepting that call?

COMMUNITY NEWS



Our young people left their shoes for St. Nicholas last weekend!
Photo: Amber Marino

Parish Masses of our Local Catholic Community

Altamont: St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's 518-861-8770
Sunday - 9 am

Delmar: St. Thomas the Apostle 518-439-4951
Saturday - 5 pm | Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Voorheesville: St. Matthew's 518-765-2805
Saturday - 5pm | Sunday - 9 am

PEACE IN THE WOMB PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2-3pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schenectady. Please join us for an hour of Christmas caroling to bring hope & joy. Children's lives have been saved when their mothers heard the carols and reconsidered their "choice" in light of the Christmas story. Dress for the weather for this outdoor event. All we need are voices, we'll have songbooks and an empty manger to gather around.

YOUNG ADULT SEMI-FORMAL EPIPHANY BALL

The Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany are sponsoring a Semi-formal dinner and dance January 11 from 6-10pm with appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing at St. Mary's Church - Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford. \$20 per person "Early Bird"; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door Register at bohmdesigns.com/ball/ you do not need a +1 to attend! Questions, ardensFidelis@proton.me

THE TIME OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND ADVENT

December 21, 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Troy Come join Fr. Chris Alar as he ministers to young adults ages 18-40 about Our Lady of Guadalupe! Hosted by Ardens Fidelis and the Young & Catholic Berkshires Chapter.

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The following items are needed for the Christmas Baskets distributed by the Guilderland Food Pantry: boxed potatoes (Scalloped, Au Gratin), brownie mix, gravy (turkey/chicken), canned pineapple and cooking oil. Thank you for the continued support of the Pantry. A Blessed Christmas to All.

I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us for a special screening of "I Am the Immaculate Conception" at the Regal Colonie Center and Crossgates on December 17th at 7 pm - don't miss this captivating film event!

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE—JAN 24

Join others from all across the country to march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. Learn more at marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

You are invited to join St. Thomas the Apostle Young Adult Group for an evening of pizza, wings, music and conversation titled "What's your direction?" A roundtable discussion on the importance of self care, dealing with stress, choosing a major, highlights of your semester and more! Thursday Dec. 19 from 6-7:30pm in the Gathering Hall at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar. tinyurl.com/styacollege

ONE-NIGHT ADVENT MISSION DEC 15, 6:30 PM AT ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Participants will be guided through five "stations," or familiar scenes from the Infancy Narrative in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. Each meditation will begin with the reading of a short reflection and Scripture. The focus will shift from spoken reflection to visual and musical reflection: artwork unfolds gradually as music plays. After the heart is opened to the mystery of the Incarnation through meditation, music, and artwork, there will be a seamless transition into an encounter with the True Presence of Christ in Eucharistic Adoration, delicately accompanied by music and periods of silence. Join us.

FINAL SYNOD DOCUMENT

The Vatican has made available a working translation in English of the final Synod Document found here synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

8 am Mass with Blessing of the Bambino
10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Room
11 am Mass with Blessing of the Bambino (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

Tuesday, December 17

9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass
9:45 am Adoration
7 pm Blue Christmas | Church| For those struggling with loss during the holidays

Wednesday, December 18

9 am Mass
6:15 pm Rosary | Church
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

9 am Mass
1pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Room
6 pm Coffee & Conversation | Knights Room
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room

Friday, December 20

6 pm Young Adult Potluck Christmas Gathering | Rectory | Ages 21-39

Saturday, December 21

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym
4 pm Mass
4 pm Holy Land Olive Wood Carvings Sale | Knights Room

Next Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4-1 pm Holy Land Olive Wood Carvings Sale | Knights Room
8 am Mass
10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Room
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

PARISH NEWS

CTK YOUNG ADULTS' CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Young Adults (ages 21-39) are welcome December 20 from 6–8:30 pm at CTK in the Rectory for a festive evening of food and fun! Bring a dish to share, and if you'd like to join the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. Sign up for the potluck at <https://shorturl.at/v2ohr> Questions? ask Nadine! annabinadine1@gmail.com.

THE PSALMS

Join us as longtime CTK parishioner and extraordinary musician Marie Woodward shares her insights and passion in a special presentation on the Psalms! This Coffee and Conversation will be held December 19 at **6 pm** in the Knights Chapel. Don't miss this inspiring evening exploring the beauty and meaning of the Psalms through the eyes of an accomplished musician and faithful parishioner. All are welcome—see you there!

A WALK THROUGH THE MASS

If you missed it last year, on December 16 at 7 pm, Fr. Rick will once again do a deep dive into the Mass. Learn the why behind what we do. This event is for all ages and all parishioners.

On December 2 & 3 Family Life hosted Faith formation Advent event to begin the Advent season. Thank you to all who helped make this event successful & to HS and MS faith formation classes & catechists who joined us in the Eucharistic Adoration, Advent Wreath Making and Christmas cookie decorating event. Special thank you to Fr. Charles for leading Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary & Colleen Kelty for baking her signature sugar cookies. Students received catechesis on the meaning of Advent and the tradition of the Advent wreath, "Jesus is the reason for the Season." Photo: Melissa O'Brien



The Parish of
CHRIST the KING
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Masses
20 Sumter Ave, Albany, NY

| | |
|---|---|
| TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 4 pm 7 pm 12 am Midnight Join us at 11:30 pm for carols | WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 10 am |
|---|---|

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - DECEMBER 17

The holiday season can be especially hard for those dealing with grief, loss, or challenges. Join us for a Blue Christmas Service—a time of reflection, comfort, and hope December 17 at 7 pm. This peaceful service offers space for healing and support during the holiday season. All are welcome.

HOLY LAND HAND CARVED ITEMS

The Holy Land Family group represents Bethlehem's Christian woodcarvers, who have lost their livelihoods due to the war in Israel and rely on selling hand-carved Olive Wood religious items. These items, including Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, and Rosaries, are sold to Catholic churches in the U.S. to support the artisans and their families. By purchasing these carvings after all Masses on Dec 21–22, you help sustain the Christian community in the Holy Land!

CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Winter weather has arrived. Please listen to School Closing announcements and NOTE if the Guilderland School district and/or Christ the King Early Childhood Education Center is CLOSED or DELAYED due to weather conditions, the 9 am Daily Mass will also be cancelled and the Church office will either be closed or delayed. Please be safe as we navigate the winter months.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, they are available in the parish office during office hours. They are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and represent a way to share God's love and compassion to those in need of comfort and solace.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ. ©LPi

When Trust & Experience Matter Call
Michael Keefrider
 COLDWELL BANKER PRIME PROPERTIES
 43 YEARS EXPERIENCE

OFFICE: 518-640-4143
 CELL: 518-423-0481

"It's a Great Day for Real Estate!"



PAUL GARY LONGO
 Real Estate Salesperson
 • Mobile: (518) 470-6497
 • LongoP63@gmail.com
 • 1801 Altamont Ave., Suite 1
 Schenectady, NY 12303
 www.PaulLongoSellsHomes.com



Hot & Iced
 • Pastries
 • Tea Lattes
 • Loose Teas

SHORT AND STOUT
 1736a Western Ave, Guilderland
 Wed-Sat 11-7 • Sun 11-5



Brooklyn's Finest
PAESAN'S PIZZA
 AND RESTAURANT

1785 Western Avenue
 518-464-0725
 paesanspizza.com



EDLEEZ TOBACCO INC.
 STUYVESANT PLAZA
 518-489-6872
 WALK-IN CIGAR HUMIDOR
 PIPE TOBACCO
 PIPES AND ACCESSORIES • LOTTERY

CANNON
 FUNERAL HOME

Honored to care for the families of Christ the King

John Cannon
 2020 Central Avenue, Albany
 518-869-1005



Head to Toe Body Works

Cathy Saladis, LMT
 518-229-0741
 www.headtotoe123.com

NYS Licenced
 Massage Therapist



Capital City Diner
 1709 Western Ave.
 Albany NY
 518-250-4261
 HOURS: Sun-Thu 7am-10pm
 Fri-Sat 7am-11pm
 www.capitalcitydinery.com



WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

New Management & Expanded Inventory!
DELIVERY AVAILABLE

Military/Veteran Discount
5% OFF WINE ONLY

Solid Mix or Match
 15% Off Wine Only
 12 ea 750ml / 6 ea 1.5L
 10% OFF Wine only
 6 ea 750ml / 3 ea 1.5L

Guilderland Wine & Liquor

2050 Western Avenue (Star Plaza) Guilderland | 518-456-7800
 Visit our website: www.GuilderlandWineLiquor.com Mon-Sat 9am-9pm • Sun 12-7pm

Lia
 Lia Cars for Life.

Roman Jewels
 Offering the area's most honest prices on gold, silver, coins and jewelry.

1717 Western Ave • 518.459.6331



TECTA AMERICA WEATHERCLARE
COMMERCIAL ROOFING
 New Construction / Roof Repairs / Maintenance
 24/7/365 Emergency Service
 518-356-5000
 2003 Chrysler Ave., Schenectady
 www.tectaamerica.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets
 833-287-3502



OSHINS OF SMILES
 Dentistry For Total Body Wellness

- General and Pediatric Dentist
- Cosmetic Dentist - Teeth Whitening, Porcelain Veneer
- Orthodontics - Invisalign Clear Aligner
- Restorations - Bonded Fillings, Crowns
- Dental Implant Service
- Sleep Apnea Treatment

If you are looking for a dentist who specializes in patients with dental anxiety, Dr. Oshins is very gentle and has a calming effect on his patients. Call and schedule an appointment with him today. He and his team will ensure you are at your best!

3905 Carman Road
 Guilderland
 (518) 356-5635

Mention this ad and parishioners will save 10% off their first visit.

Dr. STEVEN OSHINS **Parishioner**
 OSHINSOFSMILES.COM ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS



IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ As Low As **\$19.95/mo.**

- ✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire
- ✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.808.9294 • md-medalert.com



NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Victoria Russo

vrucco@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6283



Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator



De Marco-Stone
FUNERAL HOME, INC.
 Independent Family Owned & Operated - Since 1921

www.demarcostonefuneralhome.com 356-5925
 5216 WESTERN TURNPIKE | P.O. BOX 430 | GUILDERLAND, NY 12084



DANIEL KEENAN
FUNERAL HOME
 (518) 463-1594

490 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY 12209
www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com



Peregrine SENIOR LIVING

Crossgate - Assisted Living & Independent Living
 518-859-0211
 140 WASHINGTON AVE EXTENSION ALBANY, NY 12203
PeregrineSeniorLiving.com/Crossgate

Guilderland - Assisted Living & Memory Care
 518-218-0506
 300 MILL ROSE COURT SLINGERLANDS NY 12159
PeregrineSeniorLiving.com/Guilderland

JIMMY JOHN'S
 Since 1953

WORLD'S GREATEST GOURMET SANDWICHES

Open Mon-Sun Until 10p 518-464-5616



catholicmatch®
 New York

CatholicMatch.com/NY



FREE AD DESIGN

with purchase of this space

CALL
 800-477-4574



SUPPORT OUR PARISH



GRAND PREMIER
 TIRES & CUSTOM WHEELS

TIRES & AUTO REPAIR
 IN EAST GREENBUSH & SCHENECTADY
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

3361 S. Thompson, Schenectady 518-630-5055 • 591 Columbia Tpk, East Greenbush 518-477-4753



RIZZO & SON'S METAL SCRAPPING
 FERROUS & NON FERROUS METALS
 518-542-7673 • nymets3156@yahoo.com

Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Humidifiers, Lawnmowers, Snowblowers, Fencing, Piping, Dishwashers, Tools, Electrical Wires, Engines, Anything Metal

SIMPLE CHOICES
 INC.
 Cremation with Confidence™

Cremation WITH CONFIDENCE GUARANTEE

- Excellence
- Compassion
- Affordability
- Peace of Mind

218 2nd Avenue, Troy NY 12180



Did you know?

The Catholic Church has permitted cremation since 1963.

Let us help you plan the perfect tribute. We have the answers to your questions, and the experience to bring it all together.

Inquire about our Catholic Cremation Plan Today.

Roy F. Bordeau
 Owner/Manager

Call 518-435-8030 Any Hour, Day or Night or visit us online at SimpleChoicesCremation.com

