

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023



### Upcoming Events

## Lenten Events &

## Daily Mass Schedule

For the next 3 Fridays we will start with a Daily Mass at 4:30 pm wherever we are doing the Stations of the Cross. Directly after we will have Mary's Way of the Cross. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing/**Pizza to follow**; on March 24<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing/No Fellowship; March 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown/Soup Supper. Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cluster Reconciliation.

The only other Daily Mass will be on Monday's at Elderwood in North Creek at 1 pm.

## St. James North Creek

### Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873  
3/12 Mass People of the Parish  
3/19 Catherine & Aiden Surlis

*Req. Theresa O'Kane*

**Offertory:** 3/5 \$335

**Diocesan Appeal:** We still have \$1,872 to go. We have collected \$5,381 which is 74% of our goal of \$7,252, with 21 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

## St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

3/11 Grace Lombardo *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*  
3/11 Tony Chabarek *Req. Regina Chabarek*  
3/18 Dorothy Coppola

**Offertory:** 3/5 \$771

**Diocesan Appeal:** Wow! We have collected \$19,573 which is 99.6% of our goal of \$19,659, with 66 gifts to date. We have only **\$86** left to go. Fantastic job! We strive for 100% participation, not

## Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

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**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.

3/12 Charlie Hensler *Req. Pat Hensler*  
3/19 Mass Intention Available

**Offertory:** 3/5 \$628

**Diocesan Appeal:** We have only still collected \$15,275 which is 61% of our goal of \$25,008, with 42 gifts to date. We still have \$9,733 left to achieve our assessment. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

Next Collections: 3/5 Bl. & Native/Latin American  
3/12 Turkey/Syria CRS Collection

**No Daily Mass or the Rosary due to maintenance in the Church till further notice.**

## Womans Retreat

March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup> Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This years theme is "Make My Joy Complete" (Philippians 2:2). The Guest Director is Mary Reddy Reichley, OPA, D. Min. Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Open to all faiths and all ages. *Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 or Pat Audi 518-792-3447 for more information.*

## North Country Ministry

**Save the Date**  
**2023 Spring Fundraiser**  
**Boot Scootin' Ball**  
**Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm**  
**At The Queensbury Hotel**

### Easter Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

### Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. ©LPi

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### HE IS LIVING WATER

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

