

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin
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Weekend Mass Schedule

5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

8:00 am, Sunday, St. James Church, North Creek

9:30 am, Sunday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

11:00 am, Sunday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

Mass at one of our Sister churches? Please designate your offertory for your own parish.

Weekday Mass Schedule

1:30 pm, Monday, November 5th, Elderwood At North Creek

No other weekday Masses this week

No weekday Masses in St. James, North Creek during the winter months – Masses will resume in May 2019

Cluster Mass – All Souls Day – Monday, November 5th

7:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Cluster Mass for all souls in our Book of Life, especially those who passed away this year

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

Please call Fr. John at 518-824-1181

BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER’S MESSAGE ON PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING

“The gruesome attack on families celebrating the life of a newborn at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last week was a despicable act of anti-Semitism and of violence against the sanctity of all human life. We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters as they pick up the pieces of their shattered community in the aftermath of this hate-driven crime. We pray, too, for those whose lives were cut short, for those who lost loved ones, and for those who put themselves in danger in an effort to protect others. We will continue to be a force for good, replacing hatred with love, evil with goodness, and curses with blessings. Our faith in a loving God who created us all reminds us that we belong to each other as members of one human family. Summoned by a God who loves each one of us personally and unconditionally, we will not let hate win.”

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!

After months of planning, hope and prayer, pledge sheets are arriving! With your support, we can be assured of a successful campaign! Remember, this is our legacy for those to come!

Many of you are struggling and discerning your contribution. Whatever the reason, please let me know your concerns. We cannot shepherd each other if we let our anger get the best of us. Please pledge your sacrificial gift. Your pledge can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the Parish Center. We are doing together what we cannot do alone. May God bless us as we continue to “Re-Ignite our Faith!”

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will address the congregation on Saturday, December 15th, at the 4 pm Mass in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, regarding this campaign.

Fr. John O’Kane



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

John Conway

Lauren Monroe

Nick Watson

Mario Willette

May the Holy Spirit continue to enrich them on their faith-filled journey!

Prayer

God of untiring mercy open our hearts to hear your voice. Send your living flame of love into our hearts to overflow with abundant generosity of spirit. May the burning passion of your love for all transfigure our lives, our families and our parishes.

Re-ignite in us each day the joy of spreading the Gospel and may our living faith in you shine in our hearts each day.

We place our prayer in the heart of Mary, Patroness of our Nation and our Diocese. **Amen**

CHRISTIAN LIFE!

But for us Christians, how is the Christian life summed up? By going to Mass on Sundays and holy days? By making First Fridays? By observing Lent? Are those acts more akin to the burnt offerings and sacrifices prescribed by the law? Might there be something more foundational to the Christian life than even doctrines, creeds, holy days, or lent? Perhaps Jesus' words are meant for us, too. If only we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. Copyright *Living Liturgy* 2018

North Country Ministry

Judy Carr, 251-4460 or 623-2829 www.NorthCountryMinistry.org

Items Needed: Coats for toddlers through teen agers, clothing for infants and children, shoes, sneakers, diapers, baby wipes, clothing for men and shoes, clothing for women and shoes, bed linens and towels, beds/mattresses, other furniture. Furniture donations can only be accepted at the Furniture Barn. Call for a pick-up or before delivering.

Cluster News

Bake Sale: Initiated by our Youth Ministry & Religious Education Groups: Sunday, November 11th, following the 9:30 am Mass. Proceeds will benefit the Youth of St. Isaac Jogues.

Special Collection: Weekend of November 10th & 11th: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked the Diocese of Albany to take a special collection to cover the humanitarian, educational and worship site needs created by domestic disasters. This emergency collection is intended to cover needs created by future 2018 domestic storms/calamities.

Second Collection: Weekend of November 18th: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Second Collections 2019: Many of our usual second collections will be eliminated or changed next year.

These are: no Building & Maintenance, no Capital Improvement, one Fuel, one Utilities, one North Country Ministry. "If we nourish ourselves first, than we will be able to nurture those in need!" Hopefully the reduction in collections will help us to fulfill that! The Diocesan collections are the same as in past years. Our concentration will remain on our "Re-Igniting our Faith Campaign." The success of this Campaign, with the elimination or change in the above-mentioned second collections, will allow us to become fiscally sound and healthy. We can then look forward to more stability.

ST. JAMES

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 13 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$22,600! This is 27% of our goal of \$85,000.

Mass Intentions: Sunday, 11/11 People of the Parish 8:00 am

Regular Offertory: July, August, September 2018 \$12,468 2017 \$14,059

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 40 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$69,875! This is 35% of our goal of \$200,000.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets: Our Food Basket ministry is in need of non-perishable food and monetary donations. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one. If you have a turkey to donate, call John Vollaro at 518-494-4398 for information. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello, and pudding. Please leave your donations in the box near the church entrance. We welcome any other non-perishable food. Can you help the team?

Mass Intentions: Saturday, 11/10 Nettie Buckley, Grace Eaton, Beth & Kevin Colton 5:30 pm
Req/Alan Tougas Family

Sunday, 11/11 People of the Parish 9:30 am

Regular Offertory: July, August, September 2018 \$42,324 2017 \$41,960