

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin
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ESTATE PLANNING

Please consider continuing your support of your Churches,
Parish of St. Isaac Jogues or St. James Church, in your estate plan.
Your generosity will be remembered annually in our Book of Life.

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 12th, Elderwood At North Creek

9:00 am, Wednesday, November 14th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 am, Thursday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

1:30 pm, Thursday, Elderwood At North Creek

Winter Schedule for Vigil Masses Changes on Saturday, November 24th

4:00 pm, Saturday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Saturday, St. James, North Creek

Hospital Visits

Please contact Fr. John if a parishioner is hospitalized or in a nursing home

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

Please call Fr. John at 518-824-1181

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

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**

GOOD DISCIPLES!

We learn how to be good disciples from others who follow Jesus faithfully, who contribute to the good of all out of the surplus with which God has blessed them. The gospel holds up the poor widow as a model for the total self-giving of the true disciple. We need but look around us to find strong models for true discipleship. Nor is it a matter of these disciple-models giving large sums of money. Giving a bit of time each week for the good of another, participating in at least some parish activities beyond going to Mass and contributing to the collection basket, signing up when volunteers are needed are all ways of contributing a little, which makes a huge difference in overall parish life and community life. Even “something” can be our “all.” So, are we true disciples? Copyright: *Living Liturgy*, 2015

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.

Giving Tree Program: Once again this year, we will participate in the Giving Tree Program. Christmas gifts of clothing and toys will be distributed to families in greatest need. North Country Ministry caseworkers report that it is tremendously moving to see the emotions expressed by the parents when their children open our generous gifts. This Hand of Hope is a joyful expression of our love, concern and compassion. Tags with requests will soon be available on our Christmas trees. If you prefer to participate in the Giving Tree Program by making a monetary donation, kindly send a check payable to North Country Ministry, PO Box 478, Warrensburg, NY 12885, or call Jordan Brown, Program Associate, at 518-623-2829. Volunteer shoppers are needed. If you are interested in joining the Giving Tree effort in this way, please contact North Country Ministry.

Cluster News

Vocations: See the resources in the back of the church to help promote priestly and religious vocations.

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 remain 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.

Family Concert: Sunday, December 9th, 7 pm, St. Ambrose Parish, 347 Loudon Road, Lathan, 518-785-1351: Performance by Vince Ambrosetti, Catholic Artist of the Year, 2001, composed recorded, and by invitation of the Vatican, performed for Pope John Paul II the first English Mass setting ever sung at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, as well as numerous other award winning performances.

ST. JAMES

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: Tuesday, November 20th, 10:30 am, Elderwood At North Creek

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: Wednesday, November 21st, 7 pm, Sodom Community Church.

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 15 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$26,100! This is 31% of our goal of \$85,000. For those who have pledged or donated, a response will be coming from the Diocese.

Mass Intentions: Sunday, 11/18 People of the Parish 8:00 am

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

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: Sunday, November 18th, 7 pm, Christ Church/Sun Rise

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 44 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$76,875! This is 39% of our goal of \$200,000. For those who have pledged or donated, a response will be coming from the Diocese. Please note: on Saturday, November 24th, at the 4 pm Mass, Guy Savio, from “All in Glass,” will address the congregation on the condition of our stained-glass windows.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets: Thanks to all who donated so generously to fill the Thanksgiving food baskets. We will be packing the baskets in the Parish Center on Friday, November 16th, at 3 pm. If you would like to help, please call John at 518-494-4398. Donations for Christmas baskets will begin next week.

Mass Intentions: Saturday, 11/17 Julie Haggarty Req/Slivas 5:30 pm

Sunday, 11/18 Millie Murphy Req/Comm/Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am

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