

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin
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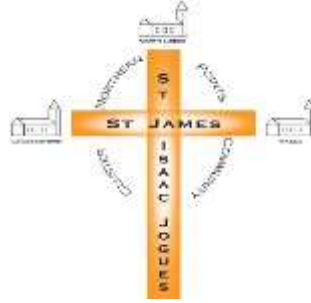
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ESTATE PLANNING

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

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

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

8:00 am, Sunday, St. James, 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 26th, Elderwood At North Creek

9:00 am, Wednesday, November 28th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

5:30 pm, Friday, December 7th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Hospital Visits

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment

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**

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS!

The Kingdom of Jesus is not found in the world's centers of power, as it is not of this world. It is built not by deals among the world's powerbrokers but by the calloused hands of faithful and generous souls. Chris's reign is influenced not by political or economic power but by compassion, humility, and justice. We who have been baptized in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ are called to keep our eyes on that other-worldly kingdom. The "kingship" of Jesus is partially realized in our embracing a vision of humankind as a family made in the image of God, a vision of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, a vision of the world centered in the hope and compassion taught by Christ. Copyright: *Living Liturgy*, 2018

North Country Ministry

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

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

Giving Tree Program: Christmas is a special time for children. Once again this year, we will participate in the Giving Tree Program. Christmas gifts of clothing and toys will be distributed to those families in need. Tags will be on the tree soon, and your new gift should be individually wrapped with the tag adhered to the outside of the wrapped gift and placed under the tree for delivery to North Country Ministry by Friday, December 14th. If you prefer to participate in the Giving Tree Program by making a monetary donation, we will forward the donation on to North Country Ministry. Volunteer shoppers are needed. If you are interested in joining the Giving Tree effort in this way, please contact North Country Ministry.

Cluster News

Breaking Open the Word: We are looking into forming a weekly study on the Word with Lectio Divina Prayer. Lectio Divina is prayer using the Scriptures and allowing interior silence that allows a space for deep listening to the voice of God. We would begin with an Advent Cluster Retreat facilitated by Joan Nolan, Executive Director of John Paul II Center for women. If you have an interest and feel the Spirit is calling you to be part of "Breaking Open the Word," please call Mary Filkins at 518-494-3588, Fr. John, or the office.

Christmas Cantata: Saturday, December 8th, 7 pm, St. Sacrament Episcopal Church, Bolton Landing and Sunday, December 9th, 3 pm, The Community United Methodist Church, Chestertown—"Jesus is Born Tonight" by Lloyd Larson. There is a spot for children in the chorus. Contact the office if your child might be interested in participating.

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 other numerous award-winning performances.

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers, weekend of December 9th

ST. JAMES

Adirondack Community Outreach Center: A "New Toy" donation box is in place in Church for those children who can look forward to a bright Christmas! This annual Toy GiveAway will take place December 6th and December 8th at the Outreach Center. This program provides an opportunity for parents and grandparents to "shop" for new Christmas gifts for their children at no charge. Time is most important, so please be sure to have your gift in the toy box by next weekend, Sunday, December 2nd.

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 16 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$26,600! This is 32% of our goal of \$85,000. For those who have pledged or donated, a response will be coming from the Diocese.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 12/01	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
Sunday, 12/02	People of the Parish	8:00 am

Readers, Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers: See Karen or Joyce following Mass to set the December schedule.

Second Collection: North Country Ministry, weekend of December 2nd

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Helpers Fund: Tags will soon be in place on our Christmas tree for the needy children who come through the Helpers Fund. These gifts should be wrapped, with the tag adhered to the outside of the gift and placed under the tree by the weekend of December 15th & 16th for distribution on Tuesday, December 18th.

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 50 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$89,000! This is 45% of our goal of \$200,000. For those who have pledged or donated, a response will be coming from the Diocese.

Christmas Food Baskets: Our Food Basket ministry is accepting donations of food and money as Christmas approaches. Suggested food items for this week are pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, gravy, and dried potatoes. Please leave your donations in the container at the entrance of the church, and monetary donations can be placed in the box provided. Want to join the food basket team? Call John @518-494-4398.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 12/01	People of the Parish	4:00 pm
Sunday, 12/02	Millie Murphy Req/Annette & Joe Tyrrel	9:30 am