

**Northern Points Cluster Bulletin**  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018**

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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, December 3rd, Elderwood At North Creek

*No Weekday Masses except for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

**Reminder: There is no daily morning Mass when school is canceled or delayed**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

5:30 pm, Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

7:00 pm, Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

**Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**

6:30 pm, Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

**Hospital Visits**

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

**Preparation for Baptism and Marriage**

*Please contact Fr. John at 518-824-1181*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*By Appointment*

**Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

4:00 pm, Family Mass, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

7:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

9:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

**Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

9:30 am, St. James, North Creek

11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

**New Year's Eve & Day Mass Schedule**

*(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)*

5:30 pm, Monday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

9:00 am, Tuesday, St. James, North Creek

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

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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**

### **ADVENT, A SEASON OF PREPARATION!**

Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the feast of Christmas. We prepare spiritually to greet Christ when he comes again. We also look to how we can prepare our world to become more and more like the Kingdom of God where love and justice rule. Advent is a time when we live this preparation in an intentional manner but waiting and preparing are constant hallmarks of the Christian life. Copyright: *Living Liturgy*, 2019

### **North Country Ministry**

*Judy Carr, 251-4460 or 623-2829* [www.NorthCountryMinistry.org](http://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:** Tags are on the tree, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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**

**Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick:** Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. This is a time to prepare for the Christmas Season with Jesus' healing presence for our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. As we begin the new Church year, we ask and seek the Lord for his healing presence through this Sacrament.

**Second Collection:** Christmas Flowers, weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Cantata:** Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, St. Sacrament Episcopal Church, Bolton Landing and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm, The Community United Methodist Church, Chestertown.

**Family Concert:** Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, St. Ambrose Parish, 347 Loudon Road, Lathan, 518-785-1351.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Welcome Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and February 1-3, 2019 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://wwmenyalb.org/>.

**RCIA:** Do you know someone who would like to know more about this program or the Catholic Church, or is there a family member who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Does someone need encouragement from you to enter this program? Please call Fr. John or the office for more information.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Outreach Center. This program is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to "shop" for new Christmas gifts for their children at no charge. Please have your gift in the toy box by this weekend.

**Save the Date:** Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Golden Opportunity Raffle – Basil & Wicks, 1 pm to 4 pm – Raffle tickets are \$100. Letters will soon be out! More to follow!

**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, 12/08	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
Sunday, 12/09	People of the Parish	8:00 am

## **ST. ISAAC JOGUES**

**Helpers Fund:** Tags are 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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 needs 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 donation, call John Vollaro at 518-494-4398 for more information. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello, and pudding.

**Mass Intentions:**

Saturday, 12/08	Joan Conway	Req/Rounds/DeBartolo	4:00 pm
Sunday, 12/09	Julia Haggarty	Req/Kathy Belanger	9:30 am