

**Northern Points Cluster Bulletin**  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 16, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, Elderwood At North Creek

9:00 am, Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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

**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

Carols will be sung ½ hour before the 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm Masses

**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

7:00 pm, Monday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

10:00 am, Tuesday, 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 contact Fr. John at 518-824-1181

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By Appointment

## 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!” *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**

## APPROACHING CHRISTMAS!

The season of Advent is halfway over, and Christmas is drawing near. How does God call to you to let go of anxieties and make room for the joy of Christmas? Yes, we are approaching Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, when God chose to become a human being to draw near to us. As you prepare to proclaim this psalm of thanksgiving and joy, pause to reflect on how you have experienced Emmanuel, “God with us,” in your own 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 as 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.

### Cluster News

**Second Collection:** North Country Ministry, Weekend of December 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

**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? Is there a family member who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please call Fr. John.

## ST. JAMES

**Christmas Eve Gathering:** Enjoy eggnog and cookies following the 9:30 pm Mass.

**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 17 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$26,625! This is 32% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 12/22	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
	Sunday, 12/23	Joan Burch      Req/Judy & Larry Cook	8:00 am

## ST. ISAAC JOGUES

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** With 53 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$90,850! This is 46% of our goal of \$200,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

**Save the Day:** Italian Night, Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, following the 4:00 pm Mass!

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 12/22	Paul Amara      Req/DeBartolo/Rounds	4:00 pm
	Sunday, 12/23	People of the Parish	9:30 am