

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

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, January 7th, Elderwood At North Creek

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

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

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

GIFTS OF THE MAGI!

Both children and adults enjoy giving and receiving gifts; it seems to be part of the human condition. For the receiver there is an element of surprise. What could it be? Perhaps some anticipation comes with opening the gift and there is a sense of wonder. For the giver there is the joy of generosity in seeing the look on the face of the one who receives. There is the joy that comes in simply thinking of the other and providing something for the other not because it was earned, but instead because it comes from a place of generosity. Stories of gifts come to be a part of family and friend lore as well. It's likely that many of us can quickly call to mind gifts that we've given or received. The gifts given by the magi in some way represent or symbolize the best physical objects that humanity has to offer. Jesus is the best God has to offer. By the conclusion of the gospel story, humanity will have executed Jesus, the gift of God, only to have God raise him up from the dead. This expression of the paschal mystery guides our thoughts today when the magi present the best of human intentions. Copyright, *Living Liturgy* 2019

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!

Please keep in prayer this continuing Campaign. Let us realize that the Holy Spirit is calling us to become aware of our needs in our beautiful churches, in our Cluster, and in our Diocese. Please contact me if you are struggling with donating or pledging. We must shepherd each other. Remember, 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

THE 38TH GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

St. James Church

Support the major fund-raising event for the Parish by taking a chance!

Many people place several names on the same ticket!

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Contribution for Raffle Ticket: \$100

(Only 200 Tickets will be available)

Place: Basil & Wicks

Date: Sunday, January 27th

Times: 1 pm to 4 pm – Happy Hour 1 pm (cash bar) – Dinner 1:30 pm

Dinner: Italian Buffet

Music: Frank Conti & his Band

Dinner Tickets & Reservations: \$25/adult - \$10/child (12 & under)

Please call Joyce Parker at 518-251-2273

Cluster News

Second Collection: The Evangelist, Weekend of January 19th & 20th

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Start the New Year by enriching your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and October 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY. 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.

Bottle Drive: The Youth Ministry Group will be collecting and redeeming clean and washed bottles as their contribution to our Re-igniting Our Faith Campaign. These bottles can be left in St. Isaac Jogues or St. James, to be picked up and handled by this group.

Souper Bowl: Our Youth Ministry Group will be collecting food items the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd in St. Isaac Jogues and North Creek to be distributed to families in need in our Community. Food items can be left in the churches, and any non-perishable food will be appreciated.

ST. JAMES

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.

Mass Intentions:	Saturday, 1/12	Amelia Schlosser	Req/Marianne Burke	5:30 pm
	Sunday, 1/13	People of the Parish		8:00 am

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Stained Glass Windows: Guy Savio. From “All in Glass,” has invited us to visit his studio to see his process with stained glass windows, on Saturday, January 26th, from 10 am to Noon. Please call the office if interested.

Eagle Boy Scout Project: As a project to complete his Eagle Scout Award, Thomas Conway has volunteered to build a bathroom on the second floor of the Parish Center. Donations to help defray costs for this project would be appreciated. Please contact the office. Kudos to this young man for choosing this project for our church!

Re-igniting Our Faith: With 56 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$95,050! This is 48% of our goal of \$200,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Save the Day: Italian Night, Saturday, January 19th, following the 4:00 pm Mass!

Helper’s Fund: A sincere thank you is extended from the Helper’s Fund to our generous parishioners for making many families smile this Christmas. “We are so blessed to have such a caring community.”

Welcome: Members of the LaSalle Institute will be celebrating Mass with our Community on Saturday, January 19th, at 4 pm.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish Community, Wells Mooney and Westyn Mooney, baptized Saturday, December 30th, in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. May God continue to bless Wells and Westyn and their family.

Mass Intentions:	Saturday, 1/12	People of the Parish		4:00 pm
	Sunday, 1/13	Bryan Frasier	Req/Lee & JoAnn Flammer	9:30 am