

4th Sunday Ordinary Time January 29, 2023



Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023.
St. Patty's Day Parade, Saturday, March 11th in Chestertown at 2 pm. St. Isaac Jogues will be marching. Come Join Us!

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.

1/29 Frank McDonald

Req. Deacon Joe & Annette

1/29 Al Van Valkenburgh

Req. Michael, Claire, Maggie & Liam

2/5 Mimi Roessler *Req. Dawn Faller*

2/5 Michelle Hubley *Req. Al & Suellen Franz*

Offertory: 1/15/23 \$968

Diocesan Appeal: We have collected \$14,105 which is 56.4% of our goal of \$25,008, with 37 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.

7 more weeks of Winter.



St. James North Creek

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

1/28 Gretchen Millington *Req. Peg Mc Clean*

2/4 & 211 Mass Intentions Available

Offertory: 1/21/23 \$331

Diocesan Appeal: We have collected \$5,381 which is 74% of our goal of \$7,252, with 21 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.

42nd St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle: AND the winner is?? The Winner will be announced after today's Mass.

St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

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Sat, 1/28 Jim Mulholland *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

Sun, 1/29 Edward Kolakowski *Req. Janet Early*

Sat, 2/4 Paul Baltes *Req. Patricia Baltes*

Sat, 2/11 Colton Family, Nettie Buckley,
Theresa Todd *Req. Ann Tougas*

Offertory: 1/14 & 1/15 \$2,766

Diocesan Appeal: Wow! We have collected \$17,673 which is 89% of our goal of \$19,659, with 57 gifts to date. We have only \$1,986 left to go. Fantastic job! We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.



Beginning Friday February 3rd: VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers) in Warren, Washington, & Northern Saratoga counties in February and March. This is free tax assistance for families and individuals whose household income is \$60,00 or less per year. Call 1-800-211-5128 to schedule an appointment. March 2nd will be at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center. If enough people call to make an appointment, they possibly would open another date!

Woman's Retreat

March 31st through April 2nd Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This year's theme is "Make My Joy Complete" (Philippians 2:2). The Guest Director is Mary Reddy Reichley, OPA, D. Min. Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Open to all faiths and all ages. Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 or Pat Audi 518-792-3447 for more information.

The Art of Retreat

Recognizing God in the Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act. *For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17*

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him. — *Father John Muir.* ©LPi

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