

**Northern Points Cluster Bulletin**  
**Rev. John O’Kane, Pastor of St. James & St. Isaac Jogues**  
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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2020**

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

5:30 pm, Saturday, 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, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Elderwood at North Creek

See Ash Wednesday Services

**Services for Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. James, North Creek

3:30 pm, Children’s Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

**Ash Wednesday Services in Area Churches**

7:00 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

7:30 am, Mass with Distribution of Ashes, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury

7:00 pm, Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes, Our Lady of Annunciation, Queensbury

8:00 am & Noon, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Sacred Heart, Lake George

7:00 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Cecilia, Warrensburg

**Fasting & Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting & abstinence.

“Abstinence” is to abstain from meat.

“Fasting” means not eating in-between meals and only having one main meal  
with two smaller meals not equaling the main meal.

Also, the custom in our Diocese is to observe Lenten Fridays as days of abstinence.

Those ages 18 to 59 are asked to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:30 pm, Saturdays, or by appointment

11:00 am, Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Cecilia, Warrensburg

**Hospital Visits**

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

**Preparation for Baptism and Marriage**

Please call Fr. John at 518-824-1181

## RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!

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*

## BE LIKE OUR FATHER!

In striving to be like our heavenly Father, we are called to emulate God’s kindness and mercy, to others and to ourselves. Is there a situation in your life that is calling out for mercy and compassion? How might you embrace the perfect love of God as you move forward? Copyright, *Living Liturgy 2020*

## Cluster News

**Ways to Give:** There is information in the back of the church with instructions on ways to give to our *Re-Igniting Our Faith* Campaign. Thank you to those who have already contributed or pledged.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** “Communication is an art learned in moments of peace to be practiced in moments of difficulty” and says of spouses that “Each must set aside all illusions and accept the other as he or she actually is: an unfinished product, needing to grow, a work in progress.” The WWME Community in the Albany Diocese invites parishioners to focus on their marriage, enhance the art of communication, and grow in love and unity with God. The next weekends are March 27-29, Latham, NY, July 10-12, East Windsor, CT, November 6-8, East Windsor, Ct. Contacts: Katharine: 518-536-0216 [katharineweis@gmail.com](mailto:katharineweis@gmail.com) or Chris 518-779-2090, [zchrisiscool@outlook.com](mailto:zchrisiscool@outlook.com) or [www.wwmectw.org](http://www.wwmectw.org) or 860-315-2127. See the flyer in back.

**Magnificat:** Albany Chapter of Magnificat - Women’s Breakfast, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 12:00 pm, Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Road, Lathan. Guest Speaker Lynda Holler. Topic, “Living & Learning God’s Truth Through Both the Joys and the Sorrows.” See the flyer for additional information and to register.

**Retreat for Women:** Weekend of April 3-5: Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. The Guest Director is Sr. Julia Mary Werner, a Sister of Mercy. This year’s theme: “Trust in the Lord with All your heart.” Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Individual or private consultation with any staff will be available. Open to all faith and all ages. Information/questions, flyer in back of the church or call Ginny Raymond, 518-251-3515.

## North Country Ministry

*518-251-4460 or 518-623-2828*

**Bedding & Towels:** There is a need for these items. Can you help?

## ST. JAMES

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** We are in the midst of our Capital Campaign. With 24 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$32,425! This is 39% of our goal of \$85,000. There is still time to pledge or donate!

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 2/29 People of the Parish 5:30 pm

## ST. ISAAC JOGUES

**Music Ministry:** The Easter Season is fast approaching, and we are preparing our music. We invite you to join us for a rehearsal or two and see if you would like to be a part of the Music Ministry. We welcome men, women, teens, children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and over. Rehearsals, 30 minutes before Mass and an introduction to new music, 30 minutes after Mass. Come share your God-given talent, vocal or instrumental. Build our choir!

**St. Patrick’s Day:** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: march in the parade with St. Isaac Jogues parishioners this year! Enjoy a corn-beef & cabbage dinner in the Parish Center at 5 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for soda bread, desserts, or salads. A suggested offering is \$5 per person or \$10 per family for dinner.

**Address for Betty McCartney:** c/o Liz Paquette; 72 Cliff Street; Hastings on Hudson, NY 12706 or [marties2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:marties2@nycap.rr.com). Betty is recuperating from a fall.

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** With your continued generosity, our current total of 83 pledges and donations is \$143,135! This is 72% of our \$200,000 goal. There is still time to pledge or donate!

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to John Webster! May God continue to Bless John.

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 2/29 Michelle Pavia Req/K. DeBartolo 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 3/01 People of the Parish 9:30 am