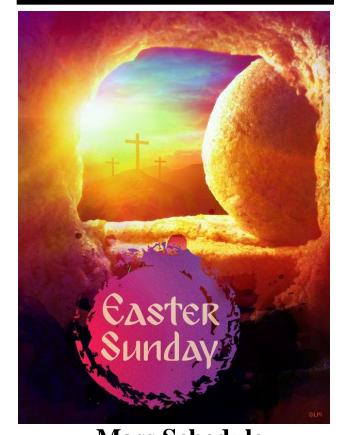
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 31, 2024 & April 7, 2024



Mass Schedule Sat. 4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues Sat, 5:30 pm, St. James Sun. 9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues Sun. 10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament Please leave message: Messages left on the machine are seen via email even if we are not in the office!

Offertory

Weekend	St. James	St. Isaac	Bl. Sac
March 17	\$603	\$2,920	\$988
March 24	Closed	\$2,425	\$591

Blessed Sacrament

Intentions: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858. 3/31 Offering for Easter Flowers 4/7 Intentions of the Torebka Family Req. Ellie & Tom Torebka 4/7 Kathy Spahn Reg. Dawn Faller 4/7 Joseph Funaro Reg Paul & Steve Flint Prayer Intentions: Please call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765 Daily Mass: We will have our Daily Mass on Thursday at 9:30 am followed by Adoration. **Linens:** We need someone to come forward to help wash the weekly linens that we use for Mass. Do you have a little time to give to this Ministry? Diving Mercy Novena: will start on Good Friday at 3 pm and will continue through April 6^{th} . Praying Divine Mercy Chaplet: will be on Sunday, April 7th at 3 pm.

St. James

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

St. James Golden Opportunity

HURRY, Get your ticket! Going Fast! 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 if all 200 tickets are sold. **Place:** Basil & Wick's Restaurent. **Date:** April 7th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Dinner: Itailian Buffet – Cost \$35

Music: Frank Conti & Band.

Call Joyce Parker for additional information @ 518-251-2220.

Baptism: Savannah Utley, Colton & Cooper Jordan will receive the Sacrament of Baptism and Connor Briggs will receive his 1st Communion on Saturday, April 6th at the 5:30 pm Mass. Let us lift these children up in prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament.

St. Isaac Jogues

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873 3/31 Jack Williams *Req. Shelly Williams* 4/6 4 pm, Linda Koch *Req. Mary Ann Hill* 4/7 9 am Andrew & Ida Niemiec & Sol & Ruth Oberman *Req. Mona & Seth Oberman* Cinco de Mayo: Meeting, Tuesday, April 16th at 5 pm.

North Country Ministry

SAVE the DATE Cocktails for Charity Black & White Spring Fundraiser

Friday, April 26, 2024, from 6 pm—10pm Fort William Henry, Carriage House 48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845

Children & Baby Clothes: are desperately needed. Winter clothing is on sale, please consider donating clothes to this cause.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time." **Rachel's Vineyard** is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat will be held **May 3-5, 2024** at the **Dominican Retreat & Conference Center** in **Niskayuna.** The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 or email rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com

Diocesan Assessment Appeal

"Restore to me the joy of your Salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit". Psalm 51:14. The Season of Lent has approached us, and I cannot think of a better way to serve our Loving Master than contributing to the 2023 Diocesan Appeal. To date, St. Isaac Jogues has collected \$15,940 with 49 gifts, which is 86.8% of our Appeal. Blessed Sacrament has collected \$14,975 with 44 gifts, which is 49% of our Appeal. St. James has collected \$1,853 with 6 gifts, which is 37% of our Appeal. We are stewards of the Roman Catholic faith, working together to serve our Master up here in God's Country, the beautiful Adirondacks. We look for 100% participation not equal sacrifice. The amount not collected will be taken out of our operating funds, putting a strain on our budget. If you would mail a check payable to "Diocesan Appeal" to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 or go online at www.thediocesasappeal.org St. James' Assessment is \$5,000 St. Isaac Jogues' Assessment is \$18,357

Bl. Sacrament's Assessment is \$31,043

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Pro Life Decision on Chemical Abortion We are asked to pray from March 25th through the end of June, when the Supreme Court will make a decision.

Recognizing God in our Ordinary Moments

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." — John 20:2 ©LPi