

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023



His mercy endures forever.

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 19-21, 2023, 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. The cost is \$195, which includes a private room, meals and retreat materials. Financial assistance will be available for those unable to pay the entire cost. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com

St. James North Creek

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
4/9 Easter Flower Intentions
2nd Collection 4-23-23 Catholic Charities

Offertory: 4/1 \$935 3/25 \$445

Diocesan Appeal: We have met our Diocesan Appeal!!! Total contributions was \$9,083 with 28 gifts. Our assessment was \$7,252. Of the \$1,831 that is over we will get back from the Diocese 915.50. We thank you! Your stewardship is deeply appreciated.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

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

4/16 Norman Helmstetter *Req. Anne Helmstetter*
4/23 Constance Gratzner *Req. Anne Helmstetter*

Rosary Resumes Tuesday @ 9:30 am

Daily Mass Resumes Thursday @ 9:30 am

Offertory: 4/9 \$1742

Diocesan Appeal: So happy to report we have collected \$22,765, which is 91% of our goal of \$25,008, with 70 gifts to date. We still have \$2,243 left to achieve our assessment. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

Please take the generic envelopes and put your name on them. Inside the envelope, please let us know what you are contributing to. THANK YOU for your patience.

Our 2nd Collections

4-16-23 Buildings & Maintenance

St. Isaac Jogues

Chestertown/Hague

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

4/16 Those on our Easter Flower List

Daily Mass Resumes: Wednesday 9:30 am

2nd Collection 4-23-23 Catholic Charities

Offertory: 4/8 & 4/9 \$2,533

Diocesan Appeal: *Wow!* We have collected \$19,583 which is 99.9% of our goal of \$19,659,

with 67 gifts to date. We have only **\$26** left to go. Fantastic job!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3 ©LPi

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Victoria Russo from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin

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North Country Ministry

Save the Date

2023 Spring Fundraiser

Boot Scootin' Ball

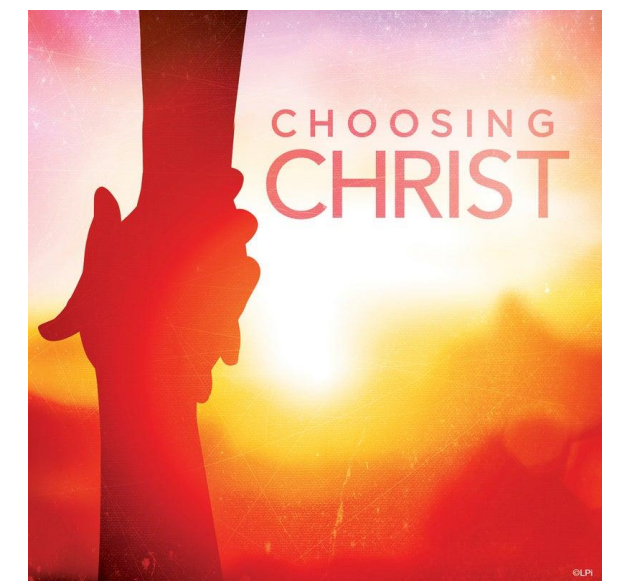
Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm

At The Queensbury Hotel

RSVP by April 14th

To secure your tickets please visit:
Northcountryministry.org/ball
Dress is Western Formal limited seating, please purchase tickets prior to April 14, 2023

North Country Ministry is excited to be opening a Clothing Center at the YMCA Adirondack Center in Brant Lake. This program will eventually be open Wednesdays from Noon-4 pm. In order to open this program, we are going to need volunteers to help run the program. As we look to expand our programs in the coming year, we are looking for more volunteers to help make this growth possible. Anyone interested in volunteering regularly or occasionally should contact Daphne at daphne@ncmfrinds.com or (518) 623-2829 X305. We are so thankful for our volunteers and all who help North Country Ministry to offer a Hand of Hope to those in need.



LIGHTER SIDE

New Math

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4-given