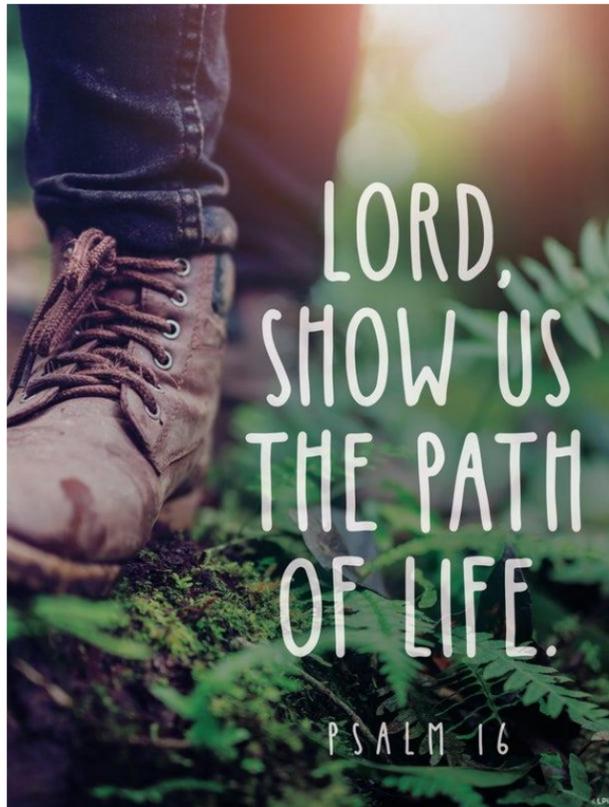


3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2023



## 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](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com)

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## St. James North Creek

### Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873  
4/23/23 Those on our Easter Flower List  
4/30/23 & 5/7/23 Mass Intention Available  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** 4-23-23 Catholic Charities

**Offertory:** 4/18 \$695

**Diocesan Appeal:** Wow! We have made our Appeal! Thank you!

## Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

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

4/23/30 Constance Gratzler *Req. Anne Helmstetter*  
4/30/23 Frank Gratzler *Req. Anne Helmstetter*

**Offertory:** 4/18 \$900

**Diocesan Appeal:** 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. Showing that we can meet our Diocesan Appeal shows the Diocese we are viable. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** are listed on the back of the Prayer list. Envelopes have been ordered and are in production. We should have them no later than 3-4 weeks. Our 2nd Collection this week is for Buildings & Maintenance.

**Daily Mass & Rosary** canceled due to painting of the walls till further notice.

**Online Giving is here. You can also go to [Northernpointscluster.weebly.com](http://Northernpointscluster.weebly.com). Scroll to the bottom of the page.**

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

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We are switching to a new e-giving platform to make giving easier, more secure, and more convenient for our community! Scan the QR code now to give.

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## St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

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

4/23/23 Those on our Easter Flower List  
4/30/23 Mass Intention Available

**Daily Mass:** Wednesday 9:30 am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** 4-23-23 Catholic Charities

**Offertory:** 4/17 & 4/18 \$2,787

**Diocesan Appeal:** Wow! We have made our Appeal! Thank you!

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**"I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."**

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.*

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

*"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*  
— Luke 24:35 ©LPi

## 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](http://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 Kayla at [kayla@ncmfrinds.com](mailto:kayla@ncmfrinds.com) or (518) 623-2829 X303. We are so thankful for our volunteers and all who help North Country Ministry to offer a Hand of Hope to those in need.

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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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