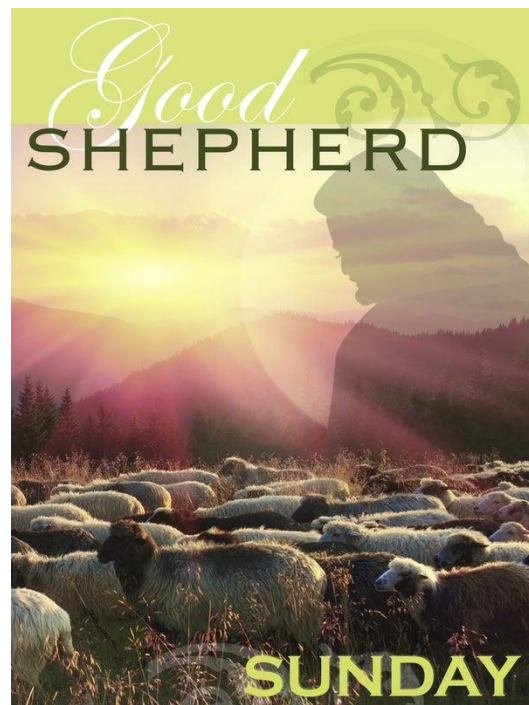


4th Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023



**Schedule for
Ascension Thursday, May 18, 2023**
St. James, North Creek @ 9 am
St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown @ 5 pm
Bl. Sacrament, Bolton Landing @ 6:30 pm

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
4/29/23 Gretchen Millington *Req. Peg McLean*
5/6/23 Christina Keane *Req. The Burke Family*
5/13/23 James McCue *Req. The Burke Family*
Offertory: 4/23 Report next week.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.
4/30/23 Frank Gratzner *Req. Anne Helmstetter*
5/7/23 Kevin Sands *Req. Debbie Sands*
Offertory: 4/23 \$1171 B&M \$329
Diocesan Appeal: We are getting closer, we have collected \$23,815, which is 95.2% of our goal of \$25,008, with 72 gifts to date. We still have \$1,193 left to achieve our assessment.
Daily Mass & Rosary will resume this week.
Online Giving is here. You can also go to Northernpointscluster.weebly.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page.

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Pray for our 1st Communicants Who are Preparing for their 1st Holy Communion

Harper Smith at St. James May 6th
Preston Dewar & Reggie Raymond
at St. Isaac Jogues May 6th
Vincent Janssen & Declan Sheridan
at Blessed Sacrament May 21st

St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
4/30/23 Those on our Easter Flower List
5/7/23 Joseph Lauricella
Req. Joseph & Diane Lauricella
5/14/23 Dorothy Clemente, Frances Ryan,
Catherine, Miles & Delia Ryan *req. by Children*
Daily Mass: Wednesday 9:30 am
Offertory: 4/22 & 4/23 \$1,956

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Cut to the Heart— By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, “cut to the heart.”

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life “more abundantly.” Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” — Acts 2:38 ©LPI

North Country Ministry

2023 Spring Fundraiser Boot Scootin' Ball

Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm
At The Queensbury Hotel
To secure your tickets please visit:
Northcountryministry.org/ball
Dress is Western Formal

NCM'S 2023 BOOT SCOOTIN' BALL STOCKED, WHISKEY BARREL RAFFLE

Purchase a raffle ticket for \$100 that give you the opportunity to win a hand crafted bourbon barrel bar with a giant selection of pre-stocked spirits and Crystal. Raffle winner will be drawn the night of our Spring Fundraiser "Boot Scootin' Ball", which will be on Friday, May 5th around 8:30pm.



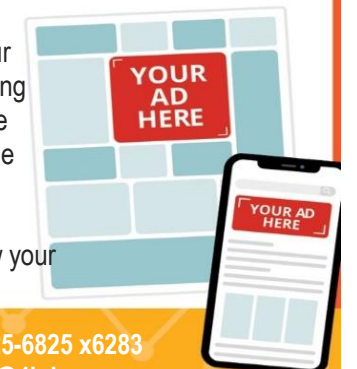
You do not have to be present to win, but you must be able to pick up the prize. (Picture below is just an example of what the whiskey bourbon barrel bar will look like - it is NOT the actual bar for raffle.)

Clothing Center: 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. Anyone interested in volunteering regularly or occasionally should contact Kayla at kayla@ncmfriends.com or (518) 623-2829 X303.

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