# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 7, 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

### Church of the Blessed Sacrament **Bolton Landing**

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858. 5/7/23 Kevin Sands Reg. Debbie Sands 5/7/23 Germaine Vachon-Roy

Req. Ginette Maslanka

5/7/23 William & Lillian Hanley

Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell

5/14/23 Special Intentions for All Mothers

**Offertory:** 4/30 \$907

**Diocesan Appeal:** We are getting closer, we have collected \$23,865, which is 96% of our goal of \$25,008, with 74 gifts to date. We still have \$1,143 left to achieve our assessment.

Daily Mass & Rosary will resume this week. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Mothers Day—Please mark your envelopes who you would like to keep in memory or honor of. We will have Flowers in their Memory.

Thank You to Kathy & Jasper Zarcone Blessed Sacrament Community wishes to thank Kathy & Jasper for the many years they have supported the Parish. They wear many hats. They Assist at Weddings, wash altar cloths, maintain the church, decorate for the holidays, deliver for the Giving Tree, and many other tasks. We pray that God will continue to Bless their lives each and every day as they have blessed ours.

Let us Keep Vincent Janssen & Declan Sheridan In Prayer as they Prepare for 1st Holy Communion at Blessed Sacrament May 21st

Online Giving is here. You can also go to Northernpointscluster.weebly.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page.



## St. Isaac Jogues

Chestertown/Hague

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873 5/6/23 Greg Schutta Req. Millie Schutta 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:** 4/29 & 4/30 \$1,859

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR **ORDINARY MOMENTS**

#### Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let the joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

#### St. James North Creek

#### **Intentions & Mass Cards:**

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873 5/6/23 Christina Keane Req. The Burke Family 5/13/23 James McCue Req. The Burke Family **Offertory:** 4/22 & 4/29 Report next week



**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@ncmfrinds.com or (518) 623-2829 X303. If you are interested in volunteering in Warrensburg, please email us at info@northcountryministry.org or call 518-623-2829 Ext. 303. Clothing Center Warrensburg:

Tuesday & Thursday 1-4 pm Food Pantry: Wednesdays 1-4 pm Case Worker: Monday-Friday 9 am to 4 pm Admin Office: Monday-Friday 9 am to 4 pm

## GOD'S BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

St. Isaac Jogues

Preston Dewar & Reggie Raymond St. James Harper Smith

MAY YOU ALWAYS STAY CLOSE TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST!

