7th Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS THE MOTHER WHO WATCHES OVER US, HER CHILDREN, ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN WEARY AND IN NEED, ANXIOUS THAT THE LIGHT OF HOPE NOT FAIL.

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New Mass Schedule

Starting May 23, 2023 Saturday till 6-24-23 then they switch 4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown 5:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

Sunday

7:30 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

St. Isaac Jogues, Hauge to be announced.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858. 5/14/23 Special Intentions for All Mothers 5/18/23 Mary Ellen Valenty *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell* 5/21/23 Rose, Dawn, Jay & Bobby Horn *Req. Dawn Faller* Vera & Anthony Schimenti *Req. Lisa Janssen* Offertory: 5/7 \$1,230

Diocesan Appeal: 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.

Linens: We are looking for a couple of people who could take care of our linens for Mass. Washing and ironing them.

Ministries: We will be starting our summer schedule starting next week. Like the Apostles, we realize it is up to us to bring Christ to the world. Please help us to cover the summer schedule. We especially need a greeter to cover the 10:30 am Mass.

Luncheon: Today after Mass. Please join us! Plenty of food for all!

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS BLESSED SACRAMENT Declan Sheridan & Vincent Janssan

MAY YOU ALWAYS STAY CLOSE TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST!



St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy

DeBartolo at 518-494-7873 5/14/23 Dorothy Clemente, Frances Ryan, Catherine Miles & Delia Ryan *req. by Children* 5/20/23 Frank DeBartolo *Req. Kathy DeBartolo* 5/27/23 Caruso & Dougan Families

Req. Camille Dougan

Offertory: 5/6 & 5/7 \$2,637 **Blessing of the Animals:** Fr. John will preside at the blessings of animals for the Adirondack Woofstock at the Chestertown Municipal Center on Saturday, June 3rd, 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm on Sunday June 4th, 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm. **Expl. Explic:** Meeting is *Wadnesday, May 24th* at

Fall Frolic: Meeting is *Wednesday, May 24th* at 2:00 pm.

St. James North Creek

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873 5/13/23 James McCue *Req. The Burke Family* **Offertory:** 4/22 & 4/29 Report next week **Daily Mass:** Wednesday 9:30 am **Offertory:** 4/22 \$536 4/29 \$608 5/6 \$539 **Memorial Day Remembrance:** 9:00 am, Monday, May 29th. We will remember all lives, especially those in the cemetery and Book of Life. May is the Month of the Blessed Mother. Stations of the Cross will follow the remembrance.

Summer Raffle: It begins on Saturday of Memorial Weekend, and it will benefit the St. James Religious Education Program. The prize is a Patio Table Set. The drawing will be on Saturday, 9//02.

NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY Offering a Hand of Hope

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Clothing Center: North Country Ministry is excited to be opening a Clothing Center at the YMCA Adirondack Center in Brant Lake. Anyone interested in volunteering regularly or occasionally should contact Kayla at <u>kayla@ncmfrinds.com</u> 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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisisgatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are *too* few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27 ©LPi