

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023



Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm, St. James, North Creek

5:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Sunday

7:30 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Hague

10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

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Eucharistic Congress

Catholic's from across New York State are planning on coming together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details to register, log onto: <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

Bolton Landing

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita

7/2 7:30 am Nancy Sheehan *Req. by Family*

7/2 10:30 am Mira S. Martincich

Req. John & Lucille Koch

7/2 10:30 am Clement McLaughlin

Req. David & Carol Ann Kneeshaw

7/9 7:30 am Tom Sheehan *Req. by Family*

7/9 10:30 am Henry Faller *Req. Dawn Faller*

Offertory: 6/25 \$2,169 Cap Improve \$568

Vanco Online Giving:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9Q3>

Set up your Login username and password or make a one-time donation.

St. Isaac Jogues

Chestertown/Hague

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

7/1 5:30 pm Gail Germain *Req. Ro & Gene Rounds*

7/2 9 am Ryan Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren
Req. Grandparents

7/8 5:30 pm Michael Purzycki

Req. by Deacon Richard Theisen

7/9 9:00 am Case & Viva, Carlina, Elijha & Stella
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Req. By Grandparents

Offertory: 6/25 \$2,919

Fall Frolic Meeting: Thursday, July 6th at Noon
Quick meeting!

St. James

North Creek

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

Offertory: 6/18 \$891 Missionary ?

Mass: 9:00 am, Monday, May 29th.

Summer Raffle: will benefit the St. James Religious Education Program. The prize is a Patio Table Set. The drawing will be on Sat, 9/2/23.

Cemetery: Looking for volunteers that could do seasonal cleanup for the Cemetery. Please call the office if you are willing and able. Your sacrifice of time would be most appreciated.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Prophet's Reward

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." — Matthew 10:39 ©LPi



Gospel Meditation

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "**surely will not lose our reward.**" The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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Monday, September 18, 2023
Cronin's Golf Resort
Golf Course Road
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