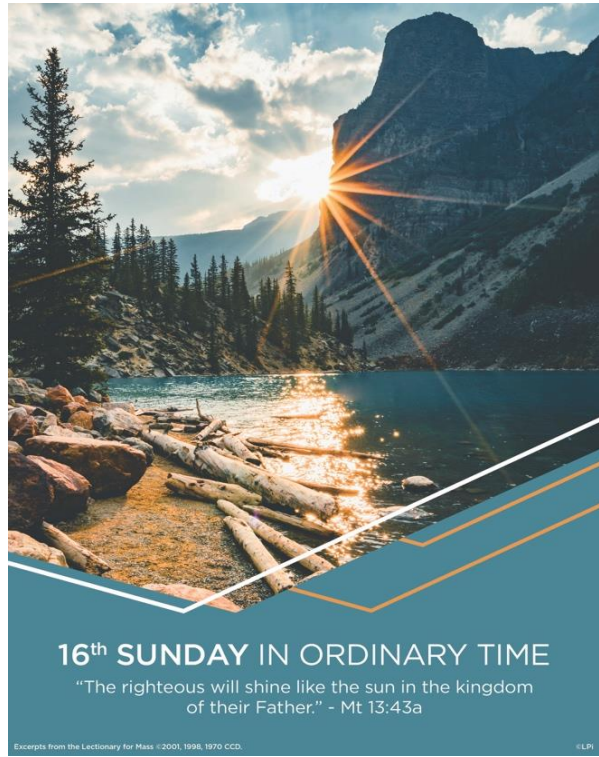


# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

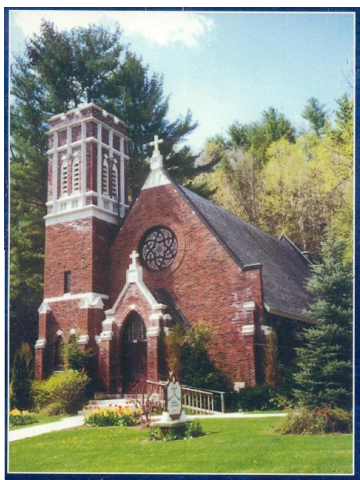
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16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 "The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

## Cluster Events

### CELEBRATE OUR SISTER CHURCH 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ST. ISAAC JOGUES, HAGUE



Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm there will be Mass. Following the Mass, we will go to across the street to the Community Center for fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available if you would like to bring a finger food to share. Invitations have been sent out to previous Pastors & previous Seminarians to join us for this affair.

**There will not be 9:00 am Mass on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Hague**

**Pastoral Council Meeting  
 Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm**

## Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.  
 7/23 10:30 am Anna Schwerman *Req. Debbie Sands*  
 Kristine Murphy *Req. Donna Langan*  
 Tom Taylor *Req. Geri Taylor*  
 7/30 7:30 am Mass Intention Available  
 10:30 am Mildred Gallo *Req. Donna Langan*  
 Ed & AlVanValkenburgh *Req. Family*  
 John Vega *Req. Family*

**Prayer Intentions:** Please call Pat Nugent  
 518-668-2765

**Offertory:** 7/16 Reg. \$2,929 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll \$795

**North American Martyrs Display:** to be set up on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass.

**Vanco Online Giving:**

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

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

**Honoring Dawn Faller's Years of Service:**

Dawn respectfully asks that no recognition of her years of service, she hopes she has many more years to come. If you would like to donate to North Country Ministry in her honor, she says that would be lovely.

**NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY 2023  
 ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

Monday, September 18, 2023  
 Cronin's Golf Resort.  
 Shot Gun Start at 1pm  
 Register Online!



[www.northcountryministry.org/golf](http://www.northcountryministry.org/golf)  
 400 Per Team, \$100 Per Golfer

**North Country Ministries** is looking for donations especially for men's & woman's underwear.

**Food Pantry:** We will once again be collecting for the Food Pantry for all three churches. There is a bin in the back in which you can place your items for donation. This will be brought to North Country Ministry. They are especially looking for items that have pull tabs(no can opener to use) shelf stable food. Also, Personal Hygiene Products, Cleaning Products & Kid Friendly foods.

## St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873  
 7/22 5:30 pm Butch Esposito *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*  
 7/29 5:30 pm Paul Penn *Req. Burke Family*  
**Offertory:** 7/16 \$3,047 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll \$730  
**Fall Frolic:** Kick off Fall Frolic \$100 ticket sales starts next weekend and runs through September 24<sup>th</sup>, the day of the drawing! The venue this year for the Fall Frolic is in the Parish Center. We will have wine, cheese and finger food fellowship, and will run from 2 pm to 4 pm. Our famous basket raffle is also returning! If you would like to donate a made-up basket this year, that would be most appreciated. Perhaps you can buy a gift certificate from a restaurant or business of your choice to include in these baskets. We will be providing a form on which you can itemize the contents in your basket. This will allow us to generate a master sheet with all the baskets itemized. Bring your wrapped and itemized basket to the church on or before September 4<sup>th</sup>. The earlier the better, as it promotes the raffle. There will be a sign-up sheet for all who will be doing a basket and sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to bring a finger food to share.  
**Daily Mass for this week only:** Tuesday 9:30 am.  
 Always in the Parish Center, 86 Riverside Dr.

## St. James North Creek

**Intentions & Mass Cards:**  
 Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873  
 7/22 Russ Raymond *Req. Ginny Raymond*  
 7/29 Rod Sargent & Bob Wiedeman *Req. Nan*  
**Offertory:** 7/15 \$926 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll \$108  
**Summer Raffle:** will benefit the St. James Religious Education Program. The prize is a Patio Table Set. The tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be on Sat, 9/2/23.

## Mass Times for Assumption

August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
 7:00 at Bl. Sacrament, Bolton Landing  
 August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 at St. James, North Creek  
 9:00 at St. Isaac Jogues, Hague

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I *love* a good devout Catholic parish. I *live for* a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. *But.*

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

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