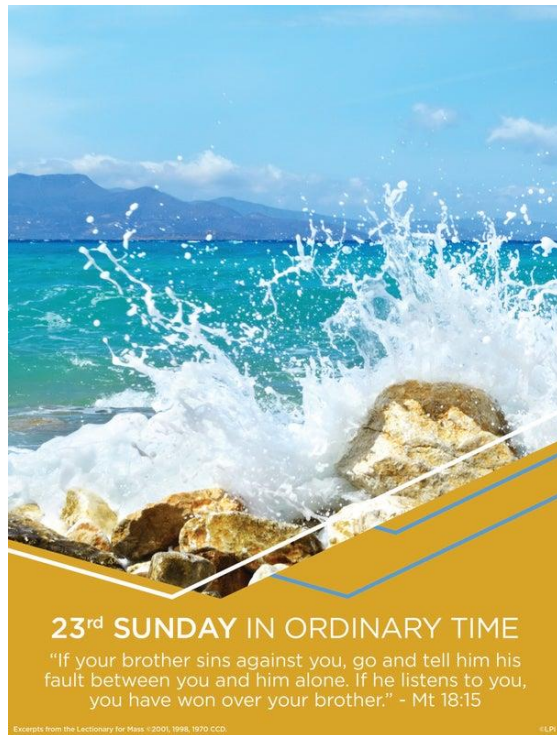


23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
September 10, 2023



## Mass Schedule

will start next Saturday, September 16, 2023  
4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
5:30 pm, St. James, North Creek  
9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

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

## Blessed Sacrament

Bolton Landing

**Intentions & Mass Cards:** Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.

9/10 Jasper Zarcone *Req. Anne Helmstetter*

9/17 Jasper Zarcone *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell*

Gloria Sassano *Req. Geri Taylor & Family*

Tom Sweeney *Req. Bryan & Madonna Ray*

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

**Offertory:** 9/3 \$2,782 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$1,123

## St. Isaac Jogues

Chestertown/Hague

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

9/9 5:30 pm Carol Halliday

*Req. MaryAnn & Gerry Marmillo*

9/10 9:00 am Ed Kolakowski

*Req. Knights of Columbus, Council 588*

9/10 9:00 am Lucille Guthrie & Joyce Murphy

*Req. Gary Kolakowski*

9/16 4:00 pm Nancy Pasiak *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

9/17 9:00 am Joseph Turcotte *Req. by Family*

**Offertory:** 9/3 \$3,390

**Fall Frolic:** Ticket sales for the raffle will run through September 24<sup>th</sup>, the day of the drawing! The raffle is \$100 each. If we sell all 200 tickets, there will be 3 prizes of \$3,333.33. The venue this year for the Fall Frolic will be 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! So far, we have sold 119 Raffle Tickets! Starting this weekend our basket raffle goes on sale. Thank you to all who have contributed.

We are inviting and encouraging our sister churches, St. James & Blessed Sacrament, to enjoy this fellowship with us.

## St. James

North Creek

**Intentions & Mass Cards:**

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

9/9 4:00 pm John O'Kane Sr.

*Req. Fr. John O'Kane, Jr.*

**Offertory:** 8/26 \$713

**Summer Raffle:** And the Winner Is Larry Mahon. The real winner is the Religious Education Program. The total for the Religious Education Program is \$1220.



## 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

NCM is seeking donations of kids and baby's apparel! There is never enough! There is an abundance of woman's clothes. If you would like to donate clothes to NCM, please drop them off Monday & Tuesday from 9 a.m. - Noon at the front building located at 3933 Main Street, Warrensburg, NY 12885

**Food Pantry:** We are 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.

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** There are approximately 80 food baskets going to those in need in *our* area from North Country Ministries, to which we will add a \$25 Tops card to each one. The needs of the area are greater than ever. What a beautiful way to give back to those in need in our community. If you would like to participate in giving, please just put it in a separate envelope marked food baskets.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** We hope to have tags for the Giving Tree available November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Again, the need is so great.

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Saturday, September 23, 2023 4:00 PM

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Eagle St. & Madison Avenue, Albany. Couples

celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or other

special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this

celebration. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the

Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception

in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately

following the Mass.

Please register by Saturday, September 16th.

call 518-453-6644 or email to

Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org or mail to Office of Lay

Ministry & Parish Faith Formation, attention Jennifer

Alicea, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, New York

12203

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Love and Truth** by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* — Psalm 95 ©LPi

### Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.