

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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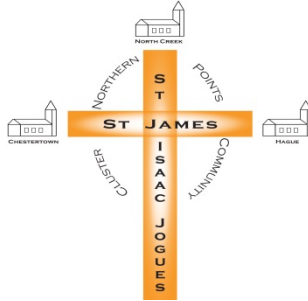
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ESTATE PLANNING

Please consider continuing your support of your Churches,

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues or St. James Church, in your estate plan.

Your generosity will be remembered annually in our Book of Life.

Mass at one of our Sister churches? Please designate your offertory for your own parish.

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. James, North Creek

9:00 am, Sunday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

10:30 am, Sunday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

No Daily Mass this week.

Please join us for OJ Vonderheide's Funeral at St. Cecelia's in Warrensburg

This Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

Hospital Visits

Please contact Fr. John if a parishioner is hospitalized or in a nursing home

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

Please call Fr. John at 518-824-1181

YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

In today's gospel a scribe asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" In his response, Jesus tells him that love of God and love of neighbor comprise the essence of morality, explaining, "There is no other commandment greater than these." Although our Christian faith can at times lead to complex conversations about ethics and the discernment of proper action, Jesus gives us a litmus test that all of our decisions must pass in order to be considered godly; they must have love at their heart. When all of our words and deeds are motivated by love of God and love of neighbor, we will truly be living as members of the kingdom of God.

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Remember to change your clocks the weekend of November 6th and 7th! Fall back!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

"The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Your spouse is your closest 'neighbor'. Learn how to love your spouse by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Christmas Giving Tree: North Country Ministries (518) 623-2829

We are once again partnering with North Country Ministry to bring the Joy of Christmas to those in need. There are several options this year to support the Giving Tree.

If you would like to buy for a family, please call 518-251-4460. They will provide you with a "wish list".

A monetary gift, of course is accepted, in which NCM will shop for specific gifts requested by each family. In addition, gift cards for Target, Walmart, Amazon, iTunes, or Play Station will joyfully be accepted. If you would prefer to buy a new toy for children 2-12 years old, please leave it unwrapped. Always accepted are new coats, hats, mittens & boots. However, you decide to participate, you serve as a beacon of hope during this season of miracles! If you prefer you can make out a check to either St. Isaac Jogues or St. James, put in envelope and write Giving Tree. We will gladly give to North Country Ministries. *If possible, if you wish to buy for a family, please respond to North Country Ministry by November 1, 2021.*

The North Country Ministries Operations are as follows:

Clothing Center is open on Thursdays and Fridays, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Food Pantry—Wednesday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Furniture Program—Tuesday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm; Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Every 3rd Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please note, these hours are for visitors needing furniture. Anyone looking to donate furniture must call in advance to schedule their donation.

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Food Baskets: We are collecting for the Food Pantry once again.

Mass Intentions: Saturday, 11/6 People of the Parish 5:30 pm

Diocesan Appeal: Our assessment is \$6,475, down \$2,454. If we do not meet our assessment, we will have to take it from our general funds. It will run from October to October. The Diocese will be mailing out letters. Please be as generous as possible.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Mass Intentions: Sunday, 11/7 The Colton Family, Nettie Buckley Alan Tougas Family

Diocesan Appeal: Our assessment is \$22,880, down \$337. If we do not meet our assessment, we will have to take it from our general funds. The letters should have been mailed from the Diocese. Please be as generous as possible.

Thanksgiving Baskets & Christmas Baskets: There are approximately 30 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. 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 in a separate envelope marked food baskets.

Christmas Giving Tree: Helpers Fund

We are continuing our support of the Helpers Fund thru the Giving Tree. Tags will not be available until the weekend of December 4th & 5th. This support provides basic necessities that people lack. If you would like the office to mail you a tag, please just call the office.