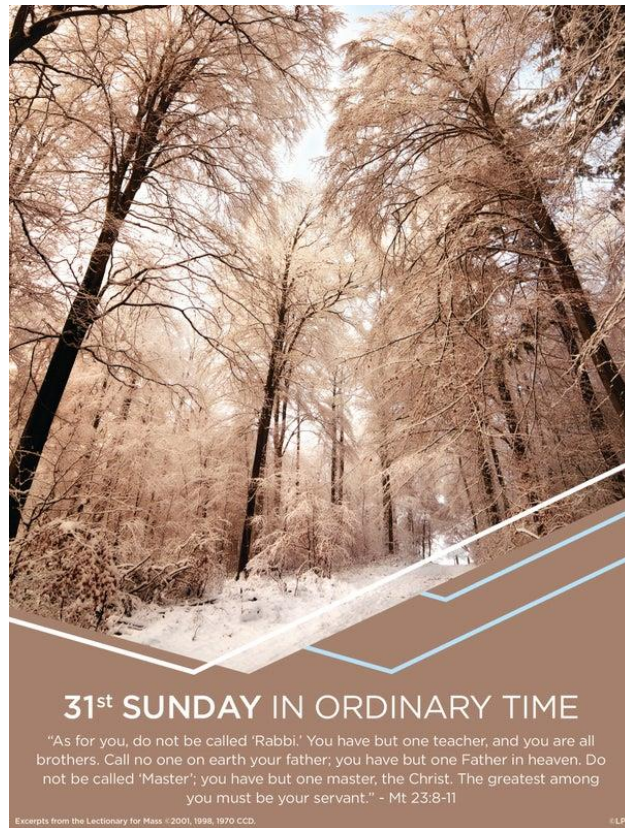


31st Sunday of Ordinary Time November 5, 2023



Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th @ 5:30 pm
86 Riverside Dr., Chestertown

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

5 pm Wed. 11/22 Blessed Sacrament
9 am Thurs. 11/23 St. Isaac Jogues

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7th
4 pm St. Isaac Jogues
5:30 pm Blessed Sacrament
Friday, December 8th
9 am St. James

Christmas Eve, December 24

4 pm St. Isaac Jogues
6 pm Blessed Sacrament
8:30 pm St. James

Christmas Day, December 25

9 am St. Isaac Jogues
10:30 Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament

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

11/5 Kevin Sands *Req. Debbie Sands*
Jasper Zarcone *Req. Dawn Faller*
Frances Coluccio *Req. Paula Flint*
Theresa O’Kane *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell*
11/12 Mimi Roessler *Req. Dawn Faller*
Eugene Coleman *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell*
Jim O’Connor *Req. Debbie Sands*
Bob Kelly *Req. by Family*

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

Offertory: 10/22 \$1,454 10/29 \$1,110

Coffee Hour: This Sunday after Mass.

Bake Sale: to raise money for the St. Anne Society next Sunday after Mass. Please see Anne Marie Bell if you can help with this endeavor.

St. Nicolas Brunch: will be held on Sunday, December 10th after Mass. Please see Anne Marie Bell if you can bring a dish to share.

New Altar Server: Starting this weekend, Declan Sheridan will serve for Masses when available. Please congratulate him as he continues to serve God and his community.

Holy Hour: on the First & Third Thursdays of each month following the 9:30 am Mass a Holy Hour will be offered with Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

St. Isaac Jogues

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

11/4 4 pm Barbara Cooke *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*
9 am Gloria Seitz *Req. Ann & Peter Zeppetalli*
11/11 4 pm Eileen Sheerin *Req. Patricia Baltes*
11/12 9 am Theresa O’Kane *Req. Ro & Gene Rounds*
9 am Ralph Penney *Req. Carol Feldt*

Offertory: 10/22 \$1,636 (updated) 10/29 \$1,226

St. James

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

Offertory: 10/21 \$974 10/28 \$755

Adirondack Outreach: Will be doing their Christmas Toy Drive this year once again!

Outreach Ministries

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

NCM 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. These will be brought to the North Country Ministry. They are especially looking for items that have pull tabs (no can opener to use), shelf stable food., 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 18th & 19th. Again, the need is so great.

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Recognizing God in your Ordinary Moments

Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow. “*The greatest among you must be your servant.*” — Matthew 23:11 ©LPi

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IS COMING UP!

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