

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin
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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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

8:00 am, Sunday, St. James, North Creek

9:30 am, Sunday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

11:00 am, Sunday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

1:30 pm, Monday, December 10th, Elderwood At North Creek

No Weekday Masses except for the Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick

Reminder: There is no daily morning Mass when school is canceled or delayed

Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick

6:30 pm, Monday, December 10th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, Family Mass, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

7:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

9:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

Carols will be sung ½ hour before the 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm Masses

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

9:30 am, St. James, North Creek

11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

New Year’s Eve & Day Mass Schedule

(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)

5:30 pm, Monday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

7:00 pm, Monday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

10:00 am, Tuesday, St. James, North Creek

Hospital Visits

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

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

Please contact Fr. John at 518-824-1181

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!

After months of planning, hope and prayer, pledge sheets are arriving! With your support, we can be assured of a successful campaign! Remember, this is our legacy for those to come!

Many of you are struggling and discerning your contribution. Whatever the reason, please let me know your concerns. We cannot shepherd each other if we let our anger get the best of us. Please pledge your sacrificial gift. Your pledge can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the Parish Center. We are doing together what we cannot do alone. May God bless us as we continue to “Re-Ignite our Faith!”

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will address the congregation on Saturday, December 15th, at the 4 pm Mass in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, regarding this campaign.

Fr. John O’Kane

Prayer

God of untiring mercy open our hearts to hear your voice. Send your living flame of love into our hearts to overflow with abundant generosity of spirit. May the burning passion of your love for all transfigure our lives, our families and our parishes.

Re-ignite in us each day the joy of spreading the Gospel and may our living faith in you shine in our hearts each day.

We place our prayer in the heart of Mary, Patroness of our Nation and our Diocese. **Amen**

TWO SEASONS OF PREPARATION!

Advent and Lent are our two seasons of preparation in the church year. These seasons provide annual opportunities for us to enter the desert on retreat. We are given time to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, John, and the Desert Fathers and Mothers to listen to God away from all distractions. Where can you find space in your life to cultivate interior silence and contemplation? How might you set aside time for deep listening to the word of God? Copyright: *Living Liturgy, 2019*

North Country Ministry

Judy Carr, 251-4460 or 623-2829 www.NorthCountryMinistry.org

Items Needed: Clothing for infants, & toddlers through teen agers, including coats, shoes, sneakers, diapers, baby wipes, clothing and shoes for women and men, as well bed linens and towels, beds/mattresses, other furniture. Furniture donations can only be accepted at the Furniture Barn. Call for pick-up or before delivering.

Giving Tree Program: Thank you for always participating in this effort. Your new gift should be individually wrapped with the tag adhered to the outside of the wrapped gift and placed under the tree for delivery to North Country Ministry by Friday, December 14th. If you prefer to participate in the Giving Tree Program by making a monetary donation, we will forward the donation to North Country Ministry. Volunteer shoppers are needed. If you are interested in joining the Giving Tree effort in this way, please contact North Country Ministry.

Cluster News

Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick: Monday, December 10th, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. This is a time to prepare for the Christmas Season with Jesus' healing presence for our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. As we begin the new Church year, we ask and seek the Lord for his healing presence through this Sacrament.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Welcome Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and February 1-3, 2019 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://wwmenyalb.org/>.

RCIA: Do you know someone who would like to know more about this program or the Catholic Church, or is there a family member who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Does someone need encouragement from you to enter this program? Please call Fr. John or the office for more information.

ST. JAMES

Save the Date: Sunday, January 27th: Golden Opportunity Raffle – Basil & Wicks, 1 pm to 4 pm – Raffle tickets are \$100. Letters will soon be out! More to follow!

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 17 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$26,625! This is 32% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Mass Intentions:	Saturday, 12/15	People of the Parish		5:30 pm
	Sunday, 12/16	Joan Burch	Req/Jim & Judy Strohmeyer	8:00 am
	Sunday, 12/16	Denis Galle	Req/Galle Family	8:00 am

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Helpers Fund: Thank you to everyone who participated in this project. Your generosity will brighten Christmas for the needy children who come through the Helpers Fund. These gifts should be wrapped, with the tag adhered to the outside of the gift and placed under the tree by next weekend for distribution on Tuesday, December 18th.

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 53 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$90,850! This is 46% of our goal of \$200,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Christmas Food Baskets: Thanks to all who donated so generously to fill the Christmas food baskets. We will be packing the baskets in the Parish Center on Friday, December 14th, at 3 pm. If you would like to help, please contact John at 518-494-4398.

Mass Intentions:	Saturday, 12/15	Mary Albini	Req/Donna Spacek	4:00 pm
	Sunday, 12/16	People of the Parish		9:30 am