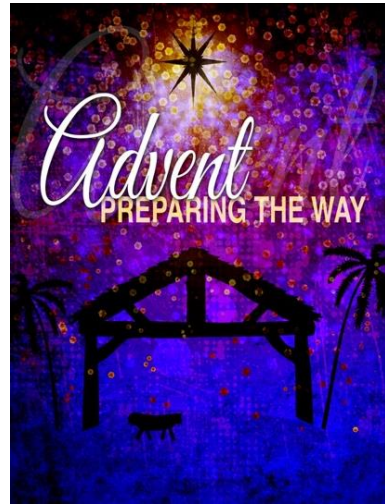


3rd Sunday of Advent



Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm St. Isaac Jogues

6:00 pm Blessed Sacrament

8:30 pm St. James

Christmas Day

9:00 am St. Isaac Jogues

10:30 am Blessed Sacrament

Advent Events

Lunch n' Learn: Sun 12/11 1:00 pm
Presentation: Mary, Mother & Mission
@ the Adirondack Community Outreach Ctr
1:00 pm Lunch/2:00 pm Presentation
Lessons & Carols: Sun, 12/18 2:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Church
Bring some cookies to share & we will provide the hot chocolate.

Giving Tree Program

For those who were unable to get their gifts back to us this weekend, North Country Ministry has extended the time to next Sunday, December 18th. Heartfelt thanks goes to all who have provided Hope & Joy to the disadvantaged. God Bless!

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.
12/11 Virginia & Carl Horn *Req. Dawn Faller*
12/18 Len Emerle *Req. Dawn Faller*
12/18 Norman Helmstetter *Req. Anne Helmstetter*
12/18 Kathleen Spahn *Req. Mariana & Tom Jordan*
Collection: 12/4 Offertory \$1338
2nd Collections 12/11 Christmas Flowers
Diocesan Appeal: We have collected \$9070 which is 36% of our goal of \$25,008, with 43 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.
Join Us for Brunch: January 1st after the 10:30 am Mass in the Community Room and bring your family for good food and fellowship! Sign up in the back of church or call Ginette at 518-644-3145.

St. James North Creek

Mass Intentions & Mass Cards:
Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
Sat, 12/11 People of the Parish
Sat, 12/17 Mass Intention Available
Collection: 12/3 Offertory \$1,505
2nd Collections: 12/10 Christmas Flowers
Diocesan Appeal: Wow, we have collected \$5,381 which is 74% of our goal of \$7,252, with 21 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.
Adirondack Community Outreach Center:
2718 Route 28, North Creek
We have completed our Christmas Toy Drive. Your donations provide Christmas to those who might otherwise not enjoy the season. Heartfelt thanks for being the Hope & Joy to those in need.

When School is delayed
or Cancelled, weekday morning
Mass is CANCELLED!



St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

Please call Kathy DeBartolo for Mass Intentions/Card at 518-494-7873
Sat, 12/10 Geoff Hooper *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*
Sun, 12/11 Darlene Johnson *Req. St. Isaac Jogues*
Sat, 12/17 Ed Schutta *Req. Millie Schutta*
Sat, 12/18 Paul Aylwin *Req. Deborah & Jeff Kellogg*
Collection: 12/4 Offertory \$3,326
2nd Collections: 12/11, Christmas Flowers
Diocesan Appeal: Wow, we have collected \$12,148 which is 62% of our goal of \$19,659, with 33 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.



What is it used for? **Keep in touch with us**
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

- Sending notification of cancelled events due to bad weather
- Distributing the weekly bulletin
- Staying in touch with seasonal parishioners
- Publishing events

How do I sign up?

Two easy ways:

- Go to northernpoints.flocknote.com, enter your name and email and/or phone number, select your parish from the list, and verify your email address
- Text "NORTHERN" to 84576 and follow the steps you receive on your phone

Advent Penance Services in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Monday, December 12th @ 11:30 am-followed by soup & bread. Short Service & Confessions.

St. Michaels, South Glens Falls: Wednesday, December 14th @ 1 pm.

St. Cecilia's, Warrensburg: Sunday, December 18th @ 2-3 pm. Confessions Only.

Our Lady of Annunciation, Queensbury: Tuesday, December 20th @ 7 pm. Confessions Only.

Thank you to Jim McDermott of Barton Funeral Home for providing to St. Isaac Jogues & St. James our Church Calendars.

Recognizing God in the Ordinary Moments

The Season That Gives Back

*I don't have anything left to give.
You can't pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?*

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

