



## Christ Our Savior is Born! Merry Christmas!

*Thank you for your gifts and food for those in need this time of year. Thank you to the volunteers who graciously gave of their time and energy to make this all come about. Your generosity will help make Christmas brighter for many families! Thank you to our Liturgical Ministers, Greeters, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and all those who helped prepare our churches for Advent and Christmas. Both churches look beautiful, and we sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped make this happen. A special thank you is extended to our music directors, Denise Conti, Patty Corey, and Gerry Marmillo and their wonderful choirs. Their music always enhances our liturgies. Thank you, also, to all those involved in bringing the Christmas Story to life here in the Northern Points Cluster. It is a beautiful tradition and reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas!*

*Merry Christmas and many Blessings throughout the New Year! Fr. John & Barb*

### THE 39<sup>TH</sup> GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

*St. James Church*

Support the major fund-raising event for the Parish by taking a chance!

Many people place several names on the same ticket!

**Grand Prize:** \$10,000

**Contribution for Raffle Ticket:** \$100

**(Only 200 Tickets will be available)**

**This makes a great Christmas gift and is also good for the end of the year tax purposes**

**Place:** Basil & Wicks      **Date:** Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Times:** 1 pm to 4 pm – Happy Hour 1 pm (cash bar) – Dinner 1:30 pm

**Dinner:** Italian Buffet

**Music:** Frank Conti & his Band

**Dinner Tickets & Reservations:** \$25/adult - \$10/child (12 & under)

Please call Joyce Parker at 518-251-2273

### Cluster News

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** “Put on as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY and July 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. Information, call Pat & MaryJo McLaughlin, 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Second Collection:** North Country Ministry, weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

### North Country Ministry

518-251-4460 or 518-623-2828

**Books for Adults:** After you have read a book, please consider donating it to NCM to be available for other readers.

### **ST. JAMES**

**Bishop’s Appeal:** Congratulations on reaching our 2019 Bishop’s Appeal! We are most grateful for your efforts. God Bless you for your generosity, commitment and support always.

**Christmas Eve Gathering:** Enjoy eggnog and cookies following the 9:30 pm Mass.

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** We are in the midst of our Capital Campaign. With 23 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$32,125! This is 38% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you for your pledge or donation.

**Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers:** See Karen/Joyce after the December 29<sup>th</sup> Mass for January schedule.

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 1/04 People of the Parish

5:30 pm

### **ST. ISAAC JOGUES**

**Bishop’s Appeal:** The assessment for St. Isaac Jogues this year is \$24,439. This is a reduction of \$1,018 from last year. We have collected \$23,120 (92 gifts) to date. We have \$1,319 still to collect. Let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment and support always. We have reached 95%!

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** With your continued generosity, our current total of pledges and donations is \$134,710! Thank you to those who have donated or pledged to this Campaign. It is not too late to do so.

**Save the Date:** Italian Night, Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, following the 4 pm Mass.

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 1/04 People of the Parish

4:00 pm

Sunday, 1/05 People of the Parish

9:30 am