

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 3, 2019

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

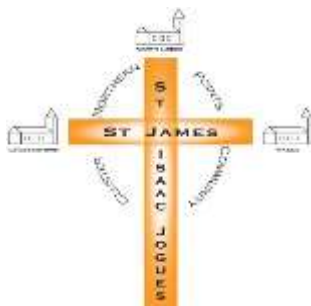
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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, March 4th, Elderwood At North Creek

No weekday Mass in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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

Services for Ash Wednesday, March 6th

9:00 am, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. James, North Creek

3:30 pm, Children’s Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

7:00 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast & abstinence.

“Abstinence” is to abstain from meat.

“Fasting” means not eating in-between meals and only having one main meal with two smaller meals not equaling the main meal.

Also, the custom in our Diocese is to observe Lenten Fridays as days of abstinence.

Those ages 18 to 59 are asked to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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!

Please keep in prayer this continuing Campaign. The Holy Spirit is calling us to become aware of our needs in our beautiful churches, in our Cluster, and in our Diocese. We offer the option of making your payment online. Please visit donate.re-ignitingourfaith.org. May God bless us as we continue to “Re-Ignite our Faith!”

Fr. John O’Kane

SPEECH!

Speech is one of our most precious abilities as humans. Traveling in a foreign country or visiting a neighborhood where one does not speak the language quickly shows us how much we miss out on when we cannot communicate with others. As with all precious gifts, however, there is the possibility of misusing this ability. This week take some time to reflect on how you use speech in your daily life. Perhaps your Lenten practice could include fasting from speech that tears others down, and bestowing words that uplift as a way of giving alms. Copyright, *Living Liturgy 2019*

Cluster News

Magnificat: Albany Chapter of Magnificat is sponsoring a Women's Breakfast, Saturday, March 9th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Road, Lathan. Guest Speaker is Alicia Nevins. See the flyer at the back of the church for additional information and to register. Alicia will share her deep love of God and His word and how God is able to use her to bring His healing to the people who need His healing love.

Celtic Spirituality: Sunday, March 10th, 1:30-4 pm, St. Cecilia's, Warrensburg. Call 518-623-3021 to register.

Retreat for Women: Weekend of April 5th to 7th: Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. The Guest Director is Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ. This year's theme: "The Only Thing that Counts is Faith Expressing Itself Through Love" (Gal. 5:6b). Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Individual or private consultation with any of the staff will be available. Open to all faiths and all ages. *Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 for additional information.*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Start the New Year by enriching your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is October 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY. 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.

Bottle Drive: The Youth Ministry Group is continuing to collect and redeem clean and washed bottles as their contribution to our Re-igniting Our Faith Campaign. These bottles can be left in the Parish Center at St. Isaac Jogues or St. James, to be picked up and handled by this group.

Second Collection: Weekend of March 9th & 10th: Black & Native American/Latin American Missions

Breathe-Women's Weekend Retreat: Wiawaka Holiday House, Lake George, Saturday, June 1st-Sunday, June 2nd. See the flyer for registration and additional information.

ST. JAMES

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 21 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$30,125! This is 36% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Mass Intentions:	Saturday, 3/09	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
	Sunday, 3/10	People of the Parish	8:00 am

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 69 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$111,300! This is 56% of our goal of \$200,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Eagle Boy Scout Project: As a project to complete his Eagle Scout Award, Thomas Conway has volunteered and begun building a bathroom on the second floor of the Parish Center. In conjunction with this project, a concert "Music for the Soul," by The Hudson River Chorale, will take place on Sunday, March 24th, at 3 pm, in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. This is a free will donation. This concert will help defray the cost for this installation. The Boy Scouts will be in attendance to greet everyone.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Saturday, March 16th, 5 pm. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of church for soda bread, desserts, or salads. A suggested offering is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Mass Intentions:	Saturday, 3/09	Mary & Buddy Attanasio	Req/DeBartolo	4:00 pm
	Sunday, 3/10	People of the Parish		9:30 am