

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023



### Upcoming Events

**Remember to Change your clocks back next Saturday!**

**This is Ministry Sign Up** March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, after Masses for all three churches. See Ministry Fair.  
**St. James & St. Isaac Jogues** 3/11 & 12 CRS Collection for Turkey & Syria

**St. Patty's Day Parade**, Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> in Chestertown at 2 pm. St. Isaac Jogues will be marching. Come Join Us!

## Lenten Events

The next 5 Fridays at 5 pm we will continue with Mary's Way of the Cross; on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown/Soup Supper; on March 10<sup>th</sup>, St. James, North Creek/Soup Supper; on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing/**Pizza**; on March 24<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing/No Fellowship; March 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown/Soup Supper.  
Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cluster Reconciliation.

## St. James North Creek

### Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873  
3/4 Jason Smith *Req. Karen Smith*  
3/12 Mass Intention Available

**Offertory:** 2/26 \$203

**Diocesan Appeal:** We still have \$1,872 to go. 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.

## St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

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

3/4 Victoria Lombardo *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*  
3/4 Gerard Francis Slattery *Req. St. Isaac Jogues*  
3/11 Grace Lombardo *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*  
3/11 Tony Chabarek *Req. Regina Chabarek*

**Offertory:** 2/26 \$3,737

**Diocesan Appeal:** Wow! We have collected \$18,573 which is 94.5% of our goal of \$19,659, with 64 gifts to date. We have only \$1,086 left to go. Fantastic job! We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

**40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Gerry & MaryAnn Marmillo recently celebrated this momentous milestone. Congratulations and wishes for many blessed years to come!

## North Country Ministry

### Save the Date

### 2023 Spring Fundraiser

### Boot Scootin' Ball

Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm

### At The Queensbury Hotel

March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup> Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This year's theme is "Make My Joy Complete" (Philippians 2:2). The Guest Director is Mary Reddy Reichley, OPA, D. Min. Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Open to all faiths and all ages. Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 or Pat Audi 518-792-3447 for more information.

## Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

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

3/5 Frank McDonald *Req. Gary & Anne Shelton*  
3/5 Henry Faller *Req. Dawn Faller*  
3/5 Michael Valenty. *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell*  
3/5 William Schiverman *Req. Debbie Sands*

**Offertory:** 2/26 \$599

**Diocesan Appeal:** We have collected \$15,275 which is 61% of our goal of \$25,008, with 42 gifts to date. We still have \$9,733 left to achieve our assessment. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

Next Collections: 3/5 Bl. & Native/Latin American  
3/12 Turkey/Syria CRS Collection

### This Weekend is the Ministry Fair

As we enter the Season of Lent, we are reminded of our call to serve one another. Have you thought about being a Greeter, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, or member of the Music Ministry? Maybe you serve in one of these ministries at your home Parish. Perhaps in the past you have thought about joining one of our parish ministries but just haven't had the opportunity to sign up. We are planning a Ministry Sign-Up Weekend on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, after the Mass on that weekend. Parishioners (full-time or part-time) will have the opportunity to find out about each ministry, and **when training will take place**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about serving one another. We look forward to sharing with you information about our ministries which are so important to our parish life.

For more information for St. James contact Ellen Schaefer 518-251-5451 or [ellen.schaefer@frontier.com](mailto:ellen.schaefer@frontier.com).  
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Or Anne Marie Sensese 518-240-6047 or [amsenese@aol.com](mailto:amsenese@aol.com)

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**The Long Walk** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

*Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.*

*Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.*

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33 ©LPi*

2 more week of winter!

