

**Northern Points Cluster Bulletin**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2020**

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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

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 9<sup>th</sup>, Elderwood at North Creek

**Lenten Programs**

St. James Church, North Creek

5:15 pm, Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Robert Barron, Video

“The Mass” 1. A Privilege Encounter, 2. Called Out of the World

Soup Supper

**Fasting & Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting & 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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:30 pm, Saturdays, or by appointment

**Hospital Visits**

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

**Preparation for Baptism and Marriage**

Please call Fr. John at 518-824-1181

**RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!**

Remember, we are doing together what we cannot do alone.

May God bless us as we continue to “Re-Ignite our Faith!” *Fr. John O’Kane*

## OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES!

The image of Jesus as glorified and radiating the light of God is a true one, just as the image of him bloodied and broken on the cross is true. The way we consider and think about Christ affects how we live our lives as his disciples. Which image of Jesus (the teacher, the wonder worker, the glorified one, the crucified) comes most easily to you in prayer? Which image are you called to spend time with as your relationship with Christ deepens? As we continue journeying toward the Feast of Easter and the moment when we renew our own baptismal promises, how do we experience ourselves as clothed in the mercy & love of Christ? *Living Liturgy 2020*

### Cluster News

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, 1945 Union Street, Niskayuna: An opportunity to experience God's love and healing in a safe environment. This retreat "may bring God's tender love and compassion to those who need His peace so much." Additional information: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call 1-877-467-3463. See the flyer in the back of the church.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 27-29, Latham, NY, July 10-12, East Windsor, CT. Contacts: Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin @860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Magnificat:** Albany Chapter of Magnificat - Women's Breakfast, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 12:00 pm, Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Guest Speaker Lynda Holler. Topic, "Living & Learning God's Truth Through Both the Joys and the Sorrows." See the flyer for additional information and to register.

**Retreat for Women:** April 3-5: Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. Guest Director: Sr. Julia Mary Werner, a Sister of Mercy. Theme: "Trust in the Lord with All your heart." Day hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Individual or private consultation with any staff will be available. Open to all faith and all ages. Information/questions, flyer in back of the church or call Ginny Raymond, 518-251-3515.

### North Country Ministry

518-251-4460 or 518-623-2828

**Bedding & Towels:** There is a need for these items. Can you help?

### ST. JAMES

**Reminder:** The Saturday 5:30 pm Mass is discontinued the Saturday before Easter.

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** We are in the midst of our Capital Campaign. With 25 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$37,425! This is 44% of our goal of \$85,000. There is still time to pledge or donate!

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 3/14 People of the Parish 5:30 pm

### ST. ISAAC JOGUES

**St. Patrick's Day:** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: march in the parade with St. Isaac Jogues parishioners this year! Enjoy a corn-beef & cabbage dinner in the Parish Center at 5 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those wishing to march. Meet at the Post Office at 1:45 pm to be assigned a place in the parade! Sign up to bring soda bread, desserts, or salads for our dinner. A suggested offering is \$5 per person or \$10 per family for dinner.

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** With your continued generosity, our current total of 83 pledges and donations is \$143,135! This is 72% of our \$200,000 goal. There is still time to pledge or donate!

**Easter Food Baskets:** Our Food Basket ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Easter approaches. Your donations will help to provide Easter food baskets for local families in need. If you know of anyone who might need a food basket, please call the office @518-824-1176 or John at 518-494-4398. Non-perishable food can be left inside the church near the entrance.

**Rosary Recitation:** If you are interested in reciting the Rosary in a group, please sign the sheet in the back of the church or call the office. More information will be forthcoming.

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 3/14 Special Intention:

Anniversary of Adoption of daughter & son of Judy & Greg Gross 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 3/15 People of the Parish 9:30 am

**Remember to change your clocks this weekend – spring forward!**