

## ***Northern Points Cluster Bulletin***

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019**

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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 11<sup>th</sup>, Elderwood At North Creek*

*9:00 am, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

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

### **Lenten Programs**

*Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 pm Mass, Mary’s Stations of the Cross*

*Followed by Soup Supper, St. James, North Creek*

*Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 pm Mass, Mary’s Stations of the Cross*

*St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

*Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 pm, Bishop Robert Baran, Video-tape, “Eucharist”*

*Soup Supper before Presentation, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

### **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](http://donate.re-ignitingourfaith.org). May God bless us as we continue to “Re-Ignite our Faith!”

*Fr. John O’Kane*

## JESUS' TEMPTATION!

Jesus' temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone when we face our own temptations. Let us invite God into our experience of temptation, so that filled with the Holy Spirit, we might be strengthened to follow the path of holiness. By taking up the spiritual practice of fasting during Lent, we open space and time within our lives for that which provides us true nourishment. Copyright, *Living Liturgy 2019*

### Cluster News

**Retreat for Women:** Weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>: 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 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>: Catholic Relief Services

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

**Soon to be Available: On-Line Banking:** More information in future bulletins.

## 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.

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 3/16	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
	Sunday, 3/17	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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 3/16	Joan Conway	Req/Bill & Sandy LaPierre	4:00 pm
		Special Intention	Req/Judi & Greg Gross	
	Sunday, 3/17	Daryl Ley	Req/Carlozzi Family	9:30 am