



## Cluster News

**Concert & Retreat Day:** Featuring David Haas and the music ministries of St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Joseph. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm concert, St. James Chatham; Retreat from 8:30 am to 2 pm, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, The Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls. Retreat registration fee /\$50 (or \$40 if registering by August 15<sup>th</sup>). David Haas is a world-renowned author and composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music. There is a registration form and an order form in the back of the church for these events. Questions? Contact Justine Rodriguez at 518-986-9800 or [justinejrodrigues@gmail.com](mailto:justinejrodrigues@gmail.com).

**Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting:** Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, , 5:15 pm, St. James, North Creek

**Second Collection:** Catholic Schools, October 13<sup>th</sup> weekend

**Youth Ministry Retreat:** Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2-6 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.

**Diocesan Marriage Jubilee:** The Annual Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Call the office to register or email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy in that care by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are October 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY and November 1-3, 2019 in CT. For more information, call Pat & MaryJo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Magnificat: Women's Breakfast,** by Albany NY Chapter, Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, The Vista Restaurant at Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park, NY; Guest Speaker: Sr. Teresa Grace Baillargeon, C.R. *See the flyer in the back of the church for additional information.*

**Confirmation:** Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

### ST. JAMES

**Bishop's Appeal:** The assessment for St. James this year is \$9,399. This is a reduction of \$392 from last year. We have collected \$7,525 (46 gifts) to date. We have \$1,874 still to collect! Remember, let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment & support always. We have reached 80%!

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** We are in the midst of our Capital Campaign, and we currently have enough to go forth with replacing our church furnace before winter. With 23 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$32,125! This is 38% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

**Bake Sale:** Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: The religious education programs in our Cluster benefit from this cake sale. Please consider baking your favorite recipe.

**Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers:** See Joyce/Karen after Mass for the October schedule.

<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Sunday,	10/20	People of the Parish	9:00 am
	Tuesday,	10/22 Eugene Maiorana	Req/Janet 9:00 am

### 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 \$21,355 (84 gifts) to date. We have \$3,084 still to collect. Let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment & support always. We have reached 88%!

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** With your continued generosity, our current total of pledges and donations is \$131,710! Plans are underway to demolish and rebuild the concrete steps at the entrance to the church in early spring. Meanwhile, repairs will be made to the steps which will make them trustworthy and safe during the winter months. Additionally, two more window locations are scheduled for repair by All in Glass! If you would like to visit All in Glass to see this amazing restoration process, please call the office. Some of the recent donations were a result of parishioners speaking with their financial advisors and determining they could donate by using retirement funds or other distributions. It is not too late to donate or pledge. Thank you to those who have done so.

**Retirement:** Our Music Director, Patty Corey, will be retiring the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. A farewell reception for Patty will be held in the Parish Center after the Masses that weekend. Please come and bid adieu to her. She has added much joy to our Masses with her beautiful accompaniments for 27 years. Would you like to bring a type of finger food to share? There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, on the grounds in front of the church, at 2:00 pm. Come for a special blessing for your beloved pet, a remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, great and small. *Free will donation*

<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Saturday,	10/19	Larry Carr	Req/Rounds/DeBartolo	5:30 pm
	Sunday,	10/20	Robert Flynn	Req/Kathy & Eric Lauritzen 9:30 am