

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin
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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

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

No weekday (Monday) Mass in Elderwood At North Creek

No other weekday Masses except for Thanksgiving

No weekday Masses in St. James, North Creek during the winter months – Masses will resume in May 2019

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 am, Thursday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

1:30 pm, Thursday, Elderwood At North Creek

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

5:30 pm, Friday, December 7th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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!

After months of planning, hope and prayer, pledge sheets are arriving! With your support, we can be assured of a successful campaign! Remember, this is our legacy for those to come!

Many of you are struggling and discerning your contribution. Whatever the reason, please let me know your concerns. We cannot shepherd each other if we let our anger get the best of us. Please pledge your sacrificial gift. Your pledge can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the Parish Center. We are doing together what we cannot do alone. May God bless us as we continue to “Re-Ignite our Faith!”

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will address the congregation on Saturday, December 15th, at the 4 pm Mass in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, regarding this campaign.

Fr. John O’Kane

Prayer

God of untiring mercy open our hearts to hear your voice. Send your living flame of love into our hearts to overflow with abundant generosity of spirit. May the burning passion of your love for all transfigure our lives, our families and our parishes.

Re-ignite in us each day the joy of spreading the Gospel and may our living faith in you shine in our hearts each day.

We place our prayer in the heart of Mary, Patroness of our Nation and our Diocese. **Amen**

A JOURNEY OF CHANGE!

Life is a journey of change—sometimes frightening, often traumatic, always difficult. But when our “heavens and earths” pass away, the promise of God’s life and the gospel values remain constant. The unsettling images Jesus articulates in today’s gospel confront us with the reality that the things we give our lives to—our careers, our portfolios, our bodies, our celebrity—will one day be no more and their loss will leave us bitter and disillusioned. Christ calls us to embrace not the things of the world, but the things of God; the eternal treasures of love and mercy, the joy that comes from selfless giving, the satisfaction that comes from lifting up the hopes and dreams of others. Copyright: *Living Liturgy*, 2018

North Country Ministry

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Items Needed: Coats for toddlers through teen agers, clothing for infants and children, shoes, sneakers, diapers, baby wipes, clothing for men and shoes, clothing for women and shoes, bed linens and towels, beds/mattresses, other furniture. Furniture donations can only be accepted at the Furniture Barn. Call for pick-up or before delivering.

Giving Tree Program: Once again this year, we will participate in the Giving Tree Program. Christmas gifts of clothing and toys will be distributed to families in greatest need. North Country Ministry caseworkers report that it is tremendously moving to see the emotions expressed by the parents when their children open our generous gifts. This Hand of Hope is a joyful expression of our love, concern and compassion. Tags with requests will soon be available on our Christmas trees. If you prefer to participate in the Giving Tree Program by making a monetary donation, we will forward the donation on to North Country Ministry. Volunteer shoppers are needed. If you are interested in joining the Giving Tree effort in this way, please contact North Country Ministry.

Cluster News

Breaking Open the Word: We are looking into forming a weekly study on the Word with Lectio Divina Prayer. Lectio Divina is prayer using the Scriptures and allowing interior silence that allows a space for deep listening to the voice of God. We would begin with an Advent Cluster Retreat facilitated by Joan Nolan, Executive Director of John Paul II Center for women. If you have an interest and feel the Spirit is calling you to be part of “Breaking Open the Word,” please call Mary Filkins at 518-494-3588, Fr. John, or the office.

Christmas Cantata: Saturday, December 8th, 7 pm, St. Sacrament Episcopal Church, Bolton Landing and Sunday, December 9th, 3 pm, The Community United Methodist Church, Chestertown—“Jesus is Born Tonight” by Lloyd Larson. There is a spot for children in the chorus. Contact the office if your child might be interested in participating.

Family Concert: Sunday, December 9th, 7 pm, St. Ambrose Parish, 347 Loudon Road, Lathan, 518-785-1351: Performance by Vince Ambrosetti, Catholic Artist of the Year, 2001, composed, recorded, and by invitation of the Vatican, performed for Pope John Paul II the first English Mass setting ever sung at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, as well as other numerous award-winning performances.

ST. JAMES

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: Tuesday, November 20th, 10:30 am, Elderwood At North Creek
Wednesday, November 21st, 7 pm, Sodom Community Church.

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 15 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$26,100! This is 31% of our goal of \$85,000. For those who have pledged or donated, a response will be coming from the Diocese.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 11/24	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
Sunday, 11/25	People of the Parish	8:00 am

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: Sunday, November 18th, 7 pm, Christ Church/Sun Rise

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 48 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$87,900! This is 44% of our goal of \$200,000. For those who have pledged or donated, a response will be coming from the Diocese. Please note: on Saturday, November 24th, at the 4 pm Mass, Guy Savio, from “All in Glass,” will address the congregation on the condition of our stained-glass windows.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets: Our Food Basket ministry is accepting donations of food and money as Christmas approaches. Your donations will help provide Christmas food baskets for local families in need. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the container at the entrance of the church, and monetary donations can be placed in the box provided. Want to join the food basket team? Call John @518-494-4398.

Baptism: We welcome into our Parish Community, Grace Evelyn Piemme, baptized Sunday, November 11th. May God continue to bless Grace Evelyn and her family.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 11/24	Mike & Shawn Corey	Req/Patty	4:00 pm
Sunday, 11/25	People of the Parish		9:30 am