### Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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### 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 Masses

1:30 pm, Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Elderwood at North Creek 1:30 pm, Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Elderwood at North Creek

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

6:15 pm, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown 9:00 am, Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, St. James North Creek 7:00 pm, Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

# **Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**

6:00 pm, Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

#### **Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

4:00 pm, Family Mass, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown 6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing 7:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown 9:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

### **Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

9:30 am, St. James, North Creek 11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:30 pm Saturday and 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

### LOOK TO THE FUTURE. LIVE IN THE PRESENT!

We end our church year by recalling this tremendous act of love, Jesus, king of the Universe, gives himself completely on the wood of the cross. As we enter into a new year of living and growing in faith, may we keep this thought always ahead of us. May we come to embrace the kingship of Jesus, a kingship completely poured out for others, transforming death into life, & violence into love. Copyright, *Living Liturgy 2019* 

Each of the readings on this first Sunday of Advent have a twofold focus. We are told to look to the future, as days to come, and we are instructed how to live in the present: walk in the light of the Lord; put on the Lord Jesus Christ; stay awake and be prepared. Copyright: *Workbook for Lectors* 2020

### **Cluster News**

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. Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Enrich and renew your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY and July 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. More information, call Pat & MaryJo McLaughlin, 860-315-2127or visit them at <a href="https://www.mectw.org/">https://www.mectw.org/</a>. Giving Tree Program: This program is soon to begin. Tags will be placed on our Christmas tree and your new gift should be wrapped with the tag adhered securely to the outside of the wrapped gift and placed under the tree for delivery to North Country Ministry.

**Second Collection**: Weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Flower Offering

### 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 \$8,915 (49 gifts) to date. We have \$484 still to collect! Remember, let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment and support always. We have reached 95%!

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** We are in the midst of our Capital Campaign. With 23 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$32,125! This is 38% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you for your pledge or donation. **Save the Date:** Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Golden Opportunity Raffle; Basil & Wicks, 1 pm to 4 pm – Raffle tickets are \$100. Additional information will soon be mailed. More to follow!

Mass Intentions:Saturday, 12/07People of the Parish5:30 pmSaturday, 12/14People of the Parish5:30 pm

### 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 \$22,355 (86 gifts) to date. We have \$2,084 still to collect. Let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment and support always. We have reached 92%!

**Re-Igniting Our Faith:** With your continued generosity, our current total of pledges and donations is \$131,710! Thank you to those who have donated or pledged to this Campaign. It is not too late to do so. **Christmas Food Baskets:** Our Food Basket ministry is continuing to accept donations of food and money as Christmas approaches. Your donations will help to provide Christmas food baskets for local families in need. You can place non-perishable food donations in the container at the entrance of the church, and money donations can be placed in the box provided there. Suggested donations are pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, gravy, and dried potatoes. Want to join the food basket team? Call John at 518-494-4398 if you can help.

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	Margaret Maday	Req/Rounds/DeBartolo	4:00 pm
Sunday, 12/08	People of the Parish		9:30 am
Saturday, 12/14	People of the Parish		4:00 pm
Sunday, 12/15	Ruth MacDonald Re	eq/Patricia & John McAlonen	9:30 am