

## Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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*4th Sunday of Advent*

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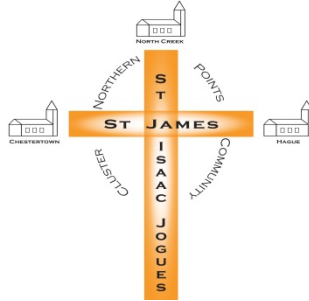
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### Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. James, North Creek

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

10:30 am, Sunday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

### Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

8:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

### Christmas Day

11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

### Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:30 am, St. James, North Creek

9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

10:30 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

### **ELIZABETH, FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE!**

Elizabeth is so overwhelmed with joy when Mary comes to her that her body reacts in two physical ways. First, the child she’s carrying moves. If you’ve carried a child, you can imagine what that big kick may have felt like. Second, she cries out. The gospel writer is very specific with this action: she doesn’t simply “greet” or “speak,” as we may expect. Instead, she “cried out in a loud voice.” There’s a lack of inhibition in Elizabeth’s joy that is unexpected, if not jarring. She expresses loud joy at not only seeing a member of her family whom she loves, but simultaneously making the connection that her cousin is carrying her Messiah. That realization does not elicit demur wonder, but a vocal exclamation. Do you have a family member or friend who expresses joy in a similar way.? Do you have a family member or friend who expresses joy in a similar way? Do you find this delightful, or does it give you some anxiety when a person greeting you “makes a scene”? Do you think Mary was overwhelmed, or ran right into her arms? Copyright: *Living Liturgy, 2022*



## Diocesan Appeal 2021 – 2022

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Come Holy Spirit

### **Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth!**

The Holy Spirit inspires each of us to find a deeper sense of our individual missions and then to help one another to discover them to serve each other. Our diocesan family lifts us together in these responsibilities, aided through ministries funded through the **Diocesan Appeal**:

**Please give prayerful reflection to your Diocesan Appeal gift as your Catholic Church strives to serve its mission and your family for generations in the day-to-day and milestone moments.**

**Caring for Family:** Allowing all 126 parishes to focus on spiritual ministry rather than administrative duties - Nearly 30 diocesan departments serve each parish.

**Future Shepherds:** Nearly 1/3 of annual Diocesan Appeal revenue pays for the education expenses of the seminarians (deacons and priests) who currently are 40 in number.

**Transformative Learning:** Professional administrative services supplement small-scale on-site school staff plus financial assistance is provided for each of the 4 Diocesan high schools.

**Impact on Vulnerable Neighbors:** Support of Catholic Charities programs like CC MOVE & the Emergency Assistance Program. **Learn more at [www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org](http://www.TheDiocesanAppeal.org) Make your gift/pledge online TODAY!**

### **Christmas Giving Tree: North Country Ministries/Helpers Fund**

Thank you to all who participated in bringing the hand of hope to those in need.

### **The Future of the Church of Albany, Now**

Please read the bulletin insert regarding the shortage of Priest's, from Fr. Joseph Bush & Fr. Scott VanDerveer.

It ends with So-pray. "Jesus told his followers 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few'" (Luke 10:2)

And try to understand we will do the best we can to provide the Eucharist so that all may receive the Lord each week.

### **Reconciliation/Confession times during Advent.**

Please see the bulletin insert regarding Reconciliation/Confession times available in the area.

Otherwise, please call the office for an appointment.

### **ST. JAMES CHURCH:**

**Food Baskets:** We are collecting for the Food Pantry once again.

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 12/25 & 26 The People of the Parish.

**Diocesan Appeal:** Our assessment is \$6,475. Please be as generous as possible.

**Save the Date:** Letters will be going out shortly for the Golden Opportunity Raffle. It will be on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 pm Mass.

### **ST. ISAAC JOGUES:**

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 12/25 Joseph Turcotte Req. Tom & Cindy Turcotte 11:00 am

Sunday, 12/26 Raymond Gallagher Pat Gallagher 9:00 am

**Diocesan Appeal:** Our assessment is \$22,880. Please be as generous as possible.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** Gifts need to be here no later than this Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Presents are being delivered on Tuesday.