

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and New Year's Eve, December 30 & 31, 2018

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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

1:30 pm, Monday, December 24th, Elderwood At North Creek

No Weekday Masses

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

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

Carols will be sung ½ hour before the 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm Masses

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

9:30 am, St. James, North Creek

11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

New Year's Eve & Day Mass Schedule (Revised)

(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)

4:00 pm, Monday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

6:00 pm, Monday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

10:00 am, Tuesday, St. James, North Creek

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

Christ Our Savior is Born! Merry Christmas!

Thank you for your gifts and food for those in need this time of year. Thank you to the volunteers who graciously gave of their time and energy to make this all come about. Your generosity will help make Christmas brighter for many families! Thank you to our Liturgical Ministers, Greeters, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and all those who helped prepare our churches for Advent and Christmas. Both churches look beautiful, and we sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped make this happen. A special thank you is extended to our music directors, Patty Corey and Denise Conti, and their wonderful choirs. Their music always enhances our liturgies. Thank you, also, to all those involved in bringing the Christmas Story to life here in the Northern Points Cluster. It is a beautiful tradition and reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas!

Merry Christmas and many Blessings throughout the New Year!

Fr. John & Barb

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger presided at Mass this past Saturday, December 15th, and addressed concerns of the parishioners following Mass. Many issues were brought forward, and Bishop Ed graciously answered these concerns and issues, with much clarification and satisfaction. Bishop Ed explained that the 30% of the money which is slated for the Diocese will be placed in a 5013C account and its distribution will be governed by a Lay Board. The funds will be dispersed through grants, and can only be used for the issues explained by Bishop Ed. One issue of importance is that many of our older, retired priests never received Social Security or pensions and a part of this 30% will be used to care for and assist this group. A part of the percentage going to the Diocese is also slated for distribution in assisting our Catholic Schools, evangelization, and educating our Seminarians. Funds cannot and will not be dispersed for any other reason! With this clarification and after months of planning, hope and prayer, we can go forward to reach our goal. With your support, we can be assured of a successful campaign! Remember, this is our legacy for those to come! Still, if many of you are struggling and discerning your contribution, please contact me. Remember, 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!"

Fr. John O'Kane

THE 38TH GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

St. James Church

Support the major fund-raising event for the Parish by taking a chance!
Many people place several names on the same ticket!

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Contribution for Raffle Ticket: \$100

(Only 200 Tickets will be available)

This makes a great Christmas gift and is also good for the end of the year tax purposes

Place: Basil & Wicks

Date: Sunday, January 27th

Times: 1 pm to 4 pm – Happy Hour 1 pm (cash bar) – Dinner 1:30 pm

Dinner: Italian Buffet

Music: Frank Conti & his Band

Dinner Tickets & Reservations: \$25/adult - \$10/child (12 & under)

Please call Joyce Parker at 518-251-2273

Cluster News

Second Collection: The Evangelist, Weekend of January 19th & 20th

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 Weekends are January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and October 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY. For more information, 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.

ST. JAMES

Christmas Eve Gathering: Enjoy eggnog and cookies following the 9:30 pm Mass.

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 17 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$26,625! This is 32% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 12/29	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
Sunday, 12/30	People of the Parish	8:00 am

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Stained Glass Windows: Guy Savio. From "All in Glass," has invited us to visit his studio to see his process with stained glass windows, on Saturday, January 26th, from 10 am to Noon. Please call the office if you are interested in being a part of this group.

Eagle Boy Scout Project: As a project to complete his Eagle Scout Award, Thomas Conway has volunteered to build a bathroom on the second floor of the Parish Center. He is looking for donations to help defray costs for this project. Please contact the office if you would like to assist him. Kudos to this young man for choosing this project for our church!

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With 56 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$95,050! This is 48% of our goal of \$200,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Save the Day: Italian Night, Saturday, January 19th, following the 4:00 pm Mass!

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 12/29	People of the Parish	4:00 pm
Sunday, 12/30	People of the Parish	9:30 am