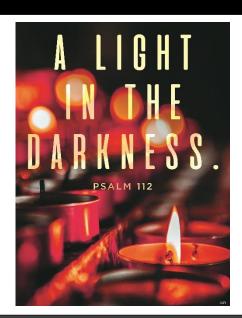
5th Sunday Ordinary Time February 5, 2023



Upcoming Events

Souper Bowl Collection Sat. & Sun. 2/11 & 2/12

There will be a 2nd Collection for all Mass's. And we will be collecting Can of soup for the food pantry.

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023. **Ministry Sign Up Weekend** March 4th & 5th after Mass's for all three churches. More to come! **St. Patty's Day Parade,** Saturday, March 11th in Chestertown at 2 pm. St. Isaac Jogues will be marching. Come Join Us!

Lenten Events

Ash Wednesday Mass Times—February 22

St. James, North Creek @ 9 am
St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown @ 4:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing @ 6 pm
All with Distribution of Ashes

Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Suppers

Thurs, March 2nd @ Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing Thurs, March 9th @ St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown Thurs, March 16th @ St. James, North Creek Thurs, March 23rd @ St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Cluster Reconciliation

Monday, March 27th @ St. Isaac Jogues at 6 pm **For Holy Week see Flyer**

St. James

North Creek

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873 2/4 & 2/18 Mass Intentions Available

Offertory: 1/28/23 \$951

Diocesan Appeal: We still have \$1,872 to go. We have collected \$5,381 which is 74% of our goal of \$7,252, with 21 gifts to date. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.

42nd **St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle:** The winners are John Alexander & Jill Toney! The winnrs of the 50/50 is Erin & Mary Ellen Glackin. They took home \$960! Congratulations to them all. Many thanks go to Joyce Parker for a job well done.

St. Isaac Jogues

Chestertown/Hague

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873

Sat, 2/4 Paul Baltes *Req. Patricia Baltes* Sat, 2/11 Colton Family, Nettie Buckley,

Theresa Todd Req. Ann Tougas

Offertory: 1/28 & 1/29 \$1,983

1/21& 1/22 \$3,670

Diocesan Appeal: Wow! We have collected \$17,813 which is 90.6% of our goal of \$19,659, with 59 gifts to date. We have only \$1,856 left to go. Fantastic job! We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

Bolton Landing

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.

2/5 Mimi Roessler Reg. Dawn Faller

2/5 Michelle Hubley Req. Al & Suellen Franz

2/12 Frank McDonald Req. Steve & Denise Arata

2/12 Pat Galea Reg. Dawn Faller

Offertory: 1//29 \$804 1/22 \$932

Diocesan Appeal: We have collected \$14,855 which is 59.4% of our goal of \$25,008, with 38 gifts to date. We still have \$10,153 left to achieve our assessment. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.

Woman's Retreat

March 31st through April 2nd Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This years theme is "Make My Joy Complete" (Philippians 2:2). The Guest Director is Mary Reddy Reichley, OPA, D. Min. Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Open to all faiths and all ages. *Call Ginny Raymond* @ 518-251-3515 or Pat Audi 518-792-3447 for more information.

Part Time Secretary Needed for St. Cecilia's in Warrensburg

3 days a week, 3-4 hrs per day
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Respond to Fr. Joe Bush
JGB46@aol.com
Must have experience with computers
and office programs.
Speak to Barb Carlozzi if interested.



Beginning Friday February 3rd: VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers) in Warren, Washington, & Northern Saratoga counties in February and March. This is free tax assistance for families and individuals whose household income is \$60,00 or less per year. Call 1-800-211-5128 to schedule an appointment. March 2nd will be at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center. If enough people call to make an appointment, they possibly would open another date!



Recognizing God in the Ordinary Moments

What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

