

1st Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023



Upcoming Events

Next Weekend is Ministry Sign Up March 4th & 5th, after Masses for all three churches. See Ministry Fair.

St. James & St. Isaac Jogues 3/11 & 12 CRS Collection for Turkey & Syria

St. Patty's Day Parade, Saturday, March 11th in Chestertown at 2 pm. St. Isaac Jogues will be marching. Come Join Us!

Lenten Events

The next 5 Fridays at 5 pm we will continue with Mary's Way of the Cross; on March 3rd, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown/Soup Supper; on March 10th, St. James, North Creek/Soup Supper; on March 17th, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing/**Pizza**; on March 24th, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing/No Fellowship; March 31st, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown/Soup Supper.

Thursday, March 23rd, Cluster Reconciliation.

St. James North Creek

Intentions & Mass Cards:

Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
2/25 & 3/4 Mass Intentions Available

Offertory: 2/18 \$590

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.

St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown/Hague

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

2/25 Roberta O'Sullivan *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

2/25 John Allen Penney *Req. Carol Feldt*

2/26 Leslie Atkins *Req. Lee & JoAnn Flammer*

3/4 Victoria Lombardo *Req. Kathy DeBartolo*

Offertory: 2/26 \$3,737

Diocesan Appeal: Wow! We have collected \$18,113 which is 91.6% of our goal of \$19,659, with 61 gifts to date. We have only \$1,546 left to go. Fantastic job! We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

North Country Ministry

Save the Date

2023 Spring Fundraiser

Boot Scootin' Ball

Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm

At The Queensbury Hotel

March 31st through April 2nd Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This year's 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.*

3 more weeks of Winter.



Church of the Blessed Sacrament Bolton Landing

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

2/26 Aimee & Devon Sampson Newly Married
Req. Debbie Sands

3/5 Frank McDonald *Req. Gary & Anne Shelton*

3/5 Henry Faller *Req. Dawn Faller*

3/5 Michael Valenty. *Req. Anne Marie & Ray Bell*

3/5 William Schiverman *Req. Debbie Sands*

Offertory: 2/26 \$874

Diocesan Appeal: We have collected \$15,275 which is 61% of our goal of \$25,008, with 42 gifts to date. We still have \$9,733 left to achieve our assessment. We strive for 100% participation, not equal gifts. Thank you; your stewardship is truly appreciated.

Next Collections: 3/5 Bl. & Native/Latin American
3/12 Turkey/Syria CRS Collection

Ministry Fair

As we enter the Season of Lent, we are reminded of our call to serve one another. Have you thought about being a Greeter, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, or member of the Music Ministry? Maybe you serve in one of these ministries at your home Parish. Perhaps in the past you have thought about joining one of our parish ministries but just haven't had the opportunity to sign up. We are planning a Ministry Sign-Up Weekend on March 4th & 5th 2023, after the Mass on that weekend. Parishioners (full-time or part-time) will have the opportunity to find out about each ministry, and when training will take place. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about serving one another. We look forward to sharing with you information about our ministries which are so important to our parish life.

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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!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Formed and Fallen By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." —

Romans 5:15 ©LPi