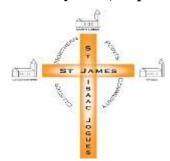
Northern Points Cluster Bulletin Rev. John O'Kane, Pastor of St. James & St. Isaac Jogues Barbara Carlozzi, Pastoral Associate of Parish Life 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29, 2019

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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

5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown 9:00 am, Sunday, St. James Church, North Creek 11:00 am, Sunday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown Mass at one of our Sister churches? Please designate your offertory for your own Parish.

Weekday Masses

1:30 pm, Monday, September30th, Elderwood at North Creek 9:00 am, Tuesday, October 1st, St. James, North Creek 5:15 pm, Wednesday, October 2nd, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Mass Changes

Weekend of October 19th & 20th, 5:30 pm Vigil & 9:30 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown Sunday, October 20th, 8:00 am, St. James, North Creek Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

Hospital Visits

Please contact Fr. John if a parishioner is hospitalized or in a nursing home

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Parish Center, Chestertown or by appointment

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

Please contact Fr. John @ 518-824-1181

COMFORTABLE SOCIAL INSTITUTION!

For many, Christianity has become a comfortable social institution. Parishioners and church members attend Mass regularly, build community with others in their geographical boundary, and might send their children to the parish school. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus did not found parishes. The basis of one's salvation is not parish membership, but how we treat the poor and disenfranchised among us. Now that our world has become flat, we are so interconnected that nearly the entire globe is our neighbor. Our responsibility to one another has increased exponentially. We are not concerned merely with our neighborhood, parish, or school, but we are concerned with a much broader spectrum. The moral life includes decisions we make while shopping, hiring labor, or disposing of waste. Today, we are called to let go of any narrow vision we might have of "neighbor" and see the Lazarus figures before us both locally and worldwide. Copyright Living Liturgy 2019

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH!

Keep in prayer this continuing Campaign. Consider pledging or donating. The Holy Spirit is calling us to be aware of our needs in our beautiful churches, Cluster, and Diocese. 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

Cluster News

Concert & Retreat Day: Featuring David Haas and the music ministries of St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Joseph. Friday, October 4th, 7 pm concert, St. James Chatham; Retreat from 8:30 am to 2 pm, Saturday, October 5th, The Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls. Retreat registration fee /\$50 (or \$40 if registering by August 15th). David Haas is a world-renowned author and composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music. There is a registration form and an order form in the back of the church for these events. Questions? Contact Justine Rodriguez at 518-986-9800 or <u>justinejrodrigues@gmail.com</u>. Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, October 7th, , 5:15 pm, St. James, North Creek

Second Collection: Catholic Schools, October 13th weekend **Youth Ministry Retreat:** Monday, October 14th, 2-6 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee: The Annual Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held Sunday, October 20th, at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Call the office to register or email to Marriage. Jubilee@rcda.org. Worldwide Marriage Encounter: God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy in that care by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are October 18-20,

2019 in Albany, NY and November 1-3, 2019 in CT. For more information, call Pat & MaryJo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

Magnificat: Women's Breakfast, by Albany NY Chapter, Saturday, November 9th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, The Vista Restaurant at Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park, NY; Guest Speaker: Sr. Teresa Grace Baillargeon, C.R. See the flyer in the back of the church for additional information.

Confirmation: Sunday, November 17th, 2:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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 \$7,525 (46 gifts) to date. We have \$1,874 still to collect! Remember, let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment & support always. We have reached 80%!

Re-Igniting Our Faith: We are in the midst of our Capital Campaign, and we currently have enough to go forth with replacing our church furnace before winter. With 23 pledges to date, we have reached a total of \$32,125! This is 38% of our goal of \$85,000. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated.

Bake Sale: Sunday, October 13th: The religious education programs in our Cluster benefit from this cake sale. Please consider baking your favorite recipe.

Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers: See Joyce/Karen after Mass for the October schedule.

Mass Intentions: Sunday, 10/20 People of the Parish 9:00 am 9:00 am Tuesday, 10/22 Eugene Maiorana Req/Janet

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 \$21,355 (84 gifts) to date. We have \$3,084 still to collect. Let us strive for 100% participation; not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice! God Bless you for your generosity, commitment & support always. We have reached 88%!

Re-Igniting Our Faith: With your continued generosity, our current total of pledges and donations is \$131,710! Plans are underway to demolish and rebuild the concrete steps at the entrance to the church in early spring. Meanwhile, repairs will be made to the steps which will make them trustworthy and safe during the winter months. Additionally, two more window locations are scheduled for repair by All in Glass! If you would like to visit All in Glass to see this amazing restoration process, please call the office. Some of the recent donations were a result of parishioners speaking with their financial advisors and determining they could donate by using retirement funds or other distributions. It is not too late to donate or pledge. Thank you to those who have done so.

Retirement: Our Music Director, Patty Corey, will be retiring the weekend of October 5th & 6th. A farewell reception for Patty will be held in the Parish Center after the Masses that weekend. Please come and bid adieu to her. She has added much joy to our Masses with her beautiful accompaniments for 27 years. Would you like to bring a type of finger food to share? There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 6th, on the grounds in front of the church, at 2:00 pm. Come for a special blessing for your beloved pet, a remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, great and small. Free will donation

Mass Intentions: Saturday, 10/19 Larry Carr Req/Rounds/DeBartolo 5:30 pm Sunday, 10/20 Robert Flynn Req/Kathy & Eric Lauritzen 9:30 am