

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

Sunday, 8:30 am, St. James, North Creek

Sunday, 10:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Reminder: When you go to one of our sister churches, please designate your offertory for your own parish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, February 1st, 2 pm, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home

Wednesday, February 3rd, 9 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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

Services for Ash Wednesday, February 10th

2:00 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Adirondack Tri County Nursing Home

3:30 pm, Children’s Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

7:00 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. James, North Creek

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is a day of both fast & abstinence.

“Abstinence” is to abstain from meat.

“Fasting” means not eating in-between meals and only having one main meal with two smaller meals not equaling the main meal.

Those who are 18 to 59 are asked to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday.

Reconciliation: by appointment

Hospital Visits

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

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

Please call Fr. John at 494-5229 ext. 34

ST. JAMES 35TH GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

This is the weekend! We will be announcing the winner(s) of our Golden Opportunity Raffle in next week’s bulletin! You are such wonderful benefactors. Thank you for your continued support and concern in embracing this fundraiser. Your participation in the well-being of our parishes and cluster keeps the community vibrant. We will give you the whole scoop next weekend!



CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS!

As Christians, we strive to be attuned to God's calling in our lives. But what if God's calling seems to take us in unexpected and even unwanted directions? Scripture offers many examples of this. Moses initially resists God's invitation. Mary's "yes" is preceded by perplexed astonishment. Jeremiah argues that he just isn't capable of what God has in mind for him. These are understandable reactions, ones we too may have felt in response to situations God seems to be calling us to. Walk with the saints and prophets today, reflecting on and celebrating God's calling in your life. *Copyright, TrueQuest Communications, 2016*

Cluster News

Youth Ministry: Sunday, 6 pm in Chestertown.

RCIA: There is still time to contact the office if you know someone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or someone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic.

Souper Bowl Mass & Collection: Mass, 4 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, February 6th.

Special Jubilee Year of Mercy Event: Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC of the National Shrine of Divine Mercy will be coming to Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing to give a talk entitled *A Personal Testimony to Mary and Mercy* on Monday, February 8th, at 6:30 pm. *See the flyer.* Also, Fr. Gaitley will sign his books on February 14th, at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Queensbury, at 1:00 pm. *See the flyer.*

North Country Ministry (251-4460 or 623-2829)

New Executive Director: North Country Ministry's board has appointed Judy Carr as their new Executive Director. We congratulate her on her new position and look forward to our continued partnership with NCM.

Urgent Need: North Country Ministry is in need of clean, gently used clothes and rattles for the Baby's place in North Creek and Warrensburg. There is also a need for men's and women's adult winter clothing, as well as blankets to be distributed through the Clothing Center. Items may be dropped off at NCM's Warrensburg Center or the North Creek Center. *Contact Theresa, 251-4460*

Priory News (518-494-3733)

website: www.prioryretreathouse.org or email: www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com

The Gift of Change: *Friday, February 5th, 10 am – 3 pm:* Can you predict the direction of your own growth? Can you control the changes that occur in the world around you? Life without change is impossible. Silence, meditation, group sharing, focusing on the gift of change in our lives is the theme. *John Daubney \$55-65*

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Second Collection: Next week's second collection is for North Country Ministry. We welcome Judy Carr newly appointed Director of North Country Ministry, who will be with us to speak at both Masses about our continued sponsorship with North Country Ministry.

Religious Education: Classes continue on Mondays for our grade school children.

Souper Bowl Mass & Collection: At all Masses the weekend of February 6th & 7th. A basket for this collection will be placed in the back of the church. This is a Youth Ministry sponsored tradition.

Wine & Cheese: Following the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, February 13th – enjoy wine and cheese as we thank our seasonal parishioners for being part of our community. There will be hot cocoa for the children.

Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers: See Karen after Mass to set up the February schedule.

Offertory Collection: Week of January 24th: \$731

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Religious Education: Classes continue on Wednesdays for our grade school children.

Children's Mass: Saturday, February 13th, 4 pm. Pizza for our children & families to follow.

Offertory Collection: Week of January 24th: \$1041