

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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Feast of Christ the King, November 22, 2015

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues Office

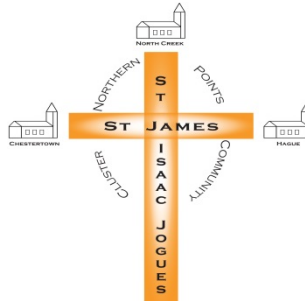
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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, November 23rd, 2:00 pm, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home

Monday, November 30th, 2:00 pm, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home

No weekday Mass at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, until December 2nd

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, 9:00 am, November 26th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th, 9:00 am, St. James, North Creek

Tuesday, December 8th, 5:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 pm at Parish Center, Chestertown, or 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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

During this week of Thanksgiving, let us ponder—“Blessed are those who are grateful for life, for they shall have it in its fullness.” We are blessed to live in a land of mountains, valleys, flowing rivers and babbling brooks. We are loved and have the capacity to reach out and let our fellowship and love overflow into the lives of others. Let us find joy in each day and spread that joy within our parishes and communities. Our lives are enriched with God’s presence, and we are eternally grateful for our many blessings. Celebrate the Feast of Christ the King by loving and serving one another!

On behalf of our entire Cluster Family, we wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed, Holy, Advent Season!

Fr. John



Cluster News

Youth Ministry: Classes continue this weekend in Chestertown. **No class on November 29th.** The group will sing Christmas Carols at the Adirondack Tri County Nursing Home in North Creek on Sunday, December 13th, at 5 pm.

Confirmation: Sunday, December 6th, 3 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.

Youth Ministry Can Tab Drive: Save your bottle tabs to aid the Uganda young women. Containers are available in the back of the church. This drive will end on January 10, 2016.

Advent Gospel for all Ages: St. James and St. Isaac Jogues will begin their Advent journey together on Sunday, November 29th, 1st Sunday of Advent, following the 10 am Mass, in the Parish Center of St. Isaac Jogues.

Homebound: With the holidays fast approaching, call Fr. John if you would like him to make a home visit.

RCIA: We are excited about a newly formed team which has met and will work on a program for the RCIA candidates. With Pope Francis doing wonderful things for all faiths, reaching out and encouraging those who may have left the church and/or did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are eager to have this team working on this project. Contact the office if you know someone who would like to receive this Sacrament or someone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic. An evening of inquiry will be set up.

Advent Candlelight Vigil reflection hour at Blessed Sacrament Church, Bolton Landing, on Friday, December 4th, from 7 pm to 8 pm. The evening will include Scripture reading, music and quiet reflection, blessing of mangers, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fellowship will follow in the Community Room.

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

Baby's Place: Come to a Play Group: Babies & toddlers (newborn through age 3) accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult; children and adults can play and socialize; the first, second and third Tuesdays of each month of the school year; from 10 am until 11:30 am; at the Adirondack Community outreach Center on Route 28 (between North Creek and Wevertown); no charge. Call Theresa at 251-4460 for more information

Winter Clothing: Winter clothing is needed for boys, 9 months to 3 years, North Creek location.

Priory News (518-494-3733)

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

Mary, Woman of Substance...Model, Today: *Friday, December 4th, 5 pm – Sunday, December 6th, noon:* An Advent Quiet, Guided/Directed Retreat: Pondering the Events of Mary's Annunciation and Visitation, and the Mystery of Our Pregnancy with Christ! There will be presentations, sharing, prayer and Spiritual Direction. *Marge Milanese, M.Ed. Donation: \$140-150*

Christmas Sale: Saturday, December 5th, 10 am – 3 pm & Sunday, December 6th, 10 am – 1 pm, Chestertown Municipal Center Auditorium—holiday gifts, decorations, music, CDs, cards, seasonal art, toys & games, clothing, baked goods, refreshments!

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Religious Education: No classes for our grade school children for two weeks. Classes will resume on Monday, December 7th.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday, November 25th, 7 pm, St. James. An offering will be received, as well as donations of canned food.

Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 13th, 2 pm. "Northern Lights" will perform Traditional and Country Gospel Christmas music as a singing trio, with some violin and guitar, at the United Methodist Church in North Creek. The group consists of John Sleckman, Taff Fitterer and Camille Bodden from Indian and Blue Mountain Lakes.

Save the Date: Sunday, January 31st – Our Golden Opportunity Raffle! More to follow!

Second Collection: Weekend of December 6th, North Country Ministry.

Readers, Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers: See Karen following the November 29th Mass to set up the December schedule.

Note: Our Christmas Giving Tree will soon be in place.

Offertory Collection: November 15th: \$560

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Religious Education: No classes for our grade school children this Wednesday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd.

Annual Christmas Cantata: *Behold the Glory!* The performances are December 12th and 13th.

Food Baskets: Monetary and food donations for Christmas baskets are now being taken.

Suggested food items for this week are pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, gravy and dried potatoes.

We welcome donations and any non-perishable food items. Call John at 494-4398 if you can help the food basket team.

Note: Our Christmas Giving Tree will soon be in place.

Offertory Collection: November 15th: \$1577