

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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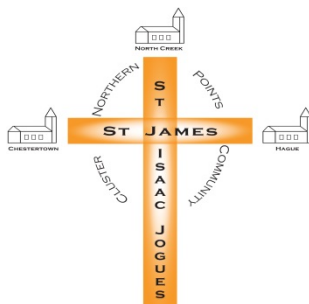
Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2015

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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, December 7th, 2:00 pm, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home

No weekday Mass at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, this week

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

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

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, Family Mass, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

7:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

9:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

Carols will be sung ½ hour before the 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm Masses

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

9:30 am, St. James, North Creek

11:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

New Year's Eve & Day Mass Schedules

(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)

5:30 pm, Thursday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

10 am, Friday, St. James, North Creek

Reconciliation

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

Hospital Visits

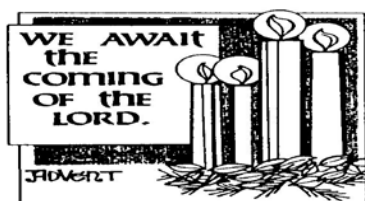
Please contact Fr. John if a family member is hospitalized or in a nursing home

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

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

CLEAR THE WAY!

Remember your post-Christmas resolutions last year? You were determined to simplify and hold on to the spiritual essence! Well, as Saint Paul might say, "Now is the acceptable time" to resist the eternal commercial that Christmas has become. Make the hard decisions about gifts. Walk away from the latest fad or toy, and walk toward the smiles that light the face of a poor mother who realizes that she and her children are not forgotten. A scriptural metaphor for Advent is the Lord making rough ways smooth and winding roads straight. For whom might you make life smoother today? *Copyright 2015, TrueQuest Communications*



Cluster News

Youth Ministry: The group will sing Christmas Carols at the Adirondack Tri County Nursing Home in North Creek on Sunday, December 13th, at 5 pm.

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. Kudos to our youth for their enthusiasm, energy, and success with this program to this point.

Homebound: 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.

Second Collection: Weekend of December 13th, Christmas Flower Offering: Any name on the envelope will be included in a frame and placed on the altar throughout the Christmas season.

Anointing of the Sick: Mass, Monday, December 14th, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. Let us seek the healing and forgiving presence of the Lord through this loving Sacrament.

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

Christmas Decorating & Celebration: Sunday, December 13th, 2 pm 'til??: This is a long-standing tradition to decorate the Christmas trees and house and to share Liturgy and a pot-luck supper with all the Priory friends. Please come and celebrate this joy-filled season by helping to decorate. Please let the Priory know by phone or email by December 7th if you can help.

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Religious Education: Classes will resume on Monday, December 7th, for grade school children.

Christmas Concert: The December 13th concert, originally scheduled at the United Methodist Church in North Creek, is cancelled. Another performance may be scheduled in the spring.

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

Christmas Giving Tree: Our Giving Tree is in place, and tags remain to be taken. Please be sure the tag is attached to your wrapped gift and please return your gift by December 20th.

Christmas Eve Gathering: After 9:30 pm Mass for egg-nog and cookies.

Offertory Collection: November 30th: \$954

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

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

Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant: There will be a dress rehearsal for the children in the Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 19th, at 9:15 am.

Annual Christmas Cantata: *Behold the Glory!* The performances are Saturday, December 12th, at 7 pm, in St. Sacrament Episcopal Church in Bolton Landing and Sunday, December 13th, at 3 pm, in the Community United Methodist Church in Chestertown.

Food Baskets: We are continuing to collect monetary and food donations for Christmas baskets. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one. If you have a turkey to donate, call John Vollaro at 494-4398 for more information. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding. Call John if you can help the food basket team.

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Offertory Collection: November 30th: \$1703