

## ***Northern Points Cluster Bulletin***

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***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 7, 2016***

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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**

*Ash Wednesday Masses and no other Weekday Mass*

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

### **Services for Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

*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*

### **Southern Cluster Masses & Distribution of Ashes**

*St. Cecilia's, Warrensburg, 7:00 pm*

*Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing, 7:00 pm*

### **Fasting & Abstinence**

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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.*

*Also, the custom in our Diocese is to observe Lenten Fridays as days of abstinence.*

*Those ages 18 to 59 are asked to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*

### **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 35<sup>TH</sup> GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE**

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our raffle! All 200 tickets were sold! We are forever grateful for your continued generosity to St. James and our Cluster. A special thank you is extended to our Chairperson, Joyce Parker, for her hard work and dedication and to all those who helped make last Sunday's Gala so successful. Frank Conti and his Band filled the Inn on Gore Mountain with great music. Thank you for sharing your wonderful gifts and talents! Much love and fellowship was shared throughout the afternoon. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Shawn Allen, Maria Glode, Peter Parker, Mike Turano, Sr., Kathleen S. Dubay, Richard Ross, Eilene Totzke, and Dave Wade! A special thank you is extended to Shawn Allen, who took the initiative to coordinate the sale of this ticket, which proved to be the winner!



## LENT IS A COMMUNAL DECISION!

Lent is an annual opportunity for deep soul-searching. What have I done, and what have I failed to do, to live up to my Baptism? Yet the repentance and conversion called for in this season is a communal decision, not a private one. Together we gather to accept our ashes. Publicly, we remind our fellow citizens that life is short and fragile every step of the way. In our practices of self-denial, greater attention to prayer, and generous almsgiving, we inspire each other with the courage to go the distance these 40 days. *Copyright, TrueQuest Communications, 2016*

### Cluster News

**Second Collection:** Utility/Fuel Collection, weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup>. We have many buildings which must be serviced in this account. Please be as generous as possible.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. *See the flyer.* Also, Fr. Gaitley will sign his books on February 14<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, Queensbury, at 1:00 pm. *See the flyer.*

### North Country Ministry (Judy Carr, 251-4460 or 623-2829)

**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](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org) or email: [www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com)

**Mandalas: Sacred Symbols:** Have you experienced Mandalas as a spiritual practice? The circle has symbolized wholeness and unity. Mandala work is not about drawing, but about focusing, calming and centering. *Connie Messitt, CSJ \$45-55*

**NOTE DATE CHANGE: The Gift of Change:** *Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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:

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

**Executive Director:** We welcome Judy Carr, the newly appointed Executive Director of North Country Ministry. Ms. Carr will address the Congregation this weekend.

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

**Offertory Collection:** Week of January 31<sup>st</sup>: \$1055

### ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

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

**Children's Mass:** Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. Pizza will be served for our children and families following Mass. A fun time at Fun Spot is also on the calendar. Please let us know if you and your family would like to go to Fun Spot.

**Offertory Collection:** Week of January 31<sup>st</sup>: \$1046

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