## Northern Points Cluster Bulletin Rev. John O'Kane, Pastor of the Parishes of St. James & St. Isaac Jogues Barbara Carlozzi, Pastoral Associate of Parish Life Easter Sunday & Second Sunday of Easter, March 27 and April 3, 2016

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## ESTATE PLANNING

Please remember your Churches, Parish of St. Isaac Jogues or St. James Church, when planning your estate. Your generosity will be remembered annually in our Book of Life.

## Weekend Mass Schedule

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

2:00 pm, Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek
2:00 pm, Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek
9:00 am, Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays at 5:00 pm at Parish Center, Chestertown, Sunday at 8:00 am at Parish Center, North Creek or by appointment

**Hospital Visits** 

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



## Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

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



# Happy Easter

## ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA AND MANY THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Lenten season so spiritually rewarding, especially those who helped bring Easter to many of our struggling families. Thank you to everyone who helped to beautifully decorate our churches for the Triduum and those who gave of their time and artistic ability to prepare our churches for Easter. Many thanks to our Triduum liturgy leaders for their preparation of our three holy liturgies. Thank you to those who set-up, cooked and cleaned-up at our Holy Thursday dinner and our Good Friday supper.

A heartwarming thanks is extended to our Cluster Choirs under the direction and guidance of, Denise Conti, Patty Corey, and Deb Reid. Also special thanks to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Altar Servers and all volunteers at our liturgies. We are so blessed and rewarded by your energy and enthusiasm!

Congratulations and God's blessings to Sue Kelly and Rich Blum, who received full membership into our Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday. May God continue to bless them and their families as their Faith journey continues. Also, special thanks to JoAnn Flammer and Judy Gross from the RCIA team who helped with their formation.

Sincere thanks to our Youth Ministry and Religious Ed catechists who share their faith that brings joy and promise to our children and their families. We are so enriched and blessed with the many talents in our Cluster. God's grace has been bestowed on us. We are truly an Easter people. We wish all of you a Blessed Easter!

Fr. John, Barb Carlozzi and our Cluster Staff

## **<u>Cluster News</u>**

Retreat for Women: Save the Date, April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Retreat will take place at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. The Guest Facilitator is Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ. This year's theme: "DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU?" This weekend offers hours away from your daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer and sharing. Individual or private consultation with any of the staff will be available. The weekend is open to all faith and all ages. See the flyer at the back of the church or call Ginny Raymond for further information and registration (518) 251-3515.

#### **SPRING ENRICHMENT 2016** God Always Knocks on the Doors of Our Hearts College of Saint Rose in Albany Wednesday, May 18th - May 20th

In addition to the main site at the College of Saint Rose, on May 21st the program will move to Bishop Maginn High School in Albany and to four regional sites: St. Henry's Parish in Averill Park, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in Queensbury, St. Francis de Sales School in Herkimer and St. Mary's Parish in Oneonta. The program consists of a series of courses, workshops and keynote addresses on various aspects of faith. Spring Enrichment is targeted to catechists, youth ministers, teachers and anyone in parish ministries and other aspects of Church life. This year's theme, "God always knocks on the doors of our hearts" is a line from Pope Francis' remarks last September at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. www.rcda.org/springenrichment

North Country Ministry(Judy Carr 251-4460 or 623-2829)Annual Gala: Friday, April 29th: Hiland Park Country Club, "Spotlight on Broadway." Come and enjoy dinner, robust silent and live auctions, and toe-tapping entertainment. Contact Rick Bergeron at 798-1553 or Sandy Norris at 743-1415 for additional information.

## **Priory News** (518-494-3733

website: <u>www.prioryretreathouse.org</u> or email: <u>www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com</u> Into the Woods—A Quiet Spring Weekend Guided/Directed Retreat: *Friday*, *April 29<sup>th</sup> to late Sunday* morning, May 1st: Join us for sacred time on holy ground in the beauty of God's cathedral of nature. Music, scripture, interactive presentations and free time for prayerful pondering and for optional spiritual direction will complete the retreat!

Donation: \$150 includes meals & accommodations – Facilitator: Marge Milanese - Call for more information Garage Sale: Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:00 pm and Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-3:00 pm. Help is needed! The Priory is now accepting items such as clothing, household goods, books, furniture, toys, sporting goods, electrical items, crafts and linens, and much more. Donations may be dropped off at the Priory on Wednesdays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Please call before you drop off any items to make certain there is someone there. Help is also needed with the activities at the sale. Please call or email the Priory if you are able to help.

## **ST. JAMES CHURCH:**

Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers: See Karen after Mass to set the April schedule. Second Collection: North Country Ministry, weekend of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Offertory Collection:** Weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup>: \$878

## ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Offertory Collection: Weekend of March 20th: \$1500

