

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

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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 17, 2016*

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 24, 2016*

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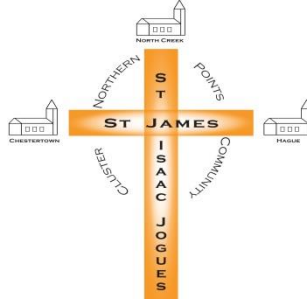
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### **ESTATE PLANNING**

Please consider continuing your support of your Churches, Parish of St. Isaac Jogues or St. James Church in your estate plan. Your generosity will be remembered annually in our Book of Life.

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

*Sunday, 7:30 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

*Sunday, 9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Hague*

*Sunday, 9:00 am, St. James Church, North Creek*

*Sunday, 11:00 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, 2:00 pm, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek*

*Monday, 2:00 pm, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek*

*No Other Weekday Masses for Two Weeks*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*By Appointment or—*

*Saturday at 5:00 pm, Parish Center, Chestertown*

### **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*

### ***Stewardship Prayer***

God, loving creator and author of all good gifts,

Bless our parish family and strengthen our faith.

Grant us the gift of Christian stewardship,

so that we may give generously to the spreading of your kingdom

here in our parish and throughout the world.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### ***Bishop’s Appeal***

Our 2016 Bishop’s Appeal, “His Mercy Endures Forever,” continues. Your gifts help to fund vocations, ministries, programs and offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. We are proud to be a part of this Diocese and wish to sustain it. Thank you to those who have contributed. If you prefer, donations can be made on-line at [www.TheBishopsAppeal.org](http://www.TheBishopsAppeal.org).

### **WELCOMING PEOPLE!**

What should we do when the divine comes into our lives? God may come unexpectedly, in the guise of a stranger, or through a familiar face. Above all else, we are called to be welcoming people. Today’s readings reflect ways of welcoming others. How would you describe your way? When you recognize God in your life, how do you respond? *Copyright, Celebration 2016*

## Cluster News

**Propagation of the Faith Collection:** The Augustinian Friars are a Religious Order in the Church and were founded in the year 1256. The American Augustinians have served foreign missions for more than 100 combined years in Japan and Peru. Rev. Arthur Purcaro, O.S.A., will be present at our parish on the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to speak at all the Masses, sharing the story of the Friars serving the poor and often forgotten of the world. We ask you to share generously of the blessings which God has bestowed upon you.

**Ecumenical Prayer Vigil for Peace in our Nation:** On Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, the churches in the area are gathering for an hour of prayer at Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing. In view of the recent increased violence in our nation's cities and the racial tensions that have resulted, it is imperative that we turn to the power of prayer for God's healing to create peace in the life of our cities and our people. All are welcome to participate.

**Second Collection:** Weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>: Peter's Pence Collection. Through this gift, you join in solidarity with Pope Francis as a witness of charity.

**Second Collection:** Weekend of August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>: North Country Ministry

**Save the Date:** Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, our Cluster Picnic, Ski Bowl, North Creek!

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

**Clothing & Volunteers Needed:** There is always a need for clothing for NCM and volunteers are so necessary for this ministry to continue to aid the community.

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

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

**Silent Directed Retreats:** July 22<sup>nd</sup>—24<sup>th</sup> & August 12<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>: Don't have time for a week-long directed retreat? Why not a weekend? "Come apart and rest awhile." Take time to connect more deeply with God and with yourself. If you have any questions, please call the Priory.

**Welcome Reception:** Come, celebrate and welcome the new Executive Director, Dustin Katona, and his wife, Lanni, to the Priory on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1—4pm. Light refreshments and appetizers will be served. RSVP through the website or by telephone.

### **ST. JAMES CHURCH:**

<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Sunday, 7/17	George & Ralph Ringler	Req/Karen Smith	9 am
Sunday, 7/24	Russ Raymond	Req/Ginny Raymond	9 am
Sunday, 7/31	Pat Goodman	Req/Maria & Vinnie Rinella	9 am

If you have a Mass scheduled for a loved one, we encourage you to be a part of the Mass by either bringing up the gifts during Mass or being an extra ordinary minister. Please notify the office.

**Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers:** See Karen after Mass on July 31<sup>st</sup> for August dates.

**Bishop's Appeal:** We have reached 53% of our goal, with a total of \$6,220. Our assessment this year is \$11,809. It is our obligation to meet this assessment. If we do not reach this assessment, the difference will be collected from our already diminishing funds.

**Offertory Collections:** Weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup>: \$1018

### **ST. ISAAC JOGUES:**

**Book Bag Project:** In conjunction with our neighbor, The Community United Methodist Church, we are collecting school supplies and filling book bags for the children who will be returning to classes in September. A container listing the necessary school supplies is available at the entrance of the church. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, a box is provided for this purpose.

**Fall Frolic Meeting:** Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

**Food Pantry:** Our local Food Pantry is feeling a pinch in their food supply to the community. Let's remember to help replenish these shelves! A container for this purpose is in the back of the church.

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Saturday, 7/23	Fred Bialis	Rq/K. DeBartolo	CT	5:30 pm
Sunday, 7/24	Patricia O'Grady	Rq/Kolakowski Family	CT	7:30 am
Sunday, 7/24	Edna Adubato	Rq/Adubato Family	HG	9:00 am
Sunday, 7/24	Helen & Howard Frielingsdorf	Rq/Frielingsdorf Family	CT	11:00 am
Sunday, 7/24	Luan LaRoche	Rq/Mary Vecchione	CT	11:00 am
Saturday, 7/30	Susan Goldbecker	Rq/Parish Community	CT	5:30 pm
Saturday, 7/30	Helen & Howard Frielingsdorf	Rq/Frielingsdorf Family	CT	5:30 pm
Sunday, 7/31	Gregory Schutta	Rq/NPC Community	CT	7:30 am
Sunday, 7/31	Kingsbury Family	Rq/Winifred & Richard	HG	9:00 am
Sunday, 7/31	Frank Dower	Rq/Mary Ann & Frank Hill	CT	11:00 am

We welcome your participation at Mass if you have a Mass scheduled for a family member or friend. We encourage you to be a part of the Mass by either bringing up the gifts during Mass or being an extra ordinary minister. Please notify the office.

**Fr. Richard Broderick:** A Memorial Mass for Fr. Richard Broderick will be celebrated at 11 am on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in St. Isaac Jogues, Hague. Come celebrate his life with us!

**Bishop's Appeal:** We have reached 73% of our goal, with a total of \$17,205. Our assessment this year is \$23,234. It is our obligation to meet this assessment. If we do not reach this assessment, the difference will be collected from our already diminishing funds.

**Offertory Collections:** Weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup>: \$3062

**Stewardship:** We are in the midst of a Stewardship Campaign in which we are asking you to increase your offertory if it is possible. We have had a deficit in our budget for a number of years. In order for us to continue to bring the Good News to all in the North Country, we ask you to consider an increase. Please fill out the form we have mailed to you at your earliest convenience. If you have not received your letter, please feel free to take one from the back of the church.