

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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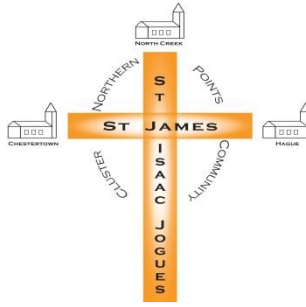
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ESTATE PLANNING

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,
on All Souls Day and the month of November.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 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, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

No weekday Mass at St. Isaac Jogues until Wednesday, November 18th

No weekday Mass at St. James in North Creek for the winter months

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

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

Winter Schedule for Vigil Masses changes on November 28th

Saturday, 4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Saturday, 5:30 pm, St. James, North Creek

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 5 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

All Souls Day: At the Masses next weekend and throughout the month of November, let us remember all our departed loved ones. There will be an opportunity before and after each Mass to write the names of our family and friends who have died this year in our *Book of Life*. We remember, with love and compassion, the souls of our dearly departed who are Safely Home and comfortably resting in His Kingdom.

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO YOU!

Today the Catholic community remembers the canonized saints of the church who are models of fidelity and lived “heroic lives of virtue,” according to the Catechism. Many among us also cherish the memories of our beloved dead who we believe are among God’s communion of saints. However, few of us realize that all of us who are members of the church are called “saints,” so today is, in fact, our feast day. It is a day to celebrate those who have gone before us, a day for gratitude for the lives of holy men and women who inspire and intercede for us, and a day to sustain us in our efforts to live “heroic lives of virtue.”

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Cluster News

Youth Ministry: Classes continue for this group this weekend.

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

Confirmation: Sunday, December 6th, 3 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. A retreat for our Confirmandi is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th from 3 to 7 pm, at The Priory. The facilitator is Pat Mousaw.

Homebound: Those ministers, who are now bringing communion to any homebound parishioner(s), please touch base with the office with the name(s) of the individual(s). Also, we are reaching out to anyone homebound who would like to have Communion brought to them. Please contact the office and arrangements will be made to do so. It is rewarding to know that our Parish Community is receiving the Body and Blood of Christ on a regular basis. With the holidays fast approaching, it would be a good time for Fr. John to make a home visit. Please call the office.

Chestertown AA: Meetings are continuing for the Chestertown AA Friday Night Open Discussion Group in our Parish Hall, from 8 pm to 9 pm. Additional information on this meeting and all area AA meetings can be found by going to their website <http://district13.aahmbny.org/>

See the flyer in the back of the church

Virtus: Training session at St. Cecilia, 3802 Main Street, Warrensburg, Monday, November 2nd, at 1 pm. To register, call 744-9241 or on line at www.rcda.org

Festival of Trees: Catholic Charities' 20th annual Festival of Trees will take place December 3rd – December 6th at the Saratoga Springs City Center. If you would like to donate a wreath or centerpiece, come to the Preview Reception, attend Breakfast with Santa, or call Catholic Charities at 587-5000. Volunteers are needed to work at the Festival.

Bishop's Appeal: Reminder – Please be sure to make your pledged payments. This year's appeal closes in March 2016.

RCIA: We will soon be starting the Rite of Christian Initiation Program. With Pope Francis doing wonderful things for all faiths, perhaps you know someone who would like to become a Catholic. Do you know someone who would like to know more about this program or the Catholic Church? Is there a family member who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Fr. John. An evening of inquiry will be set up for anyone interested.

North Country Ministry (Jill Harrington, 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; play and socializing for children & adults; 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.

Bike Helmet Giveaway: Ages 1-14: call 623-2829 for additional information.

Priory News (518-494-3733)

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

Fall Meditation Retreat (sponsored by Essence Institute): *Friday November 6, arrive between 3-6 pm – Sunday, November 8, 2 pm:* During this weekend retreat, silence will be both the teaching and the teacher. We will open to a state that the Buddah termed “noble Silence.” Noble Silence can be thought of as that silence which fosters wisdom and spiritual attainment. It is the silence which liberates. Open to beginners and experienced meditators alike. *Cost: \$375. Non-refundable deposit of \$100 due with registration. To register: contact Don DeMercurio @ Essence Institute, 802-448-2473 or ddmercurio@gmail.com or <http://www.essenceinstitute.com/programs/fall-meditation-retreat/>*

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

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

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

Offertory Collection: October 25th: \$647

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

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

Annual Christmas Cantata: Rehearsals for the annual Christmas Cantata, *Behold the Glory*, are ongoing on Wednesdays, at 7 pm, in the Community United Methodist Church in Chestertown. Come, sing, welcome in the Christmas season! The performances are December 12th & 13th.

Food Baskets: Our Food Basket ministry is continuing to accept any and all non-perishable food and monetary donations. Suggested food items— pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, gravy and dried potatoes. Place your donations in the box near the church entrance. Call John at 494-4398 to help.

Offertory Collection: October 25th: \$1380