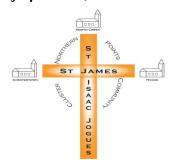
## Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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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, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home No weekday Mass this week

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

# **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:** 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

#### **OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR YOU!**

May the wonder and awe of God's love manifested in Jesus touch your life this Christmas Season.

May His peace, joy and many blessings bring you happiness throughout the New Year.

We thank everyone who made it happen and spread the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSINGS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!

Fr. John & Barb



#### HOPE!

My friends, hope can be dramatic and powerful but is often very simple encouragement in the reality of daily life. More often it is very simple and bubbles up in the realty of daily life. Today it is written in the visit of a young, pregnant Mary to her older cousin, Elizabeth. Mary brings Christ to another person in that simple gesture, and it is more than enough. How can we bring hope to others? It doesn't take much! Copyright 2015, Celebration

# **Cluster News**

Gluten Free Hosts are available from Fr. John. Please join his receiving line at Communion. Youth Ministry Can Tab Drive: This drive is ongoing. Please continue to save your bottle tabs to aid the Uganda young women. Containers are available in the back of the church. The drive will end on January 10, 2016. Kudos to our youth for their enthusiasm, energy, and success.

Homebound: Call Fr. John if you would like him to make a home visit.

**RCIA:** Contact the office if you know someone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or if you know someone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic. An evening of inquiry will be set up.

# **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 always needed this time of year for all age groups.

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

website: <a href="www.prioryretreathouse.org">www.prioryretreathouse.org</a> or email: <a href="www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com">www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com</a>

Directed Silent Retreat Weekend: Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 pm – Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, noon: Do you want to connect more deeply with God and yourself? Refocus and find God in your life through Scripture, prayer, nature and silence. Connie Messitt, CSJ & Pat Mousaw Donation: \$65-75/night

# THE 35™ GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

# St James Church

Support the major fund-raising event for the Parish by taking a chance! Many people place several names on the same ticket! **Grand Price**: \$10,000

**Contribution for Raffle Ticket**: \$100 Only 200 Tickets will be available

It makes a great Christmas gift and is also good for the end of the year tax purposes

Place: The Inn on Gore Mountain Date: Sunday, January 31st

**Times**: 1 pm to 4 pm – Happy Hour 1 pm (cash bar) – Dinner 1:30 pm Menu: Cheese & Crackers, Crudité & Fruit, Garden Salad, Buffet of Crab-stuffed Shrimp, Chicken Marsala, Roast Pork, Roasted Red & Gold Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley Desserts of Chocolate Heaven, Bailey's Irish Cheesecake and Assorted Cookies

Music: Frank Conti and his Band

**Tickets and Reservations:** \$25/adult - \$10/child (age 10 & under) Please call Joyce Parker at 251-2273

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Religious Education: Classes continue for our grade school children this Monday. The children will act out the Epiphany on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the 8:30 am Mass. There will be a practice for our Epiphany Sunday presentation on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am.

Christmas Eve Gathering: After 9:30 pm Mass for egg-nog and cookies. **Second Collection:** Weekend of January 3<sup>rd</sup> – North Country Ministry **Offertory Collection:** December 13<sup>th</sup>: \$702

### ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

**Religious Education:** No classes for our grade school children until January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Second Collection:** Weekend of December 27<sup>th</sup>: North Country Ministry

December 13<sup>th</sup>: \$1319 **Offertory Collection:**