

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 21st, 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 reality 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: www.prioryretreathouse.org or email: www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com

Directed Silent Retreat Weekend: Friday, January 22nd, 5 pm – Sunday, January 24th, 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 35TH 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, Crudit  & 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 3rd, at the 8:30 am Mass. There will be a practice for our Epiphany Sunday presentation on Monday, December 28th at 10 am.

Christmas Eve Gathering: After 9:30 pm Mass for egg-nog and cookies.

Second Collection: Weekend of January 3rd – North Country Ministry

Offertory Collection: December 13th: \$702

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Religious Education: No classes for our grade school children until January 6th.

Second Collection: Weekend of December 27th: North Country Ministry

Offertory Collection: December 13th: \$1319