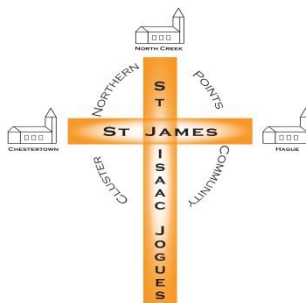


**Northern Points Cluster Bulletin**  
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*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2018*

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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**

*4:00 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. James, North Creek  
8:00 am, Sunday, St. James Church, North Creek  
9:30 am, Sunday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
11:00 am, Sunday, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing*

**Mass at one of our Sister churches? Please designate your offertory for your own Parish.**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

*1:30 pm, Monday, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek  
No Wednesday Mass in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, until February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Reminder: There is no daily morning Mass when school is canceled or delayed.*

**Services for Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

*9:00 am, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. James, North Creek  
1:30 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek  
3:30 pm, Children’s Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
5:30 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown  
7:00 pm, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*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 518-824-1181*

**ENCOUNTERS!**

Perhaps we do not like to hear it, but the Christian life (and, in fact, any life), is riddled by encounters with evil. We learn in today’s gospel that Jesus is more powerful than that. Jesus has authority, and by that authority, he can dispel what is oppositional and troublesome. Once we become followers of Jesus, we will still encounter challenges and hostility. Some might wish to think that becoming Christian inoculates one from having those encounters. The gospel (and our own lived experience) tells a different story. *Copyright, Living Liturgy 2018*

## THE 37<sup>TH</sup> GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

*St. James Church*

This is the weekend! We will be announcing the winners of this Golden Opportunity Raffle in next week's bulletin! You are such wonderful benefactors. Thank you for your continued support and concern in embracing this fundraiser. YOU play a HUGE part in keeping this community vibrant. Stay tuned for the whole scoop next weekend!

### Cluster News

**Cluster Pastoral Council Meeting:** Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls."

Spouses find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

February 2-4, 2018, Manchester, CT. Contact Ed & Rhonda Staats, 518-279-3243 or

<https://www.womenyalb.org>

**RCIA:** Contact the office if you or someone you know 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.

**Souper Bowl:** Weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. This Youth Ministry sponsored tradition enables this group to purchase food cards for those in need in our area.

### North Country Ministry

*Judy Carr, 251-4460 or 623-2829*      [www.NorthCountryMinistry.org](http://www.NorthCountryMinistry.org)

**Food Pantries:** Warrensburg Hours: Wednesdays, 1-4 pm, and open until 6:30 pm on the last Wednesday of every month. **Note:** The Wednesday hours end at 6:30 pm, not at 7 pm, as previously reported. Newly opened: Pottersville Food Pantry, Wednesdays from 3-6 pm. These hours are more accessible to working families.

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

[www.prioryretreathouse.org](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org)

**Vespers at the Priory:** Wednesdays, 5:30 pm: *Open to the public:* Potluck Supper & Scripture study, preceded by 20 minutes of Stillness Meditation & Communal recitation of the Jesus Prayer at 5:10 pm. (*Donation*).

**Winter Wonderland:** *Saturday, February 3, 1 pm-4:30 pm – Open to the public:* Come and explore The Priory trails amidst the white of winter! Enjoy large bonfire, hot cocoa and fire roasted refreshments. Bring your cross-country skis, snowshoes, and snowmobiles. Family, friends, dogs are welcome! Overnight accommodations available. RSVP prior to the event. (*Donation*).

**February Guided Weekend Retreat:** Fridays through Sundays: Feb. 23-25/Mar. 16-18/ Apr 27-29: Spiritual direction, community prayer, meals & accommodations— Begins 7 pm Fridays, concludes 2 pm Sundays. Disconnect from the distractions of the world and take refuge from the storms of your everyday life. Prayer, share in common meals, walk a guided hike. \$225 individual

### ST. JAMES CHURCH:

**Wine & Cheese:** Following the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Let's thank our seasonal parishioners for being part of our community. Hot coca will be available for the children.

**Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers:** See Karen after Mass to set the February schedule.

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 2/3	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
	Sunday, 2/4	People of the Parish	8:00 am

### ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

**Second Collection:** Weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup>: Fuel

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 2/3	William Carboy Req/ Tom Hill	4:00 pm
	Sunday, 2/4	People of the Parish	9:30 am