

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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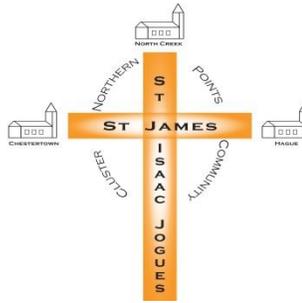
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ESTATE PLANNING

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

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

Sunday, 8:00 am, St. James Church, North Creek

Sunday, 9:30 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Sunday, 11:00 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

Reminder: When you go to one of our sister churches, please designate your offertory for your own parish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, 1:30 pm, February 27th, Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

No other weekday Mass this week

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

Services for Ash Wednesday, March 1st

9:00 am, Mass & Distribution of Ashes, St. James, North Creek

2:00 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

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast & abstinence.

“Abstinence” is to abstain from meat.

“Fasting” means not eating in-between meals and only having one main meal with two smaller meals not equaling the main meal.

Also, the custom in our Diocese is to observe Lenten Fridays as days of abstinence.

Those ages 18 to 59 are asked to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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 824-1181

SERVE ONE MASTER!

Jesus tells us we cannot serve “two masters.” Clearly, he is pitting exclusive concern (“worry”) with ourselves, our wants, our needs against single-mindedly seeking “the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.” We are not to neglect our legitimate needs, but to keep them in proper perspective. We are not to “not worry” but look beyond today and even tomorrow. In everything we do, we must serve only one Master, the God who lavishly provides and cares for us—today, tomorrow, and even unto fullness of Life forever. *Copyright, Living Liturgy, 2017*

Cluster News

Lenten Booklets: There are several Lenten booklets and pamphlets available in the back of the church. Of interest is, “Pope Francis, Living Lent with Love.”

Second Collection: Black & Native Americans/Latin American Missions: March 4th—5th

From Death to New Life: Lenten Morning for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Saturday, March 11th, 10 am to Noon, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, Parish Center. We will look at the steps of grief, have time for input, discussion, reflection, and prayer. Bring a photo or symbol of your loved one to place on the altar. Based on individual’s needs, these sessions may be continued.

Facilitator: Connie Messitt, CSJ

Workshop: All laity & clergy who are interested in forming a Parish or School Vocation Committee are invited to attend *The Hundredfold Worship* on Saturday, March 4th, at 9 am, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville. Visit www.albanyvocations.org for details & registration.

Retreat for Women: March 31st through April 2nd: Retreat for Women: Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. The Guest Director is Rev. Louis Sogliuzzo, SJ. This year’s theme: “What Do You Want Me to Do for You?” (Mark 10:51). This weekend will offer hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer and sharing. Individual or private consultation with any of the staff will be available. The weekend is open to all faiths and all ages. *Please call Ginny Raymond for more information (518) 251-3515*

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

Winter Clothing: There is always a need for winter clothing for all age groups.

Save the Date: 25th Anniversary Gala: Friday, April 28th, Hiland Park Country Club, “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” *Details to follow.*

Priory News (518-494-3733)

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

Prayer of the Heart: *Saturday, March 11th, 10 am – 3 pm:* Discover the ancient roots of the Mystical Eastern Christian traditions still practiced today by the Byzantine and Oriental churches.

Facilitator: Dustin Katona

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

March Schedule: Readers, Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers, please see Karen after Mass.

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

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Easter Food Baskets: Our Food Basket Ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Easter approaches. Your donations will help provide Easter food baskets for local families in need. Please call the office if you know of anyone who would need a food basket for Easter. These names will be kept in strictest confidence. Watch the bulletin for specific items needed or bring whatever canned goods you can spare.

Handicap Rail: Please be aware that the handicap rail is unstable. Weather will not permit us to repair it until spring. Please be cautious.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner: Saturday, March 18th, following the 4 pm Mass

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Sunday, 3/5	People of the Paris		9:30 am