

## ***Northern Points Cluster Bulletin***

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***33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15, 2015***

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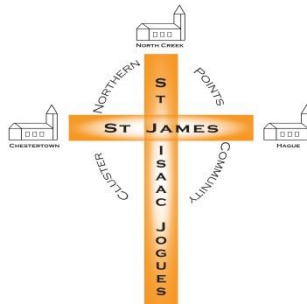
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### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

*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**

*No weekday Mass at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

*No service in the Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home*

*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 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

### **Winter Schedule for Vigil Masses changes on November 28<sup>th</sup>**

*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*

### **REACH OUT!**

Sometimes the greatest transformation comes when you can open yourself up to another. That presence is at the heart of prayer. “Praying is no easy matter,” Henri Nouwen wrote. “It demands a relationship in which you allow someone other than yourself to enter into the very center of your person, to see there what you would rather leave in darkness, and to touch there what you would rather leave untouched.” God is waiting to enter into the heart of your being. Dare to reach out and be touched. “*My house shall be a house of prayer.*” Copyright, TrueQuest Communications, 2015



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be bestowed on candidates from Sacred Heart in Lake George, St. Cecilia’s in Warrensburg and Northern Points Cluster on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm, in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. A reception will follow in the Parish Center in Chestertown. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue on their journey in preparation for this Sacrament.

## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry:** Classes continue this weekend in Chestertown. Safe Environment Training will take place for 7-10<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Advent Gospel for all Ages:** St. James and St. Isaac Jogues will begin their Advent journey together on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1st Sunday of Advent, following the 10 am Mass, in the Parish Center of St. Isaac Jogues.

**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.

**Festival of Trees:** Catholic Charities' 20<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees will take place December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Adult Confirmation Training:** In conjunction with the RCIA program, the formation of an adult Confirmation training group will take place on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown.

**Can Tab Drive:** The Youth Ministry will be collecting bottle tabs to aid the Uganda young women who have been terrorized and murdered by rebel soldiers in the Lord's Resistance Army. These young Uganda women, with the help of Sister Rose Mary, stitch purses using these pop tabs, and the money earned from the sale of the purses provides a woman and her child with many essential items necessary for survival. See the flyers. Our Youth Ministry Group is also collecting bottle tabs at school. We are asking that you save and collect bottle tabs, and place them in the container in the entrance of the church. We are "pulling lives together one tab at a time." This drive will end on January 10, 2016. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

**Second Collection:** Weekend of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Catholic Campaign for Human Development

### 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 needed for boys, 9 months to 3 years, North Creek location.

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

website: [www.prioryretreathouse.org](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org) or email: [www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com)

**Silent Directed Retreat (6 Day):** Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm – Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, noon: Do you need time away from the busy-ness of your life to rest, reflect, and renew? "Come, be still, and know that I am God!" Marge Milanese, M.Ed. & Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$65-75/day

**Mary, Woman of Substance...Model, Today:** Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm – Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, noon: An Advent Quiet, Guided/Directed Retreat: Pondering the Events of Mary's Annunciation and Visitation, and the Mystery of Our Pregnancy with Christ! There will be presentations, sharing, prayer and Spiritual Direction. Marge Milanese, M.Ed. Donation: \$140-150

## **ST. JAMES CHURCH:**

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

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

**Offertory Collection:** November 8<sup>th</sup>: \$531

## **ST. ISAAC JOGUES:**

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

**Annual Christmas Cantata:** *Behold the Glory!* The performances are December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Baskets:** Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to fill the Thanksgiving food baskets. We will be packing the baskets in the Parish Center on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. Call John at 494-4398 if you can help. Donations for Christmas baskets will begin next week.

**Offertory Collection:** November 8<sup>th</sup>: \$1189