

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016

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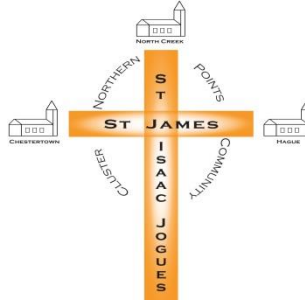
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ESTATE PLANNING

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

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, 2:00 pm, December 5th, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

See the Feast of the Immaculate Conception for other Weekday Masses

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday Vigil, December 7th, 7:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

Thursday, December 8th, 9:00 am, St James, North Creek

Thursday, December 8th, 9:00 am, St. Cecilia, Warrensburg

Thursday, December 8th, 5:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Cluster Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Monday, December 19th, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4 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

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

GOD'S WISH LIST!

We might say that Advent invites us to consider God's wish list with as much attention as we put into finding the right presents for others. Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist all talk about God's hopes. Isaiah says that God wants us to yearn for and accept the Spirit who offers the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and strength of the Lord. Those are the capacities needed to create the community that attracts others to know and glorify God. We must be an Advent people. and listen to God's message. God is waiting on our roads, disguised in the people who have nothing left but hope. We had better watch out!

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Cluster News

Second Collection: December 10th & 11th: Christmas Flower Offering: Any name on the envelope will be included in a frame and placed on the altar throughout the Christmas season.

Homebound: The holidays are fast approaching. If you know of anyone homebound and would like Fr. John to make a home visit, please contact him.

RCIA: If you know someone who has left the church or would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you know someone who would like to know more about becoming a Catholic, please call the office. An evening of inquiry will be set up.

Advent Candlelight Vigil reflection hour at Blessed Sacrament Church, Bolton Landing, on Friday December 9th, from 7 pm to 8 pm. The evening will include Scripture reading, music and quiet reflection, blessing of mangers, and Fr. John will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fellowship will follow in the Community Room.

Youth Ministry: The group will sing Christmas Carols at the Adirondack Tri-County Nursing home in North Creek on Sunday, December 18th, at 5 pm.

Giving Tree: Our Christmas Giving Tree is in place. Please be sure to return your gift, wrapped and with the tag secured on the front of the gift, by the weekend of December 17th & 18th.

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

Baby's Place Play Group: The Baby's Place Play Group of North Country Ministry meets on the first three Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 to 11:30, at the Adirondack Community Outreach Center, 2718 Route 28, North Creek. Children from newborn through age 3 and their caregivers are welcome to attend FREE of charge. Questions: 251-4460.

Holiday Cards: Holiday cards are being offered as a special gift alternative to honor family, friends and business associates. The inside message conveys the unique gift you have made in the recipient's name and each card is printed on quality paper with an enclosed envelope. *See the flyer.*

Priory News (518-494-3733)

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

Christmas Tree Decorating & Potluck: *Sunday, December 11th, 2 pm, Liturgy at 4 pm, then dinner following:* Celebrate this joy-filled season by helping to decorate the house and join in the holiday cheer. *Call and register so we may plan accordingly.*

Morning Mindfulness: *Saturday, January 7th, 9 am-noon:* Come, be still, and connect to your inner self through a gentle yoga sequence and mindfulness-based meditation practice.

Melissa Wilson & Megan Seeley \$50/person

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Bishop's Appeal: As of this date, we need \$1744. This puts us at 85% of the obligation. Fr. John will be reaching out through phone calls to those who have not yet contributed.

Save the Date: Sunday, January 29th – Our Golden Opportunity Raffle! More to follow!

Mass Intentions: Sunday, 12/11 Req/Lester & Grace Davison 8 am

Offertory Collections: Weekend of 11/20/2016: \$539 11/22/2015: \$685
Weekend of 11/27/2016: \$899 11/29/2015: \$944

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Christmas Food Baskets: Monetary and food donations for Christmas baskets continues. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one. If you have a turkey to donate, call John at 494-4398 for more information. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding.

Mass Intentions: Sunday, 12/11 Ed Belanger Req/Ed & Millie Schutta 9:30 am

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Weekend of 11/27/2016: \$2072 11/29/2015: \$1693

