

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016

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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

2:00 pm Mass, Monday, February 15th, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

5:30 pm Mass, Monday February 15th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown, followed by

Mary's Way of the Cross and Soup/Supper

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

Lenten Mass, Stations and Soup/Supper at 5:30 pm

(Subject to change according to the needs of the Community)

Monday, February 15th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Monday, February 22nd, St. James, North Creek

Monday, February 29th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Monday, March 7th, St. James North Creek

LENT

Youth Ministry Living Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 13th, 6 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Cluster Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 21st, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown (Three Priests Available)

TRADITIONS, TRADITIONS!

The Lenten season is upon us, and with it, many traditions. For instance, though Lent is 40 days, echoing Jesus' 40 days in the desert, the actual number of days until Easter is 46. The six Sundays, with the celebration of Eucharist echoing Resurrection, traditionally have been considered days on which fasting is not appropriate, so Lent runs Monday to Saturday (six days) for six weeks, and when you add the first four days, from Ash Wednesday to Saturday of this week, the total is 40 days to Holy Saturday. Traditions abound. Another example—the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made from palm branches blessed last year on Palm Sunday. Cherish the traditions handed down to you. Copyright 2015, TrueQuest

Cluster News

Youth Ministry: No classes this weekend or next weekend. Classes resume on February 28th.

Grade School Classes: No classes this week. Classes resume the week of February 22nd.

Operation Rice Bowl: Rice bowls are available in the back of the church. Your participation in this project will help support families around the world. For 40 days of Lent, \$1 a day provides 1 month of food for a family, 2 years of seed for a farmer, and 3 months of clean water.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: St. Joseph's in Fort Edward is sponsoring a 10-day trip to the Holy Land in October 2016. The tour will visit Nazareth, Galilee, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Mt. Zion, Jerusalem and more of the areas mentioned in the Gospels. *See the flyer in back.*

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

Urgent Need: North Country Ministry is in need of clean, gently used clothes and rattles for the Baby's place in North Creek and Warrensburg. There is also a need for men's and women's adult winter clothing, as well as blankets, to be distributed through the Clothing Center. Items may be dropped off at NCM's Warrensburg Center or the North Creek Center. *Contact Theresa, 251-4460*

Priory News (518-494-3733)

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

Book Group: *From Teilhard to Omega: Co-creating an Unfinished Universe*, edited by Ilia Delio: *Fridays, March 10th, May 13th, July 8th, 10 am – 3 pm:* Are you looking for a hope-filled book: Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955), a French Jesuit and scientist, charted a path integrating the Christian vision with evolutionary theory and the unfolding mysteries of the universe.

Connie Messitt, CSJ \$45-55

The Gift of Change: *Friday, February 26th, 10 am – 3 pm:* Can you predict the direction of your own growth? Can you control the changes that occur in the world around you? Life without change is impossible. Silence, meditation, group sharing, focusing on the gift of change in our lives is the theme. *John Daubney \$55-65*

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Second Collection: Cemetery, weekend of February 21st. Upkeep of the cemetery is ongoing and necessary. Please be as generous as possible so that we can continue to properly maintain the cemetery. Please note, there is no envelope in your regular schedule of envelopes. We have attached an envelope for this collection to this week's bulletin.

Reconciliation: Grade school children, Monday February 29th.

Offertory Collection: Week of February 7th: \$1179

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Reconciliation: Grades 2 through 6, Wednesday, March 2nd.

Easter Food Baskets: Our Food Basket Ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Easter approaches. Your donations will help to provide Easter food baskets for local families in need. Watch the bulletin for specific items needed or bring whatever canned goods you can spare. Non-perishable food can be left inside the church in the container near the entrance.

Offertory Collection: Week of February 7th: \$1099