

**Northern Points Cluster Bulletin**  
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**3rd Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2018**

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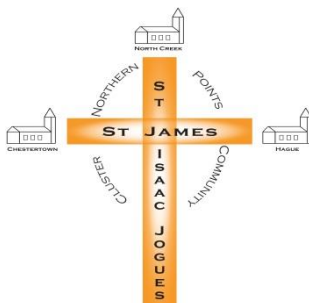
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**ESTATE PLANNING**

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**

*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, Elderwood At North Creek*

*9:00 am, Wednesday, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

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

**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.*

*Those ages 60 & over are asked to abstain on Ash Wednesday & all Fridays during Lent.*

**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*

**Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Spring forward!**

## ANGER!

Anger is a very powerful emotion that can get the better of us—or bring out the best in us. Jesus' anger compels him to act to restore the temple to what it was intended to be: a house of prayer for all people. The Lenten season challenges us to consider what makes us angry enough to change ourselves and our attitude and perspectives, to restore and recreate our lives and world in the compassion and justice of God. To raise one's voice against injustice, to stand up to the powerful on behalf of the weak, to demand accountability of those who exploit and abuse others is to imitate the courageous vision of Jesus, who threw out the money changers who had defiled his Father's temple with their attempt to sell access to God. *Living Liturgy 2018*

### Cluster News

#### LENTEN PROGRAMS & SCHEDULES

*Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Mass, Mary's Stations, St. James, North Creek*

*Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Mass, 5:15 pm,*

*1 hour of Adoration, followed with Lectio Divina Prayer, St. James, North Creek*

*Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Soup/Supper, 5:15 pm, Brian Evers, Topic: "Reconciliation,"*

*St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

*See the Lenten Flyer for additional programs*

**Second Collection:** Weekend of March 11<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Relief Services

**Second Collection:** Weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup>: Easter Flower Collection

**Retreat for Women:** April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>: Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. The Guest Director is Sr. Maureen Murphy, OP. This year's theme: "...and after these...a tiny whispering sound." (1Kg 19:12). Enjoy 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. Open to all faiths and all ages. *Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 for information.*

#### North Country Ministry

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

**Note: Gluten Free Food** is available in all Food Pantries.

#### 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*).

**March Guided Weekend Retreat:** Fridays—Sundays: Mar. 16-18/ Apr 27-29: Spiritual direction, community prayer, meals & accommodations. Call for additional information. \$225 individual

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH:

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 3/10	People of the Parish	5:30 pm
	Sunday, 3/11	People of the Parish	8:00 am
<b>Regular Offertory:</b>	Dec. 2017:	\$4796	Dec. 2016: \$3917
	Jan. 2017:	\$3237	Jan. 2016: \$5093

#### ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm. A sign up sheet will be available in back of church.

**Easter Food Baskets:** Our Food Basket Ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Easter approaches. Please help provide Easter food baskets for local families in need. Call the office if you know of anyone who would need a food basket for Easter. These names will be kept in strictest confidence.

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	Saturday, 3/10	People of the Parish	4:00 pm
	Sunday, 3/11	People of the Parish	9:30 am
<b>Regular Offertory:</b>	Dec. 2017:	\$12055	Dec. 2016: \$6894
	Jan. 2017:	\$5823	Jan. 2016: \$9508