

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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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, March 7th, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

5:30 pm Mass, Monday, March 7th St. James, North Creek, followed by
Mary’s Way of the Cross and Soup/Supper

No Weekday Mass

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

Monday, March 7th, St. James North Creek

Lenten Reflection and Soup/Supper

Monday, March 14th, 5:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

John 8:12

“I Am the Light of the World.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

How do these words speak to you this Lent during the Year of Mercy?

Presentation by Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ

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)

Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday: March 24th, 7 pm, Mass of the Lord’s Supper, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Fellowship meal at 5:30 pm and a sign-up sheet will be posted.

The Blessed Sacrament will be available for Adoration until 10 pm.

Good Friday: March 25th: 7 pm Service, St. James Church, North Creek, Soup/Supper at 5:30 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: March 26th, 7:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Easter Sunday: March 27th, 8:30 am, St. James North Creek

Easter Sunday: March 27th, 10 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

LENT

LEARN FROM THE STUDENTS!

Right now, parishes are preparing to welcome new Catholics on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, when adults are baptized into the church. Lent is the final stage of preparation for these candidates, and you are called upon to pray for them as they get ready to become full members and to welcome them into the community. Take time to reflect, too, on what the sacraments they are about to receive—Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist—mean to you. Recommit yourself to the path they are on—one of spiritual discovery and formation.

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Cluster News

Youth Ministry: Classes resume this weekend at 6 pm in Chestertown.

Second Collection: March 13th, Easter Flower Offering

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.

Reminder for Spring Enrichment: On March 10th, the Spring Enrichment 2016 schedule will be in *The Evangelist* and on May 18th, there will be an opening of the rebooted program at the College of Saint Rose. More information will follow.

CAN-Struction Event: Russell Sage College's Nutrition Club is collecting cans for the Capital Regions' Can-Struction event. Donations of cans or money are needed. The donated cans are used to make sculptures and then donated to the Food Pantries of the Capital District. Contact Amanda Millington for additional information (518) 538-3703.

(Although we collect food for our Easter Baskets this time of year, we encourage and support our young adults who are trying to make a difference in the world. See the flyer).

Retreat for Woman: Save the Date, April 1st through April 3rd: It will be at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. The Guest Facilitator is Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ. This year's theme: "DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU?" This weekend offers hours away from your 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 faith and all ages. Call Ginny Raymond for further information and registration (518) 251-3515.

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

Annual Gala: Friday, April 29th: Hiland Park Country Club, "Spotlight on Broadway." Come and enjoy dinner, robust silent and live auctions, and toe-tapping entertainment. Contact Rick Bergeron at 798-1553 or Sandy Norris at 743-1415 for additional information.

Priory News (518-494-3733)

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

Save the Date: The 2016 Priory Garage Sale will be held on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th. This sale is to benefit the Priory Retreat House in Chestertown. Donations will be accepted on Wednesday afternoons. Please call before attempting to leave a donation.

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Offertory Collection: Week of February 28th: \$990

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Save the Date: St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Saturday, March 12th, following the 4 pm Mass.

Children's Mass: The next Children's Mass is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th, at 4 pm.

Easter Food Baskets: Our Food Basket Ministry is in need of non-perishable food and monetary donations. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one! Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jell-O and pudding. Please leave your donations at the church entrance any weekend. We always welcome any other non-perishable food.

Offertory Collection: Week of February 28th: \$907