

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

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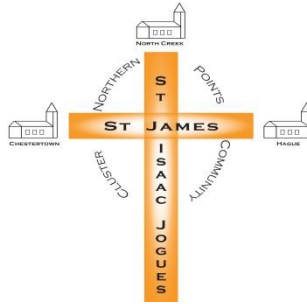
***32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 8, 2015***

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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**

*2:00 pm, Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek*

*No weekday Mass at St. Isaac Jogues until Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>*

*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*

### **LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY!**

We learn how to be good disciples from others who follow Jesus faithfully, who contribute to the good of all out of the surplus with which God has blessed them. The gospel holds up the poor widow as a model for the total self-giving of the true disciple. We need but look around us to find strong models for true discipleship. Nor is it a matter of these disciple-models giving large sums of money. Giving a bit of time each week for the good of another, participating in at least some parish activities beyond going to Mass and contributing to the collection basket, signing up when volunteers are needed are all ways of contributing a little, which makes a huge difference in overall parish life and community life. Even “something” can be our “all.” So, are we true disciples?

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### **CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be bestowed on candidates from Sacred Heart (Lake George), St. Cecilia’s (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 St. Isaac Jogues. A retreat for these young people will take place on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 pm, at the Priory. Pat Mousaw is the facilitator for this retreat. Those preparing for this Sacrament are: Dan Caunter, William Davis, Alyssa Dewar, Andrew Hanaburgh and Jimmy Morris. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue on their journey in preparation for this Sacrament.

## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry:** Classes continue for this group this weekend.

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

**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 of St. Isaac Jogues will be collecting soda bottle tabs for people who are in need in Uganda. This drive will be helping Sister Rose Mary and the girls from Uganda. Sister Rose Mary has been helping these girls who have been terrorized and murdered by rebel soldiers in the Lord's Resistance Army. We are asking that you save and collect soda bottle tabs, and place them in the container in the entrance of the church. We are "pulling lives together one tab at a time." 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 (Jill Harrington, 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; play and socializing for children & adults; 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.

**Bike Helmet Giveaway:** Ages 1-14: call 623-2829 for additional information.

### 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, 5 pm – Saturday, November 21, 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

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>: \$713

## **ST. ISAAC JOGUES:**

**Religious Education:** No classes for our grade school children this Wednesday because of the observance of Veteran's Day.

**Baptism:** Congratulations and special blessings to Reeves Mooney, baptized Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. May God continue to bless Reeves and her family.

**Annual Christmas Cantata:** Rehearsals for the annual Christmas Cantata, *Behold the Glory*, are ongoing on Wednesdays, at 7 pm, in the Community United Methodist Church in Chestertown. Come, sing, welcome in the Christmas season! The performances are December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Baskets:** Our Food Basket ministry is continuing to accept any and all non-perishable food and monetary donations. 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 Vollaro at 494-4398 for more information. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding. Place your donations in the box near the church entrance. Any help is appreciated.

**Offertory Collection:** November 1<sup>st</sup>: \$2675