

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

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***Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016***

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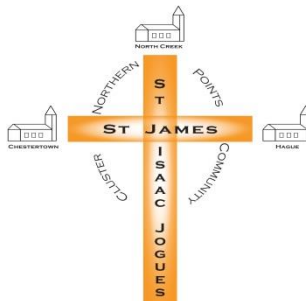
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### **ESTATE PLANNING**

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*

*Sunday, 11:00 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing*

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek*

*No other Weekday Mass this week.*

### **Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**

*Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

### **Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

*4:00 pm, Family Mass, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

*6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing*

*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*

### **New Year's Eve & Day Mass Schedule**

*(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)*

*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*

*Sunday, 11:00 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing*

### **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*

### **OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR YOU!**

*May the wonder and awe of God's love manifested in Jesus touch your life this Christmas Season.*

*May His peace, joy and many blessings bring you happiness throughout the New Year.*

*We thank everyone who made it happen and spread the peace and love of Jesus Christ.*

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSINGS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!**

*Fr. John & Barb*

## DOUBT & CONFUSION!

Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events.

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## PARISH CHRISTMAS STEWARDSHIP

As you are planning your Christmas gift giving for your family and friends, please remember a gift for your spiritual family. Your gift enables us to continue our ministries and activities here and provides a place for this to happen. Please be as generous as possible. Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, and I ask you to consider giving your Christmas gift and your regular Sunday gift in your Christmas envelope. Perhaps you can increase your donation! We need to support our Parish Family. As always, thank you for your continued consideration and generosity.

God Bless,  
*Father John*

## Cluster News

**Second Collection:** The Evangelist: January 15<sup>th</sup>

**Homebound:** Please contact Fr. John if you would like him to make a visit to any one homebound.

**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.

### 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](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org) or email: [www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:www.prioryretreat@yahoo.com)

**Morning Mindfulness:** *Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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*

## THE 36<sup>TH</sup> GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

*St. James Church*

Support the major fund-raising event for the Parish by taking a chance!  
Many people place several names on the same ticket!

**Grand Prize:** \$10,000

**Contribution for Raffle Ticket:** \$100

**(Only 200 Tickets will be available)**

**This makes a great Christmas gift and is also good for the end of the year tax purposes**

**Place:** Basil & Wicks

**Date:** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Times:** 1 pm to 4 pm – Happy Hour 1 pm (cash bar) – Dinner 1:30 pm

**Music:** Frank Conti and his Band

**Dinner Tickets & Reservations:** \$25/adult - \$10/child (14 & under)

Please call Joyce Parker at 251-2273

## ST. JAMES CHURCH:

**Bishop's Appeal:** As of this date, we need \$1544. This puts us at 87% of the obligation. Fr. John will be reaching out through phone calls to those who have not yet contributed.

**United Methodist Church:** Although we are saddened that our neighbors are moving out of their building because of finances, we are very pleased and happy that we can help them, as they soon will have their Sunday services here at St. James! They are planning their first service here on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this in your prayers as we begin this ecumenical endeavor together!

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 12/24 The People of the Parish 5:30 pm

Sunday, 12/25 The People of the Parish 8:00 am

**Offertory Collections:** Weekend of 12/11/2016: \_ \$904 \_\_\_\_\_ 12/06/2015: \$873

## ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, 12/24 The People of the Parish 4:00 pm

Sunday, 12/25 The People of the Parish 9:30 am

**Offertory Collections:** Weekend of 12/11/2016: \$1318 12/06/2015: \$1624