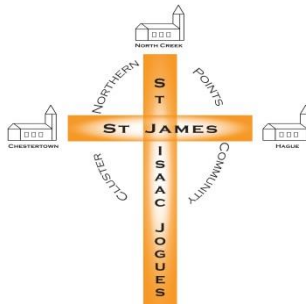


Northern Points Cluster Bulletin
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ESTATE PLANNING

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, December 4th, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home
9:00 am, Wednesday, December 6th, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

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

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

*Thursday Vigil, December 7th, 5:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown
Thursday Vigil, December 7th, 7:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing
Thursday Vigil, December 7th, 7:00 pm, St. Cecilia, Warrensburg
Friday, December 8th, 9:00 am, St James, North Creek*

Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick

Monday, December 11th, 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*

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)

*Sunday Vigil, 4:00 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown
Sunday Vigil, 5:30 pm, St. James, North Creek
Monday, 8:00 am, St. James, North Creek
Monday, 9:30 am, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown
Monday, 11:00 am, Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing*

CLEAR THE WAY!

Remember your post-Christmas resolutions last year? You were determined to simplify and hold on to the spiritual essence! Well, as Saint Paul might say, “Now is the acceptable time” to resist the eternal commercial that Christmas has become. Make the hard decisions about gifts. Walk away from the latest fad or toy, and walk toward the smiles that light the face of a poor mother who realizes that she and her children are not forgotten. A scriptural metaphor for Advent is the Lord making rough ways smooth and winding roads straight. For whom might you make life smoother today? *Copyright 2015, TrueQuest Communications*

Cluster News

Cluster Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick: Monday, December 11th, 6:30 pm, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. This is a time to prepare for the Christmas Season with Jesus’ healing presence for our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. As we begin the new Church year, we ask and seek the Lord for his healing presence through this Sacrament.

Second Collection: Weekend of December 10th, Christmas Flowers

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” Spouses find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: January 19-21, 2018, South Kingstown, RI & February 2-4, 2018, Manchester, CT.

Contact Ed & Rhonda Staats, 518-279-3243 or <https://www.womenyalb.org>

Living Nativity: Stony Creek Ranch Resort, Stony Creek: Be part of a Living Nativity or see the performance, call 518-696-2444 for additional information.

Giving Tree: Please be sure to return your gift, wrapped and with the tag secured on the front of the gift, by the weekend of December 16th & 17th.

North Country Ministry

Judy Carr, 251-4460 or 623-2829 www.NorthCountryMinistry.org

Holiday Cards: Christmas gift alternative cards are now available to benefit North Country Ministry. For a donation of \$5 or more, you may select a beautiful card by a local artist and gift the gift of supporting the Ministry’s work. Call or download an order form as shown above.

Priory News (518-494-3733)

www.prioryretreathouse.org

Vespers at the Priory: Wednesdays & Saturdays, 5:30 pm: Potluck Supper & Scripture Study follow Wednesdays. There will be 20 minutes of Stillness Meditation and Communal recitation of the Jesus Prayer starting at 5:10 pm. *(by donation)*

Guided Weekend Retreats: Fridays, Dec 15-17, 2 pm: spiritual direction, community prayer, meals & accommodations—\$225 individual

Young Adult Guided Weekend Retreat: Friday, 7 pm - Sunday, 2 pm: December 1-3: A retreat for young adults who are amid the busy, fast-paced lifestyle of the world and who seek to UNPLUG. \$225 Individual *(scholarships available)*.

Christmas Tree Decorating, Divine Liturgy & Potluck: Sunday, December 10th, 2 pm: Celebrate and anticipate the joy-filled season of Christmas; decorate the house and grounds & trim the tree. Open to the public. RSVP online or phone. *Donation*

ST. JAMES CHURCH:

Save the Date: Sunday, January 28th: Golden Opportunity Raffle – Buffet – Basil & Wicks, 1 pm to 4 pm – Raffle Tickets are \$100. Letters are out! More to follow!

Concerts: Tannery Pond Community Center, Saturday, December 2nd at 7 pm and Sunday December 3rd at 2 pm. “A Holiday Celebration” featuring the North Country Singers, opera singer Christine Powers, Lake George Saxophone Quartet, JCS Jazz Band & the Guiding Steps Dancers.

Mass Intentions: Saturday, 12/9 People of the Parish 5:30 pm
Sunday, 12/10 People of the Parish 8:00 am

Regular Offertory: October 2017: \$3,728 October 2016: \$4,110

ST. ISAAC JOGUES:

Christmas Food Baskets: Our Food Basket ministry is continuing to accept donations of 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 at 518-494-4398 for information. Cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding are suggested for this week.

Christmas Cantata: Saturday, December 9th, 7 pm, St. Sacrament Episcopal Church, Bolton Landing, & Sunday, December 10th, 3 pm, the Community United Methodist Church, Chestertown.

Mass Intentions: Saturday, 12/9 Richard Savage Req/N. Williams 4:00 pm
Logan Matthew (Healing) Req/N. Williams 4:00 pm

Sunday, 12/10 Terry Bittel Req. SIJ Community 9:30 am

Regular Offertory: October 2017: \$9,284 October 2016: \$10,146