

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

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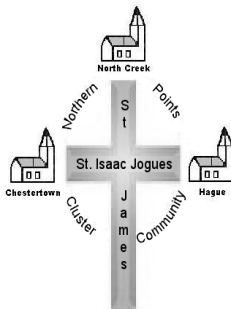
**The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2012**

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### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

*2:00 pm, Liturgy, Monday: Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek*

*9:00 am, Mass, Tuesday: St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown*

*9:00 am, Mass, Wednesday: St. James Parish Center, North Creek*

***Reminder: There is no Daily Mass when school is canceled or delayed***

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

*5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil Mass: St. James Church, North Creek*

*8:00 am, Sunday Mass: St. James Church, North Creek*

*9:30 am, Sunday Mass: St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown*

### **Hospital Visits & Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment**

*Please notify Fr. John and Sr. Fran if a family member is hospitalized so that they may visit the individual*

### **Preparation for Baptism and Marriage**

*St. Isaac Jogues, please call Fr. John O’Kane at 494-5229 ext 34*

*St. James, please call Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518*

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD REVEALS OUR CALL TO BE COPARTNERS**

We celebrated the first manifestation of God’s saving love for us through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. The shepherds on the hillside were witnesses to the Jewish people. In the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, the visit of the kings manifested that God’s saving love is for people all over the world. What an amazing God!

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Ephesians 3:2-6), we see that this wonderful revelation is in our hands. Mary and Joseph were so willing to accept their role to show forth the Christ-child to both Jew and gentile. Are we willing to take on the responsibility of presenting the Christ within us to others? At the same time, do we recognize that we are co-heirs and partners with many others who believe throughout the worlds?

The New Year is a great time to resolve that, as we walk more faithfully on our journey, we recognize those who are also called to journey with us. Also, our amazing God may be nudging us to invite others who are seekers, following the star, to come along. If they wish to know more, let us be ready to encourage them. Perhaps the RCIA program may lead them to an epiphany with the Lord. (Details are in the bulletin.) Still, other people may just need to see in us that they have found the place where the Lord dwells. May this new year be blessed and filled with many small epiphanies.

Sr. Fran



## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry News:** Please be aware that classes will resume in Chestertown on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Parish Center of St. Isaac Jogues. Classes will not be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, due to the Martin Luther King Weekend. Please note: Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. James in North Creek, at 5:30 pm. The second collection taken up at this Mass is to purchase food cards for the needy in our area. Also, please remember a donation for the food pantry as part of our Souper Bowl tradition. Pizza will be made available for our families. We welcome a dessert.



Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please speak to Fr. John or Sr. Fran. Remember that you serve as the eyes and ears for anyone who is interested in this program. We need you to identify those individuals. Do they need a nudge? We will set up an information night soon for those interested in this program.

### **The 31<sup>st</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. Gala (turkey dinner) \$22**

**Only 200 tickets will be available.**

Place: The Lodge at Echo Lake. Time Happy Hour: 6:30 pm (cash bar) Dinner: 7 pm.

Date: January 28, 2012

For tickets and reservations, please call our raffle lady, Joyce Parker at 251-2273.

Thank you for your continuous support.



**Virtus Training:** Sr. Fran will be facilitating a training program for parish volunteers on January 9, 2012, at 1:00 pm. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing.

### **North Country Ministry (518) 251-4425**

*Jill Harrington, Director; Br. James Posluszny; Christian Langworthy; Carol Sgorran*

The Baby Boutique of North Country Ministry is in need of boots, mittens, winter jackets, snow suits, blankets, as well as such items as powder, lotion, etc. Also needed are clothing for girls, sizes 6 – 9, 9 – 12 and 6X. Clothing for boys, sizes 5 -6X is also needed.

### **Priory News**

**A Day of Reflection for Divorced or Separated Catholics:** *Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm:*

Divorced and separated Catholics may disconnect from prayer, worship and participation in the Catholic community. Join in a day of reflection and prayer and a better understanding.

*Connie Messitt, CSJ – Donation: \$140*

Please call The Priory for details, 494-3733 or email [www.prioryretreathouse.org](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org)

*Leaflets explaining other programs offered by The Priory are available at the back of the church.*

### **ST. JAMES PARISH**

**Pastoral Parish Council** will meet on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, in the Parish Center. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 pm.

**Religious Ed News:** There are classes today and on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup>. For our families that ski, there are no classes in February. We will begin classes again on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Save Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** for our wonderful Gala at the Lodge at Echo Lake.

**Cemetery Woes:** We are addressing the deterioration of the pillars. It is an expensive undertaking.

**New Trustee:** Mary Moro, after many years of faithful service as one of our Trustees, is resigning. We are grateful for her years of service and happy that she is remaining on the Pastoral Council. Mary will be replaced by Eileen Purcell, who has generously accepted the position. We are grateful for this and that Peter Parker will remain on as the other Trustee.

### **PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES**

**Religious Education:** The next Children's Mass will be Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at the 4 pm Mass.

**Italian Night:** Italian Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The event will be switched to the following day at 12:00 noon in case of inclement weather. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Help is needed to set up and clean up.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** This committee will not meet in January, as previously reported. The next meeting will be held in February, the date to be announced.

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** The Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (not January 16<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.

**The Evangelist:** Are you interested in receiving The Evangelist, our Diocese of Albany newspaper? Please let Barbara Carlozzi know, 518-494-5229.

**Altar Server Training Meeting:** A training meeting for any fourth, fifth or sixth grader interested in becoming an Altar Server will be held on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 pm.

**Reconciliation Meeting:** Parents of the second graders who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation will meet with Father John at 4 pm on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center.