

# ***Northern Points Cluster Bulletin***

*(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)*

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**Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown**

**Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek**

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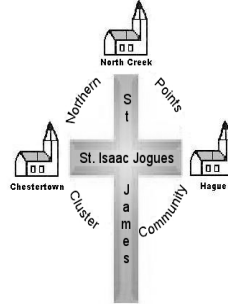
**Baptism of the Lord January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## **Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues**

***St. John the Baptist & Blessed Sacrament Churches***

***P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, NY 12817***

***(518) 494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency***



***St. James Church***

***P.O. Box 23, North Creek, NY***

***(518) 251-2518***

***Northern Points Cluster Website: [northernpointscluster.org](http://northernpointscluster.org)***

## **Winter Mass Schedule**

***4:00 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown***

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

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

***9:30 am Sunday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown***

***(Blessed Sacrament, Hague will resume Palm Sunday 2010)***

***(Reminder when you go to one of our sister churches, please designate your offertory collection for your own parish)***

## **Weekday Liturgies**

***9:00 am Mass Monday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown***

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

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

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment**

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

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

**for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518**

## **Hospital Visits**

**Fr. John and Sr. Fran request that you please let us know if you or someone in your family is in the hospital so that we may visit them!**

## **Year for Priests**

**June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010**

On behalf of Sister Fran, Deacon Bob, the Cluster Staff and I, we wish you all a Happy New Year. May you and your family have many blessings for 2010. Pope Benedict the 16<sup>th</sup> has made this year, the year for priests. Please keep all priests in your prayers especially the priests from the Albany Diocese. Below is a prayer for priests. God Bless, Father John

**Most gracious Heavenly Father,** We thank you for our faithful priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood and example of fidelity, self-sacrifice, and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people. May our spiritual fathers be guided by the example of St. John Vianney. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world. May the light of your Truth shine through their lives and their good works. Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impact knowledge to those who rely on them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry News:** Our first class in January will be on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Johns in Chestertown. On Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a 5:30 pm Souper Bowl Vigil Mass at St. James to raise money for the North Country Ministry Food Cards. There will be Pizza following the Mass.



### North Country Ministry

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425  
There is always a need for large size diapers for toddlers.

### St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle 2010 (29<sup>th</sup> Year)

Only 200 tickets sold with a drawing for **\$10,000**.

Each ticket is \$100 and Gala Reservations are purchased separately for \$20 per person.

Gala is February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge on Echo Lake, Warrensburg

Appetizers and Cash bar 6:30 – 7:30

Italian Buffet Supper at 7:30

Music to Dance to provided by Frank Conti and Band

For more information please call the Parish Center 251-2518 or our "Raffle Lady", Joyce Parker at 251-2273

### Priory News

#### Introduction to Healing Touch: Relaxation and renewal

Friday, January 22, 10am – 3 pm

Individuals in a peaceful environment will learn interventions for self-care and relaxation. Each will become aware of the gifts that they have been given to be used in service to others. Healing Touch promotes physical, emotions, and spiritual health and healing.

Presenter: Rita Jean DuBrey, CSJ    Donation \$45

#### Artists' Retreat Day    Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm

All of us are artists! This is an invitation to all people to learn and share the connection between creativity and spirituality. There will be discussion, hands-on activities and alone time. Those who would like more time to be creative, come, and stay Friday and/or Saturday nights. Call for prices

Presenter: Connie Messitt, CSJ    Donation: \$39

### ST JAMES PARISH

**Elementary Religion:** There is class this Sunday.

**Pastoral Parish Council:** Our meeting is on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. It is preceded by a finance meeting at 6:30.

***Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues:*** CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Religious Education:** Classes will continue this Wednesday. Next Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a children's Mass followed by a coffee hour. On Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> there is reconciliation for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and their families from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.