

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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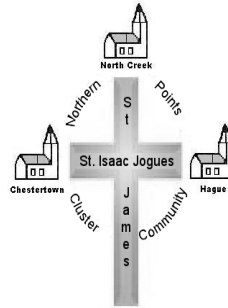
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 10th, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist Churches

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P.O. Box 23, North Creek, NY

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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 Church, 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

(No Monday Morning Mass due to Martin Luther King Birthday)

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

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

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

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!



This past Sunday the Christmas Season ended with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and we begin that part of the liturgical year known as Ordinary Time. This Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. What happened to the First Sunday? The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord replaces the First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time, though, is hardly 'ordinary.' On the contrary, with the exception of the devotional feasts after Pentecost (e.g., Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the King), we have the opportunity to focus and concentrate, without the distraction of special themes, on the true meaning and special character of Sunday as the Lord's Day -- as the weekly reminder of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

The traditional liturgical color of Ordinary Time used for vestments and church decoration is green -- the color of the meadow and forest -- of hope and of life.

Speaking of life. This past Tuesday a devastating earthquake almost completely destroyed the nation of Haiti. The initial death toll is enormous and will continue to rise as disease grips the nation. As Catholic Christians we'll be called upon to contribute both from our treasure and our prayers. So, as this unfolds, keep the Haitian people and the rescue workers in your thoughts and prayers.

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: There are no classes this Sunday due to the Holiday Weekend. Our first class will be on Sunday, January 24th at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center in Chestertown. We will begin with a Review on the Liturgical Year and an Introduction to the Sacraments. On February 6th the Teens will be helping with all Liturgical Roles at Mass in St. James, North Creek at 5:30 pm. Pizza for our families will be provided following the Mass.



North Country Ministry

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425
Winter raffle with 4 wonderful prizes. \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.

Please see the flyer in the back of the church.

Baby's Place in need diapers sizes 3, 4, & 5 and girl's clothing sizes 2T & 3T.

St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle 2010 (29th 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 13th 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

Catholic Relief Services

CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please send a check to Catholic Charities, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12203. In the memo portion of your check, please write: **Haiti Earthquake**. 100% of donations go to CRS. Contact Catholic Charities at 518-453-6650.

"Come to the Table" 2-5 PM on Sunday, February 28th.

This is a Lenten afternoon of renewal, inspiration, and information. This North Country Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment opportunity is valuable for all who love Eucharist and/or want to better understand how and why this celebration is so central to who we are as Catholic. This opportunity is especially valuable for Liturgical Minister and Faith Formation Ministers. Our host will be Sacred Heart Church in the Village of Lake George. Please see the poster in the vestibule for details as well as the registration form.

Priory News

Winter get-away Saturday, Feb. 13, 6:30 pm – Saturday, Feb. 20, 11am

Come for a few days or a week of rest and renewal of body, mind, and spirit. Set your own activities for the week or experience optional indoor and outdoor activities, prayer gatherings, T'ai Chi Chih, daily spiritual direction and more. Presenters: Connie Messitt, CSJ - Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ Donation: \$65/day, \$450/week

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: This is a holiday weekend. Therefore, there is no class. Next regular class is on January 31st. There are no classes in February.

Liturgical Roles: We are inviting our Ski Community to come forward and become Liturgical Ministers. Please see Karen Smith or Sr. Fran after the 5:30 Mass on Sat. Also greeters are needed for our 8AM Mass on Sunday.

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

Br. James Posluszny from North Country Ministry will be here to talk next weekend about our affiliation with this important Ministry. There will be a second collection for North Country Ministry.

Religious Education: 1st Reconciliation for our Children will be on, Wednesday February 3rd at 3:30 pm. There is a meeting with Fr. John and the parents of children receiving their 1st Reconciliation on Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00 pm upstairs in the Parish Center in the Conference Room. Fr. John will address questions and concerns in regards to their child's 1st Reconciliation.

Grades 3-6th will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 3rd.

"Cabin Fever" Italian Night: Saturday, January 30th after the 4:00 pm Mass. There is a sign up sheet in back of the church. Please come and have a Great Time!

Fall Frolic: Anyone interested in being on the Committee we will meet quickly after the Coffee Hour this weekend to talk about dates for this affair for 2010.