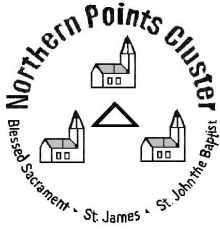


Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

(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 18th, 2009



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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

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Monday- Holiday, No Mass: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

9:00 am Mass, Tuesday: Priory, Chestertown

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

(There are no weekday Masses when schools are closed or delayed)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

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

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. John the Baptist and Blessed Sacrament please call Fr. John O'Kane at 494-5229 ext 34 and for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

The Albany Diocesan Web Site www.rcda.org has all relevant information on Called to be Church

Deacon's Bench

“Behold, the Lamb of God.” Those words of John the Baptist, prompts the two who will become disciples to approach Jesus. The testimony in this Gospel is an example of the special way that God moves to attract people to himself. Sometimes God addresses a person directly by stirring his or her soul and inviting that person to follow him, as with Samuel; at other times, as in the example in this Gospel, God chooses to use someone close to us to bring us to Christ -- to a vocation -- to discipleship.



The invitation: “Come, and you will see” begins a relationship with Jesus. Time and personal contact with Christ will be needed to make them more secure in their vocation -- in their calling to discipleship. But, isn't that the same for all of us?

Our faith as Christians can never be just an exercise of intellectual curiosity; our faith affects our whole life: we can't understand it unless we really live it; so Jesus doesn't tell them in detail about his way of life; he invites them to spend the day with him, just as we are constantly invited to spend time with Jesus -- in the Eucharist -- and in prayer. Come, and you will see.



Cluster News

RCIA

We have welcomed three candidates into the program! Classes have been initiated with the next 2 classes on an overview of the Bible. The dates are January 20th & 27th at 4:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Center. If you would like to join our candidates please call Sr. Fran at 251-2518.

Anyone interested in a Pew from St. Teresa's for a donation of \$100, please call Fr. John at 494-5229.

Souper Bowl Youth Mass

At St. James Church the 5:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 31st will have the Youth of the Northern Points Cluster doing all the Liturgical roles. They will also be standing at the entrances with special bowls to collect money for the North Country Ministry to use for emergency food vouchers. Please support our young adult's efforts to be mindful of the needy!

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE!

St. James Church

Support the major fund-raising event for the parish by taking a chance for you, your family or as a group. Many people place several names on the same ticket.

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Contributions of \$110 includes admission to the Gala Party on Saturday, February 21st, 2009 at Echo Lake Lodge in Warrensburg



It will be a fine evening with an exquisite Italian and French Buffet and great music by Frank Conti and his band. It will start with appetizers and a cash bar at 6:30 pm

You need not be present to win!!! ONLY 200 tickets sold!!! For a letter with more information, please call Sr. Fran at 251-2518 or contact Joyce Parker (our well-known raffle lady) at number 251-2273.

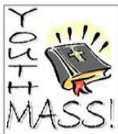
Priory News

Snow is on the ground and it is very cold but we have been working on the Priory Garage Sale to be held July 19th & 20th. Please take time to clean out your homes, attics and basements and donate items in good condition that you no longer can use. We are available to accept your donations on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 at the Priory. Please call Sr. Connie at 494-3733 to make certain someone is available to receive the items. Please call Carole Hart at 494-7429 if you have any additional questions. REMINDER: We do not take the following items: televisions, microwaves, mattresses, cassette tapes, big exercise equipment, satellite dishes.

A gracious thank you to all who contributed to the Priory Collection. A generous amount of \$1400 was received.

Update on Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst: Deacon Bob's surgery was a success and he is home recuperating. We would be more than happy to forward any get well wishes to him. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Youth Ministry: We will not have class on this Sunday, January 18th because of the three day weekend in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.s' Day. We will continue classes at St. John the Baptist the following Sunday with Jesus' message and mission.



Our SOUPER Bowl Mass will be on Saturday, January 31st at 5:30 pm. The collection for this event will go directly to North Country Ministry for food for those in need in our area. All the teens will participate in all of the Liturgical Ministries.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 13th in the Rectory at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, January 24th Blessed Sacrament will assume all Liturgical Roles at the 4:00 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist in Chestertown in an effort to participate in ministry.

SAINT JAMES PARISH

North Country Ministry: For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425

NCM "Babies Place": needs wipes, baby lotion and shampoo; the items may be left at Leaven House.

Elementary Religious Ed: There is no class this Sunday due to the holiday. Class next Sunday, January 25th.

Pastoral/Parish Council Meeting is tentative set for Thursday, January 29th at 7pm. in the parish center.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Elementary Religious Ed: will continue on Wednesday's from 3-4:15 pm. Please remember to pick up your child(ren) inside the Parish Center. Wednesday, February 4th the 2nd grade children and their families will receive Reconciliation at 3:30 pm in the Church.



