

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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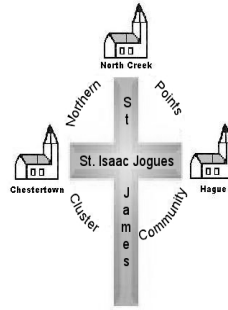
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24th, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

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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

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

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

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

Responding to Jesus' Inaugural Speech

Our readings today have a powerful message for us. In the 1st Reading (Neh. 8:2-10), the prophet Ezra celebrates with the Israelites their return to their ancestral lands. At the same time he reminds them to be who they were called to be as God's People.

Luke, in the Gospel gives us Jesus' "inaugural speech", (Luke 4: 14-21). We hear Jesus' quote from Isaiah that he is the one called by the Spirit of God to address the needs of the poor, imprisoned and other disenfranchised persons.

In the letter from St. Paul (I Cor. 12:12-30), we are reminded that we too are called to work together as the Body of Christ to carry on the mission of Jesus that he proclaimed in today's Gospel.

This message is very appropriate for us right now. We are faced with the needs of the poor, suffering and disenfranchised. As His Body, we are trying our best to reach out to the people in Haiti. Our cluster is responding generously and will continue to seek ways to alleviate their pain. Soon we will be called on to address the problem of immigration. We will be asked again to remember to respond as the Body of Christ. Enlightened by the Spirit, we are empowered to respond with love compassion and concern.

Sr. Fran

Cluster News

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!

Youth Ministry News: Our first class for this session will be this 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. Our SOUPER Bowl Mass will be on Saturday, February 6th at 5:30 pm at St. James in North Creek. The collection for this event will go directly to North Country Ministry for food cards for those in need in our area. All the teens will participate in all of the Liturgical Ministries. Following Mass we will gather in the Parish Center for Pizza with our families.



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. We will continue to have a basket in the back of our churches.

Priory News

Nourishing Evening for Couples Friday, February 12th 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Nourish your relationship while enjoying a candlelight dinner at the Priory. There will be an opportunity for the sharing of wisdom with a couple who has "been there".

Presenters: Vickie & Tom Agresta Donation per couple: \$55

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Elementary Religion: There will be class today and next Sunday, January 31st.

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 8 am Mass on Sunday.

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Religious Education: There is class on Wednesday this week for our children. 1st Reconciliation for our Children will be on, Wednesday, February 3rd at 3:30 pm. Our next Children's Mass has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 14th. Grades 3-6th will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 3rd. In a few weeks, Circle B Ranch will be providing a Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride during class time for our children and their families.

"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: Will be on Saturday, 10-10-10! With numbers like this everyone will want in on the raffle! Looking forward to it!