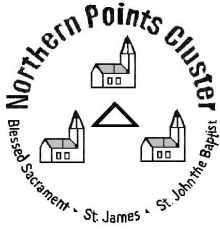


Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25th, 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, No Mass: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

Tuesday, No Mass: Priory, Chestertown

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion, 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

Fishers of Change

In the first reading, Jonah did not really want to do what God asked of him, but he trusted God and answered "YES!" In our second reading from Corinthians, we hear the sacrifices they had to make to follow Jesus. And in our Gospel we are told "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

These last couple of weeks have been very busy with events within our diocese and nationally. First the miracle on the Hudson, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a historical Inauguration and the results of Called to Be Church. Our church begins a brief period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent. There is nothing ordinary about the times we are living in today. We may live through the many bumps and bruises along the way, but if we trust in God we will have the strength to say "YES" to his call.

As we process the Bishop's decision I ask for your continued prayers, patience and support for our Northern Points Cluster community. With the merger of Blessed Sacrament and St. John's into one parish, we may have bumps along the way, but as a Cluster Community we will answer "YES" to God's call. We will continue to be "fishers of men."

God Bless;
Fr. John



Cluster News RCIA

On January 27th at 4:30 pm in St. John the Baptist Parish Center we will be having an overview of the New Testament. In February classes will be at 4:30 pm. Tuesdays the 3rd, 10th and 24th, but they will be at the Priory. Sr's. Fran, Connie and Karan will be presenting: "Who Is Jesus", "What was His Ministry and Mission", and "Understanding the Death and Resurrection of Jesus."

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.



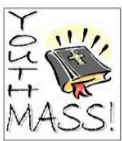
Priory News

Living from Your Heart Space, Friday, February 6th, 10 am – 2 pm

To live from your heart space is to live from a place of integration and authenticity. In this holistic retreat day, you will deepen your understanding of the meaning of your life and how to live that mission with joy and peace.

Presenter: Sr. Karan M. Lee, CSJ Donation \$39.

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: Classes at St. John the Baptist this 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 and need to arrive no later than 5:00 pm.

Save the Date: Wednesday, February 18th we will be going tubing and or skiing at Little Gore. More information and permission slips will be available from Lois when you come to class. Families please join us!

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Bible Study has resumed Tuesday's in the Rectory at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

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: Class this Sunday, January 25th. There are no Classes in February.

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

Special Liturgy: Our Mass on Saturday, January 31st at 5:30 pm is the special "Souper Sunday" event in which the Cluster Teens will be responsible for all Liturgical roles. Also, at this Mass, Finn Glackin, son of Larry and Mary Glackin will be baptized.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Elementary Religious Ed: Wednesday, February 4th the 2nd grade children and their families will receive Reconciliation at 3:30 pm in the Church. Children in all the grades have been practicing their prayers; please have them join you in saying the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and Grace before meals.

