

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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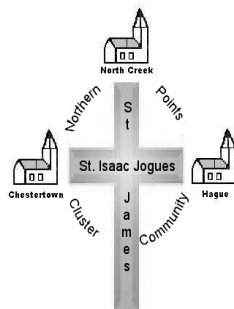
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31st, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist Churches

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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

The following is an important message from Bishop Hubbard on immigration.

Explanation of Postcard Campaign

The Diocese of Albany will participate in the U.S. Bishops' Justice for Immigrants postcard campaign the weekend of Jan. 30, soon after Pope Benedict's message on immigration and while the image of Jesus the Immigrant is still fresh in our minds. Parishioners are invited to sign postcards to our U.S. representatives and senators that call on them to adopt legislation that keeps families together, creates a legalization process for undocumented immigrants and employs humane border enforcement strategies. The postcard will be sent in a large batch with others from parishes throughout the diocese to the U.S. Bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign, and staff will distribute them to legislators en masse during a special event in D.C., to demonstrate widespread support for comprehensive immigration reform.

The Catholic Church has historically held a strong interest in immigration and how public policy affects immigrants seeking a new life in the United States. Based on Scriptural and Catholic social teachings, as well as her own experience as an immigrant Church in the United States, the Catholic Church is compelled to raise her voice on behalf of those who are marginalized and whose God-given rights are not respected.

The Church believes that current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants' human dignity and have kept families apart. The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized capacity, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. Close family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents must wait years for a visa to be reunited. And, our nation's border enforcement strategies have been ineffective and have led to the death of thousands of migrants.

The Church has a responsibility to shine the message of God on this issue and help to build bridges between all parties so that an immigration system can be created that is just for all and serves the common good, including the legitimate security concerns of our nation.

Please pray for this and keep immigration in your hearts and minds. Enjoy the weekend.

God Bless,
Father John

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 was cancelled due to the weather. Class will be held this Sunday, January 31st, at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center in Chestertown. We will begin with a Review of 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



Response to the Earthquake in Haiti

Our cluster collected \$4800 for the needs of the people in Haiti. We are grateful for your generous and compassionate response. Please keep them in your prayers. We will continue to give you CRS address and update as we get them.

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

Winter Get-Away Saturday, Feb. 20, 11 am

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, daily spiritual direction and more.

Presenters: Connie Messitt, CSJ & Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ Donation: \$65/day, \$450/week

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: Today is our last class. There are no classes in February and we will resume March 14th.

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.

Outreach Center Annual Collection: Our parish is able to contribute \$567 towards the upkeep of the North Country Outreach Center. Thank you for your generous response.

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

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. On Wednesday, February 10th, Circle B Ranch will be providing a Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride during class time for our children and their families. The children will ride the bus directly to Circle B Ranch on Atateka Rd. Chestertown. Parents may pick up their children at 4:30 pm, but are welcome to join us there at 3:00 pm for the fun. Permission Slips must be filled out for this please. The children won't be able to ride the bus there unless they have been filled out ahead of time.

Fall Frolic: Will be on Saturday, 10-10-10 with a possibility to win \$10,000. Lucky numbers like this will make everyone want in on the raffle! Looking forward to it!