

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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The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4th, 2009

Blessed Sacrament Church

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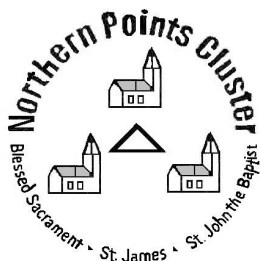
St. James Church

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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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

9:00 am NO Mass, Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

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

UPON YOU THE LORD SHINES

The magi (three Wise men) came bearing gifts for the baby Jesus. The magi gave the gift of themselves. We know of the many gifts Jesus has given to us. What gifts do we give to Him our newborn king? Why not share your gifts, talents, and treasures with Jesus and His church.

The New Year brings us a sense of sadness and hope, sadness for us of Blessed Sacrament and hope for the continued unity among our Northern Points Cluster. Blessed Sacrament Church will be closed through the winter months and will reopen on Palm

Sunday 2009. Please pray for us at Blessed Sacrament during this time of change and please welcome Blessed Sacrament parishioners at any of our cluster masses.

We welcome all winter visitors who come to ski, snowshoe and enjoy winter activities. A warm Northern Points Cluster welcome to each of you!

As we all look back on 2008 with joy and sadness we also look toward 2009 with hope and anticipation for the many gifts God will bring to us. We continue to pray for peace in our homes, our parishes and our hearts. Sr. Fran, Deacon Bob, Barb Carlozzi, cluster staff and I wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year!

God Bless,
Father John



Cluster News
RCIA



We have welcomed three candidates into the program! Classes have been initiated with the next 3 classes on an overview of the Bible. The dates are January 13th, 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.

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.

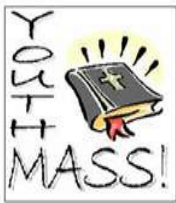


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Dreamwork Exploration Saturday, January 24, 10 am-3 PM

Dreams come "chock-full" of meanings ripe for the picking. Through attentiveness to their symbolic language, we will explore their meaning for our personal lives and allow them to share their wisdom with us.

Sr. Karen Lee, CSJ Donation: \$39



Youth Ministry: Classes will resume this semester at St. John the Baptist, in the Parish Center, Sunday January 11th at 6:00 pm.

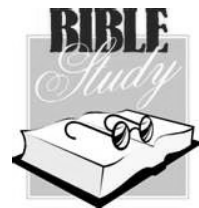
Our SOUPER Bowl Mass will be on Saturday, January 31st at 5:30 pm. The collection for this event will go directly to North Country Ministry for food for those in need in our area. All the teens will participate in all of the Liturgical Ministries.

During the break, on Wednesday February 18th, we will be going to Little Gore in North Creek for Tubing & Skiing. More details to follow!

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Pastoral/Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 pm.

Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 13th in the Rectory.



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: The next class will be January 11th.

Cemetery: The revenue we received does not cover the cost of maintaining our Cemetery. Therefore, the price of the grave sites will have to increase. As of February 1st, 2009, it will cost \$450 for a site instead of \$375. We are sorry that the economic times have made this necessity.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Pastoral/Parish Council Meeting: Monday, January 5th at 6:30 pm in the parish center.

Elementary Religious Ed: Our next regular class will be on Wednesday, January 7th.