

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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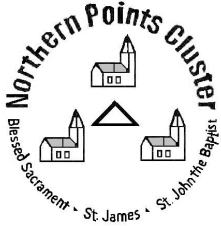
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28th & 29th Sundays of Ordinary Time, October 11th & 18th, 2009



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Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

St. John the Baptist & Blessed Sacrament Churches
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Mass Schedule

Our Fall Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

8:00 am Sunday: St. James Church, North Creek

9:30 am Sunday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

11:15 am Sunday: Blessed Sacrament, Hague

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for week of Oct. 11th

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, Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for week of Oct. 18th

9:00 am 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, Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

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!

God Alone Is Our Fulfillment

“Our hearts were made for you, O God, and will not rest until they rest in you.”

St. Augustine

How we try to fill our hearts! We search for some status car, some beauty product or some name brand clothing as if they will satisfy the longing in our hearts. Today's scripture readings remind us that the emptiness in our hearts has just one means of finding satisfaction. St. Augustine in the above quote says it well. Only God fulfills us, completes us and soothes our restless hearts.

As the fall days ahead remind us change is so much a part of life, let us reflect on the restlessness and longing in our hearts and see what we need to change so that God's love has its rightful place in the depth of our being.

Do you know someone longing to find the true meaning of their lives in God? Are they seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord? Perhaps now is the time for you to invite them into the Catholic Church where they could experience a community seeking to live by Gospel values. Like you they can be touched by the living presence of Jesus as the Bread of Life in our weekly Eucharistic celebrations. See the note in this bulletin about the R.C.I.A. process.
Sr. Fran Husselbeck

Youth Ministry News: No Class this Sunday due to the holiday!

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 2:00 pm at St. Cecilia's in Warrensburg. Rehearsal is at 12:45 pm. on the same day. Parents should come early to have a good seat.

World Youth Day is Sunday, October 25th, 2009. This event will be at St. Michael's Church in South Glens Falls. The teens will be participating with all of the churches from Warren and Washington Counties. Please let us know if you would like to participate in Music Ministry for this event. We will be leaving at 3:15 from both Parish Centers for this event. Teens who will be involved in the Choir for World Youth Day will be practicing again on Sunday, October 18th at 5:30 pm at St. James in North Creek. Those teens playing an instrument for World Youth Day will be practicing October 18th at St. Michael's in South Glens Falls at 4:00 pm.

Cluster News

Cluster Pastoral Parish Councils Gathering

St. Issac Jogues Parish Council is inviting St. James Pastoral Council to join them for wine and cheese Monday, November 9th at 7pm in St. John the Baptist's parish center. Come let us celebrate together.

Catechists, Youth Ministers, Clergy, Parish Life Directors

Fall Gathering – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Our Lady of the Annunciation Church

“Catechesis & the Proclamation of the Word” – Presenter: Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ

Registration Forms in the back of the Church

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation will soon begin. If you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic please let them know how we are a community based on gospel values. Inform them too, how we gather weekly to break open Scripture, and celebrate the Eucharist receiving Jesus as the Bread of Life.

For more information, interested persons may call Fr. John at 494-5229 or Sr. Fran at 251-2518.

Parish Convening

Save the date: Saturday, Nov. 7th our annual Diocesan Parish Convening will take place at the Christian Brothers Academy in Albany. The theme this year is “Ministering with the Heart of Christ.” There are workshops helpful to all ministries in parish life. Please consider attending. Registration forms are in the back of the Church.

Owning Hebrew Scriptures

Presented by Brother James Posluszny of North Country Ministry sponsored by NC Cafe

This three part series is a basic introduction to the Old Testament Themes: The Law, The Prophets and The Writings. Please see the form in the back of the church for more information as to place, time and date as well as to register.

North Country Ministry News

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

NCM Babies place urgently needs large size disposal diapers. Toddlers 3, 4 & 5.

Priory News

New Drop off Location in Chestertown for the Garage Sale Donations

We will accept all donations at the Old Harness Shop located at 6378 Main St. in Chestertown from 10AM to 3PM each Wednesday. Please call the Priory at 494-3733 to get any questions answered. We will also be offering seasonal clothing for a modest donation. There is a brochure in the back of the church with a list of items we are not able to accept.

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion Classes next Sunday after the 8 am Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7PM in the parish Center on Monday, October 19th.

Adult Faith Formation Meeting Monday, October 26th, at 2:30 pm in the parish center.

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

Suggestion Box about the Merge: As our two churches move forward to become St. Isaac Jogues Parish, there must be a dozen of questions on many people minds. There is a suggestion box in both churches for any positive questions that you might have about the merge. Please write your question down on the card and place it in the box. Father John will try to address your question at Mass, in the bulletin or by phone call in the weeks to come.

First Mass for the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

We plan to have a closing liturgy within each parish. The liturgies will take place on Sunday, November 28th at the 9:30 am Mass for St. John the Baptist Parish and the 11:15 am Mass for Blessed Sacrament Parish.

On Sunday December 6th at the 11:00 am Mass in St. John the Baptist church, we will have the first Mass as our new parish St. Isaac Jogues. This will be the *only* Mass on Sunday, December 6th. We hope all our parishioners will come together to celebrate this significant celebration.

We are joining two separate parish histories and memories and will build on the past to create new memories and strengthen our already vibrant community. Following this opening liturgy we will share fellowship in the parish center.

Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church for a committee to organize a reception following the Mass

I ask for your continued prayers as we move forward in faith and trust. *God Bless, Fr. John*

Parish/Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, November 2nd at 7pm at the rectory in Hague.

Religious Education: This year our children are sponsoring a drive to Support the Troops for the Holidays. They are asked to purchase items and bring it in by November 4th so we may ship them to our Armed Services for the holidays. Items will be made available to purchase for those who are unable to shop when you pick your child up from the Parish Center. Please see flyer. Next Children's Mass is Sunday, November 1st.

Finance Committee Meeting will be Monday, October 19th at 6:30 pm in Chestertown. Please let us know if this is not a convenient time for everyone. This meeting does include our new Trustee's.

Baptism Congratulations to Molly Joyce Mundrick daughter and Paul and Carrie. May God's blessing be upon her and her family.

Food Baskets As in years past, our parish will work in cooperation with the Chester Food Pantry to provide holiday food baskets for needy families in our area. We ask those who can contribute money and food to this cause to join those who are already contributing generously. With added contributions we hope to pack and deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to 30 families. There are 2 ways to contribute. 1) Place non-perishable food donations in the yellow box at the entrance of the church. Watch the bulletin for specific items needed or bring whatever canned goods you can spare. 2) Please money donations in the box provided there. Anyone who would like to help in other ways call John at 494-4398.

Greeters, Lectors and Eucharist Ministers will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, November, 9th prior to the Wine & Cheese Gathering.