

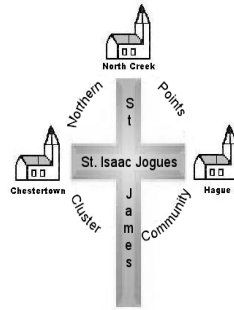
# Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

## Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist  
P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, NY 12817  
(518) 494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency



## St. James Church

P.O. Box 23  
North Creek, NY  
(518) 251-2518

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

9:30 am Sunday Mass: St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

11:15 am Sunday Mass: St. Isaac Jogues –Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment**

### Hospital Visits

Please notify Fr. John and Sr. Fran if a family member is hospitalized so that they may visit the individual

### Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. Isaac Jogues, please call Fr. John O’Kane at 494-5229 ext 34

St. James, please call Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

### **Pondering the Upcoming Changes**

Today’s passage from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians offers wise counsel to those who may be concerned about the upcoming changes in the language of the liturgy. Change is difficult. Even though there may be a hundred seemingly good reasons why any planned change is taking place, there are usually as many or more reasons why people feel things should remain the same.

As we ponder the upcoming changes, we would do well to hear again the wise advice offered by St. Paul, “Whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent or worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

Keeping an open mind, let us look for the good in these new texts and consider how they shape and reform our prayer as a community. If they are truly inspired by the Holy Spirit, as the Church believes them to be, they will last; if not, God will guide us to a truer form. In God’s will is our peace.

God Bless

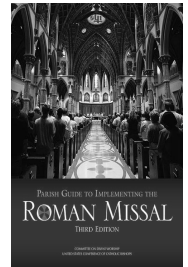
Father John

### **Cluster Evening of Reflection**

An Evening of Reflection of our two Pastoral Parish Councils will be held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at The Priory, from 7 pm to 9 pm. Father Dan Nelson will be the facilitator.

### **Cluster Event**

All Liturgical Ministers will come together on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown. Wine and cheese will be served following the gathering.



## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry News:** Our program for this year began with the topic, Social Justice. The teachers for our Youth Ministry are: Chris Urban, Barbara Carlozzi, Rosemary Rounds and Karen Smith. Additionally, assisting in this program are three youth peer leaders: Charissa Cronk; Meghan Sponable and Zach Watson. May God guide these leaders through this year.

**Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be bestowed upon our candidates on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Parish in Lake George. A retreat for candidates will be held on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4 pm to 8 pm at The Priory. Dinner will be served.

**World Youth Day** will be held in St. Michael's in Glens Falls, on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3 pm to 5 pm, followed by dinner. We will leave the Parish Center in St. James and St. Isaac Jogues at 2 pm. Parents may join us for Mass at 6 pm. Parents need to call the Parish Center so we may register your teen.

### **St. Isaac Jogues Fall Frolic Raffle**



Save the date, Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011, 1-4 pm at Jimbo's in Brant Lake. The donation for each ticket is \$100 and only 200 tickets will be sold. First prize is 25% of the number of tickets sold; second prize is 15% of the number of tickets sold; third prize is 10% of the number of tickets sold. The winners need not be present to claim a prize. Our goal is to sell all 200 tickets, thereby ensuring \$10,000 for St. Isaac Jogues. *In light of our deficit*, this is an essential fund raiser for our parish, and its success is vital for us to continue the programs in the parish and to help maintain the many buildings in our parish. Tickets for the raffle and dinner are on sale after each Mass or call the office at 494-5229. Dinner tickets are \$20. Many pasta stations will be available, with a tantalizing selection of sauces, as well as salad and desserts. Come and enjoy the company and camaraderie of your cluster parish. Many thanks to those who have bought a raffle ticket and/or a dinner ticket!

### **North Country Ministry (518) 251-4425**

*Jill Harrington, Director; Br. James Posluszny; Christian Langworthy; Carol Sgorran*

**North Country Ministry** is in need of shelving, at a cost of \$250. Thank you for your help! Winners of the summer jackpot were: 1<sup>st</sup>, Patricia VanKenburg & Friends; 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Myers, Dr. Rob Stiner, Barry Lorch & Bill Rabbit; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marie VanGuilder (from St. James!).

### **Priory News**

**Inner Peace for the Busy Person:** *Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 3 pm.* Achieve inner peace on a daily basis. Additional information is available in the back of the church. *Connie Messitt, CSJ – Donation: \$45*

**Thank You Luncheon:** A luncheon will be held at the Priory on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers who helped on the garage sale. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by October 10<sup>th</sup> or email us at Prioryretreat@yahoo.com.

### **ST. JAMES PARISH**

**Religious Ed News:** No class today. There will not be class until October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**New Handicap Ramp & Sidewalk:** As you know, our ramp and sidewalks in the back of church were in need of repair. They are now replaced at the cost of \$7,165. We thank those who come in that way for their understanding last Sunday.

### **PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES** CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Second Collection:** A second collection to benefit The Priory will be held the weekend of October 9<sup>th</sup>. Sister Connie Messitt will address the congregation on The Priory's ministries.

**Evangelization Ideas:** We are in the process of moving forward with the suggestion from the Pastoral Council to display a plaque/picture of the members of the Council.

**Fall Follic:** There will be a Fall Frolic Committee meeting on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown. Pizza will be served.

**Religious Ed News:** Parents, as a safety precaution, please remember to pick up your children inside the Parish Center. Our teachers are: Kristina McPhee, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Barbara Carlozzi, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Kathy DeBartolo, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Donna Spacek, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Regina Chabarek, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. May God guide our teachers through a productive and positive year.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** Our newly formed committee will meet again, Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown.

**Greeters, Counters, Lectors & Eucharist Ministers** will meet at 6 pm on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Wine and cheese will be served following the meeting.