

## Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek

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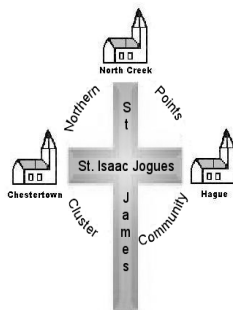
**Barbara Carozzi, Cluster Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Administrative Assistant at St. Isaac Jogues**  
28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist

P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, NY 12817

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### St. James Church

P.O. Box 23

North Creek, NY

(518) 251-2518

Northern Points Cluster Website: [www.northernpointscluster.org](http://www.northernpointscluster.org)

### 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 Rectory, Hague

(St. Isaac Jogues, Hague, will be closing for the winter after Thanksgiving weekend)

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule

No weekday Masses the week of October 9th

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: October 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center Chestertown

9:00 am Mass Wednesday: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

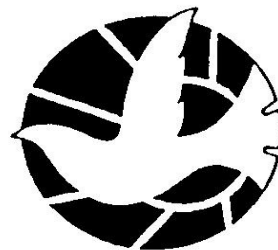
St. James, please call Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

## Called To the Divine Banquet

The fellowship of God's hospitality is offered to us now in this world and not just as a reward in eternal life. We have already received the invitation and are free to respond. Others, too, are called to come with us into the feast and seek life in its fullness.

The anguish we see that Jesus has in today's Gospel stems from our refusal of his invitation. It is important that we reflect on how we do this. It happens every time we turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to the sufferings of the poor, hungry and homeless. It is there when we tolerate injustices, oppression, and all the "isms". It seems to be today and tomorrow that we need to be on the alert for Jesus' invitation to the banquet. In fact, it was present at our Eucharistic celebration today and will be completely realized when we go to that mountain of the Lord that Isaiah spoke about in our first reading.

Our candidates for Confirmation are being readied to say yes to this invitation by accepting the privileges and responsibilities of being a fully initiated Christian. Pray for them, especially this Monday, as they share an evening of reflection.



## St. Isaac Jogues Fall Frolic Raffle



Save the date, Sunday, October 23, 2011, 1-4 pm at Jimbo's in Brant Lake. The donation for each ticket is \$100 and only 200 tickets will be sold. You 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. 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! We are about one-half way through our goal of selling 200 raffle tickets!

## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry News:** *No Class* this Sunday. Br. Jim Posluszny is the facilitator for the evening of Sunday, October 16, 2011. Br. Posluszny will continue with the topic, "Social Justice."

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

**World Youth Day** will be held in St. Michael's in South Glens Falls, on Sunday, October 23rd, 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 to register your teen.

### **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.

### **Wine & Cheese Cluster Event for Liturgical Ministers**

**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.

**Autumn Diocesan Gathering – "He Sent My Heart Singing":** Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at Christian Brothers Academy, Albany. The keynote speaker is Fr. Richard Fragomeni. This promises to be an engaging and lively diocesan event. Please see the flyer in the back of the church with registration information and further details.

### **Adult Faith Enrichment in the North Country (NC Cafe)**

A Marian Devotion which will include a procession with the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, scriptural rosary and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place on Thursday, October 13th, at 7 pm, at Sacred Heart in Lake George. This is sponsored by the Isaac Jogues Council 11428 Knights of Columbus.

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

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

**North Country Ministry** is in need of girl's clothing, size 2, as well as baby supplies, i.e., lotion, diapers, wipes.

## **Priory News**

Leaflets explaining up and coming programs at the Priory are available at the back of the church.

**Introduction to Christian Scripture** with Br. James Posluszny, CSC 1-3 pm. Free will donation. This program can be used towards certification.

**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](mailto:Prioryretreat@yahoo.com).

## **ST. JAMES PARISH**

**Religious Ed News:** No class today. Classes will resume on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Information re: Lightening Problems:** The major bills from the lightening strike are the organ (\$3500), fans (\$200), and computers (\$700 & \$200). Therefore, the damage cost is approximately close to \$5000. Hopefully our insurance will cover everything but \$750.

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

**Evangelization Team:** To further our theme of evangelization, we are identifying the members of our Pastoral Council: Trustees, Mickey Fitzgerald and Susan Goldbecker; Finance Chairperson, Bob Frevele; Council, Eileen Amara, Paul Amara, Sandy LaPierre, Rosemary Rounds and Shelly Williams.

**Fall Folic:** 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:** The next Children's Mass is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be refreshments in the Parish Center following Mass.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** Next meeting is Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, in Chestertown.

**Greeters, Counters, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers** will meet at 6 pm on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Wine and cheese will be served following the meeting. Spouses are encouraged to attend!

**Thanksgiving & Christmas 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 two ways to contribute: 1) place non-perishable food donations in the yellow box at the entrance of the church; 2) place money donations in the box provided there or drop them off at the Parish Office. Anyone who would like to help in other ways, please call John Vollaro at 494-4398 or the office, 494-5229.