

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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Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

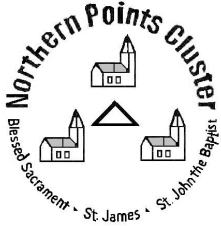
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Feast of All Saints, November 1th, 2009



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Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues
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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

9:00 am Monday, Cluster Mass: Feast of All Souls, St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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

No Mass Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament, Hague

No Mass Wednesday: St. James, 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!

HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY

I will not be at the 9:30 am and the 11:15am Masses due to attending my friend Father Paul Butler's installation as Pastor of All Saint's Parish in Albany. Father Paul is a classmate of mine and served the Northern Points Cluster as a deacon in the summer of 2003. Like us at Blessed Sacrament and St. John's, Father Paul's two churches are merging into one parish but unlike us they are closing a worship site.

Please keep Father Paul and the new Parish of All Saints in your prayers.


As we move into the month of November we face new changes. St. Teresa of Avila in Brant Lake has been sold. We are grateful to all those who supported and attended St. Teresa's. Proceeds from the sale go to Blessed Sacrament Parish and when Blessed Sacrament and St. John's are officially merged into the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues, the finances will merge as well. As the Northern Points Cluster, the parishes of St. James and St. Isaac Jogues will continue the mission of Jesus here in the Adirondacks. I hope you are as excited as I am to start this new chapter in our community.

This weekend we remember all the saints who touched our lives in so many ways. In our readings we hear God call us to be His children. Often, we don't always know what it means to be one of God's children until we face the challenges life has to offer. As God's children we feel His love in all the joy and challenges we face in our lives. We hear the Beatitudes which we should try to live every day and become the saints for one another. God bless,

Father John

Youth Ministry News: World Youth Day Thank you to all of our teens who participated in this special day especially our instrumentalists and choir members. The performance was truly wonderful! Fr. Childs message to all of us; to put on our glasses so we can see ourselves as we really are, what Jesus call us to be, and to remind us that the hope of tomorrow is within our sights was truly inspiring.



 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.

Cluster News

Cluster Pastoral Parish Councils Gathering

St. Issac Jogues Pastoral 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. Eucharist Ministers, Readers and Greeters as well as any interested parishioner from all parishes are invited as a wonderful way to get to know who is on our Pastoral Council and ask questions about the future of our New Saint Isaac Jogues!

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 that 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 for our annual Diocesan Parish Convening which 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 and cribs.

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.

Women's Fall Sobriety Weekend

Friday, Nov. 13, 6:30 pm – Sunday, Nov. 15, 11 am

Please join us for a weekend of sober activities, reflection, relaxation and joyful interaction with other women in recovery from the disease of alcoholism. Rates include meals, overnight accommodations, recovery meetings, and other relaxing activities. Please contact the Priory for reservations and details.

Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ Karen Holman Donation: \$140 Daily rate available

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion Classes there are no classes today but they will resume next Sunday..

A Possible Memoriam: We need to purchase a new Paschal Candle for Easter. Because it is so large, it will last at least 3 years. The cost is \$439. This could be a prayerful way to remember a beloved person who has gone to God. If you are interested, please call the parish center at 251-2518.

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

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 from Hague and Chestertown 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.

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: As a safety precaution after the Wednesday class please pick your children up inside the parish center.

Food Baskets Ministry is in need of non-perishable food and monetary donations. Suggested food items for this week are Pasta, Pasta sauce, cereal, rice, gravy, and dried potatoes. Please leave your donations in the box near the church entrance. Any other non-perishable food is also welcome.

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