

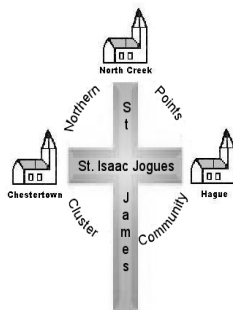
Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 13, 2011

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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 Rectory, Hague

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

Winter Schedule for Vigil Masses changes on November 26th

4:00 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. James Church, North Creek

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: November 15th, St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown

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

(Reminder: when school is cancelled or there is a delayed opening, there will not be a weekday Mass)

Cluster Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 am, St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

(No other weekday Mass this week)

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

The Gift of Self-determination

In today’s Gospel (Mt 23:14-30), we have the story about the talents and what those who received the talents do with them. After distributing the talents, the master of the household leaves, and they are in charge of these talents. Though talents in the story are Roman coins, we often interpret them as being God-given gifts or talents. Each of us has the responsibility to use them wisely by sharing them with others; however, there is even a deeper meaning. God’s graces are freely given to each one of us, but we have the right to determine how we respond to these graces. These graces help us to become all God wants us to be. If we hoard them and don’t use them, we are failing to be the image of God that only we can be.

To grow and become, means more than going to Church on Sunday. That is like the man in the story who just held on to what he was given. We need to choose to live our life as Gospel people. It may require that we think outside of the box and put our Christian values on the line! Whatever it is that God inspires us to do means that we have to choose to launch out into the deep or to protect our self-interest and remain safely on the shore of our faith.

This is Veteran’s Day weekend. We are reminded to honor those who gave their all in service to their country. Can we use their commitment to the nation as a reflection to review our commitment to become all that God wants us to be?



Sr. Fran

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: No class this Sunday, November 13th. We will have a Thanksgiving Prayer Service the following Sunday, November 20th.

Evangelization: At this time of the year, with Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching, let us reach out to our neighbors and the community with love and charity. Invite those who may have been struggling this year to witness the beauty of our Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant in which our children musically enact the Gospel of the Birth of our Lord. . Perhaps this may encourage a return to the fold and its rewards.

Cluster Advent Program - Save the Date: Tuesday, December 6th, Phyllis Cardona will present a Cluster Advent program. In case of inclement weather on that date, the program will be presented on Tuesday, December 13th. Additional information on the program will follow in future bulletins.

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

Book Group: In Search of Belief: *Saturday, November 26th, 10 am – 3 pm;* Chapters 10-18 will be discussed. *Connie Messitt, CSJ; Donation \$45*

Respite for Caregivers: *Sunday, November 27, 1 pm – 3 pm;* Join other caregivers to rest and regroup in the peaceful setting of The Priory. *Connie Messitt, CSJ; Free Will Offering*

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

North Country Café

Annulment Seminar: *Thursday, November 17th, 6:30 pm; Sacred Heart Parish Center, Lake George:*

Do you or anyone you know have questions about the annulment process? Invited to share their experiences are those who have annulments. Allow our "Amazing God" to comfort and console you on this journey. Father Jim Donlon from the Tribunal will join us.

Call Dr. Kathie Sousa at Blessed Sacrament for information or to R.S.V.P., 644-3861

Special Afternoon for 1st Sunday of Advent: *November 27th, St. Cecilia Church, Warrensburg, "Getting to know the Advent Readings" Presenter: Sr. Kitty Hanlon, CSJ*

ST. JAMES PARISH

Religious Ed News: Classes today. Classes next week will close with a short Thanksgiving Service.

Christmas Family Giving to North Country Ministry: Joyce Parker is coordinating our Christmas giving to North Country Ministry. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, please call her at 251-2273. Thank you for your generosity. We will be putting up our giving tree on Thanksgiving weekend.

Finance Reports for the fiscal year ending June 30th are on the table in the back of church. Because at that time we were beginning repairs on our handicap ramp, we were a little in the red for our yearly budget. The rest of the cost will be in this year's accounts.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: Our service this year will be on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 pm. Our Church will host the prayer service, and Sr. Fran will give the message. Please bring canned food or a monetary donation for the Johnsbury Food Panty.

Save the Date: Our Gala will be Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Echo Lake Lodge

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

Fall Frolic: A final meeting will be held this Monday, November 14th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown. What should/could we do differently next year, if anything?

Religious Education: For this year's community service, our children will participate in a food drive for local pantries. We are asking the children to bring in non-perishable food. The drive will conclude on December 21st.

Grades 3 through 6 are having a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 16th. The topic will be "Honoring Thy Family." We strongly urge that a parent or family member be present for this prayer service which will emphasize the importance of building and supporting our family. Please plan on arriving at 3:50 pm.

Evangelization: Please see the article under "Cluster News."

Building & Maintenance Committee: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16th, at 6:30 pm.

Tiny Tim: A collection will be taken up at St. Isaac Jogues in Hague Thanksgiving weekend in continuation of our tradition. Your gift goes directly to families in this area.

The Last Mass for this liturgical year at Hague will be the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. There will be Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets: Thanks to all who donated so generously to fill the Thanksgiving food baskets. We will be packing the baskets in the parish center on Friday, November 19th at 3 pm. If you would like to help out, please call John at 494-4398. Donations for Christmas baskets will begin next week.

Brant Lake Wesleyan Church: The ladies of our congregation are invited to the 7th Annual Ladies' Christmas Tea at the Brant Lake Wesleyan Church on Saturday, December 3rd, from 3 – 5 pm.