

# 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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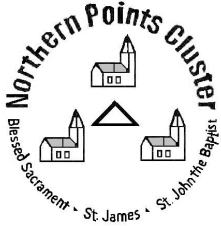
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33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times, November 15th, 2009



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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

**Cluster Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

It will be celebrated in St. Isaac Jogues Parish at St. John the Baptist Church in Chestertown

**Remember that on the Weekend after Thanksgiving our Cluster Saturday Vigil Schedule will change.**

St. John the Baptist will have a 4:00 pm Mass instead of a 5:30 pm Mass.

St. James will start their winter schedule with the 5:30 pm Mass.

All Sunday Masses will remain the same.

**(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 Mass Monday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament, Hague

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

**Reminder: When School is Canceled there is no Daily Mass**

## 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!

## The Deacon's Bench

### Reflecting on the "day or hour"

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus talks to us about the end of days. Here in the North Country, the days are becoming shorter; darkness begins to overtake light. In a few weeks, when the days are near their shortest, we will begin our celebration of Advent -- our season of preparation as we begin a new year in our journey of faith. In these days when they are the darkest we seek the light. As people of faith, our light is found in our faith journey. Our hope is that God's light will overtake our darkness and that God will not abandon us to the darkness, but will light our way to a future with God.

Perhaps, though, our real concern is how does our faith and our hope in a secure future with and through God affect our lives now. Hope in the resurrection gives meaning and purpose to our present lives and strengthens us in times of trial. So, do we ask ourselves: am I investing my energies in things that will last? Jesus tells us how different the next age will be, but our participation in it is affected by our present choices and priorities. We do have a future with God to look forward to -- so how are we preparing for it now?

Our hope for the future should encourage us to invest more of our time in long term projects -- projects we may never see completed in our life time: projects such as seeking justice for the unborn, resolving issues for the hungry and homeless, advocating for the addicted, securing housing for the elderly, to name a few. Projects entered into because they are part of God's plan and we know that what we cannot finish will be carried on by another generation of resurrection faithful. While we do not know "that day or hour," in the end our lives are an ongoing opportunity for a relationship with God and death does not end that friendship.



## Cluster News

**Youth Ministry News:** Sr. Fran Husselbeck will be the presenter on Sunday evening and the topic is Communion of Saints and those who have gone to Jesus before us. We will be having an Advent Mass on December 13<sup>th</sup> and on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm we will be Christmas Caroling at the Tri-County Nursing Home.



### Cluster Pastoral Parish Councils Gathering

St. James Council thanks the new St. Issac Jogues Pastoral Council for the delightful evening. It is always good for us to get together.

### LAST CALL

### 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.

### 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.

### New Beginnings

St. Isaac Jogues Parish invites you on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to the 11AM Mass at the St. John the Baptist Church in Chestertown to our first Mass as St. Isaac Jogues Parish  
. A reception will follow at the Parish Center.

### Priory News

**Book Group: When the Heart Waits** Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Chapters 4-6 Presenter: Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ

**Celebrate What's Right with the World** Sunday, Nov. 22, 10am – 3 pm

Do you have a vision for yourself in this time of chaos? Today, we will view a short video and take time to reflect on the beauty of life and its gifts.

Presenter: Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$39

### ST JAMES PARISH

**Elementary Religion:** There is class today. Since our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the 5:30 Saturday Vigil Mass on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the next several classes will take time to focus on the Sacrament. This Vigil Mass will also be a Children's Mass and there will be pizza and soda for the children and their families afterward.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** We will gather this year at the North Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The offering for the evening will be either a monetary one or one of food for the Johnsbury Food Pantry.

**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.

**Advent Parish Event** (in which all others are welcomed) Wednesdays, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> with a 5:30 pm Mass followed by a soup/supper and presentation by Br. James Posluszny on "How the Bible Inspires Jesus' Way of Life"

***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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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*

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

**Food Baskets Ministry:** 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. If you would like to help out, please call John at 494-4398. Donations for Christmas Baskets will begin next week.

**Baptism:** Congratulations to Thomas Michael Carroll son of Thomas and Melissa Carroll. May God's blessing be upon him and his family.

**Ministry sign up sheet:** There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church to sign up for any of the Ministries (Greeters, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, etc.) that you might be interested in joining. We are always looking for new volunteers and your service would be most appreciated.

**Advent Parish Event:** Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm at St. Isaac Jogues Parish at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hague. There will be a pot luck lunch followed by a presentation by Br. James Posluszny on "How the Bible Inspires Jesus' Way of Life"

**Tiny Tim:** Envelopes for donations will be available soon at St. Isaac Jogues Parish at Blessed Sacrament in Hague in continuation of your tradition. Your gift goes directly to families in this area. Envelopes can be return in the collection or to Lorraine Carberry.