

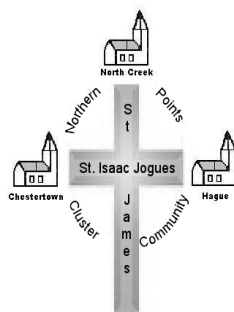
Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

Rev. John O'Kane, Pastor of the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues
Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek

Sr. Francesca Husselbeck, RSM, Parish Life Coordinator of St. James Church, North Creek
Barbara Carlozzi, Cluster Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Administrative Assistant at St. Isaac Jogues
Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2011
First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist
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St. James Church

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North Creek, NY 12853
(518) 251-2518

Northern Points Cluster Website: www.northernpointscluster.org

Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
5:30 pm, Saturday Vigil, St. James Church, North Creek
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 Mass)
6:30 pm, Christmas Eve Mass, December 24th, St. Isaac Jogues-Blessed Sacrament, Hague

Weekday Mass Schedule

No weekday Mass this week

Cluster Thanksgiving Day Mass

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

Weekday Mass Schedule Week of November 27th

2:00 pm Liturgy Monday, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek
9:00 am Mass Tuesday, November 29th, St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown
9:00 am, Mass Wednesday, November 30th, St. James Parish Center, North Creek
(Reminder: when school is cancelled or there is a delayed opening, there will not be a weekday Mass)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:00 pm Mass, Wednesday, December 7th, St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
9:00 am Mass, Thursday, December 8th, St. James Parish, 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

Celebrate the Feast of Christ the King

Today is a glorious feast in our Church! In Matthew's gospel, we hear the parable that can be all too familiar to us. "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink." When you hear this gospel, do not let the message go in one ear and out the other, but rather let it be our call to action. We are called to live the words we hear, "feed the hungry, clothe the naked," and give ourselves to help the less fortunate. We seek ways to serve others in whatever way we can. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Celebrate the Feast of Christ the King by loving and serving one another! On behalf of our entire cluster family, we wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent Season.

God bless,
Father John

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: We will have a Thanksgiving Prayer Service today, Sunday, November 20th. The next class will be December 4th.

Cluster Advent Program: Tuesday, December 6th, 6:30 pm to 8 pm, Phyllis Cardona will present an advent program at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown, on excerpts from Myra Brook Welch's poems, TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND, which is about a violin. In case of inclement weather on that date, the program will be presented on Tuesday, December 13th.

Special Collection: There will be a second collection for Christmas flowers on the weekend of December 11th.

Evangelization: The diocesan program for evangelization is the "Amazing God" series. To promote this program and to assist us with our evangelization efforts, there is a second collection on the weekend of December 18th. Forty percent of this collection will stay in the parishes for their own programs.

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

The Priory is having their Annual Christmas Sale at the Chestertown Municipal Center Auditorium, Chestertown, on Friday, December 2nd from 1 to 6 pm and Saturday, December 3rd, from 10 am to 4 pm. Included in the sale are holiday decorations, gift items, toys, CDs and craft items, a bake sale, plus more. Call The Priory for details at 494-3733.

Sr. Connie would like to thank Fr. John O'Kane and the Parish for allowing her to be present to the Community on the weekend of October 8th and 9th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and supports The Priory. Leaflets explaining the programs The Priory offers are available at the back of the church.

North Country Café

Special Afternoon for 1st Sunday of Advent: *November 27th, St. Cecilia Church, Warrensburg, 2-4pm "Getting to know the Advent Readings" Presenter: Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ*

ST. JAMES PARISH

Religious Ed News: Classes today.

St. James Children's Mass and the First Reconciliation service will be at the 5:30 pm Mass on December 17th (not December 10th). All the 4th-6th graders are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, along with the 3rd graders who will be receiving for the first time. Pizza and a happy birthday party for the children and their families will follow the service.

There will be class on December 11th, but there will not be class on December 18th.

Please let Sr. Fran know if your child/children will be participating in the Christmas Eve family Mass and pageant at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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.

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 Johnsburg 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

Religious Education: Please remember our community service project this year! 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.

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

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: Our Food Basket ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Christmas approaches. Your donation will help to provide Christmas food baskets for local families in need. There are two ways to contribute: place non-perishable food donations in the yellow box at the entrance of the church; place money donations in the box provided there. Anyone who would like to help in other ways, please call John at 494-4398.

Arts & Environment Committee: This Committee will meet on Saturday, November 26th, at 10 am to change the sanctuary over to the Advent season. It would be appreciated if a couple of men could volunteer their time. If anyone has access to a truck, that would also help us in this transition.

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.

Hearing Aids: A hearing aid device is available in the back of the church for those in need. Please see a Greeter.