

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

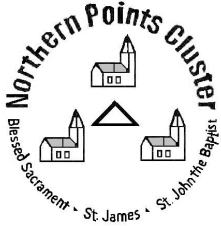
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Feast of Christ the King Sunday & 1st Sunday of Advent, November 22nd & 29th, 2009



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Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

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Winter Mass Schedule Begins on November 28th

4:00 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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

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)

Cluster Thanksgiving Mass

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

(No other weekday Mass this week)

Weekday Liturgy Schedule Week of November 29th

9:00 am Mass Monday, November 30th: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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

5:30 pm Mass Wednesday, December 2nd: St. James, North Creek

Reminder: When School is Canceled there is no Daily Mass

Cluster Advent Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 16th: St. Isaac Jogues Parish at St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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!

Kingship of Fellowship, Friendship and Faith

Today our Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast brings to mind all the endless possibilities that come with God's love. We hear Jesus ministering to the overwhelmed Pilate. At times we too find ourselves feeling overwhelmed and turn to God for strength and hope. With God's help we find strength to build up and begin again.....In two weeks, there is a new beginning coming to us here in the Northern Points

Cluster. We become two parishes within our cluster and feel the excitement as we continue Jesus' mission. A couple of Monday's ago we came together for our annual wine and cheese party and celebrated our ministries.

It was a wonderful mixture of fellowship, friendship and faith. I thank all who participated and pray that we continue to build up our community of faith here in the North Country.

Prepare Ye the way of the Lord! Advent is just a week away and we soon begin our new Parish of St. Isaac Jogues. The opening liturgy will be on Sunday December 6 at 11:00 AM in St. John the Baptist Church. What a wonderful and exciting time for our cluster community!! On behalf of Sister Fran, Deacon Bob, Barb Carlozzi,

Ginny Raymond, Lois McPhillips and myself, we wish you all and your families a blessed Thanksgiving.

God bless, Father John

Cluster News

New Beginnings

St. Isaac Jogues Parish invites you on Sunday, December 6th 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.

Youth Ministry News: This weekend we are having a Thanksgiving Prayer Service in which the teens have planned all the Liturgical aspects. We will be having an Advent Mass on December 13th. Due to the flu season, Christmas Caroling has been canceled. So our last class for the season ends with our Advent Mass.



Virtus Program

The required program for children's safety will be offered on Thursday, December 3rd at Blessed Sacrament Rectory in Hague. Facilitator - Sr. Fran Husselbeck. Please register with Barb or Sr. Fran

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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.
"Friends of Santa" craft fair to be held from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, December 5th at the Wevertown Community Center. Craft and food items, a raffle and lunch of soups/bread/ dessert is available.
This event is a fundraiser for local emergency assistance and Christmas dinner baskets.

Priory News

The Priory is having a Holiday Sale Sunday, November 22nd and Sunday December 13th from 10:30 to 2:00. Please stop in to browse and visit the Priory's new drop-off site here in Chestertown. It is located on Rt. 9 in the old 'Harness Shop', near Luna Pizza.

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 12th, 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.

Our Giving Tree: As is our custom, we will be helping North Country Ministry families by selecting cards off the tree and bringing back the gifts with the coded card. Thank you for once more reaching out to those in need. (Please have your gifts ready for delivery by Sunday, December 20th.)

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: We will gather this year at the North Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 25th 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 2nd & 9th 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". There is a sign up sheet in back if you are able to bring soup, salad or bread for either Wednesday.

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 29th 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*

Religious Education: There is no class on Wednesday due to the holiday. Our children are currently getting ready for our Christmas Pageant. Please let us know if your child would like to share with us this wonderful blessed event.

Food Baskets Ministry: Our food basket ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Christmas approaches. Your donations will help to provide Christmas food baskets for local families in need. There are 2 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. Anyone who would like to help in other ways or have a turkey to donate please call John at 494-4398. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one. For the week of November 29th the suggested food items are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding.

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, Choir Members, 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 13th 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"

Giving Tree: We will be collecting gifts for families assisted by the Helpers Fund and for those helped by Community Maternity Services. If you can, please take an ornamental card from the tree starting the weekend of November 28th and bring back a wrapped gift with a secure label on the outside of package no later than December 12th or 13th.

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.

A Possible Memoriam: We need to purchase the following items for our new parish of St. Isaac Jogues, Book of Life, Church Register, Paschal Candle, Communion Cups and Decanter. If you would like to purchase one of these items in remembrance of a love one please call the parish office.