

## 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

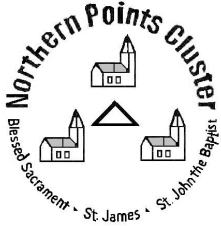
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32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times, November 8th, 2009



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518) 251-2518

Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues  
St. John the Baptist & Blessed Sacrament Churches  
P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, New York 12817  
518-494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency  
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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 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 Gift of Ourselves**

When we are looking for people who epitomize the generosity of Jesus many different admirable figures come to mind. But it's interesting that the one Jesus, himself, sets up to mirror his own spirit of unconditional self-giving is a poor widow spoken about in today's Gospel. In opening her hands to give her two coins, she has given all that she had. In the same way, Jesus on the cross opened his hands to give all he had.

In today's world there is a tendency to hold on to our things and even to hold "tight to our vest" some of who we are for fear we'd be found wanton. There is even a tendency to do this in our parishes. With all the changes, will we lose our identity? If we give all we are into these new reconfigurations will we be less of who we have been? Reflecting on the poor widow and on Jesus' self donation we can discover that she is more like the Christ than others. Jesus revealed that he is the Christ by giving to us the very essence of his being. Perhaps our efforts to be Christ in the world is found best in emulating the widow and be willing to hand over all that we are for the sake of the Kingdom.

Sr. Fran

*We are so proud of our young men and women being confirmed on  
Sunday at 2:00.*

*Congratulations and special blessings to:*

*Joseph Aiken    Kevin Connors    Timothy Hanaburgh  
Sean O'Neal    Ben Richards    Katie Staats  
Samantha Vanderwarker*

## Cluster News

**Planning Ahead:** 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.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

NCM would like to thank all those who supported their Summer Jackpot. 144 tickets were sold with a profit of \$7200. The winners were: Kevin Collins of Jenkintown, PA., Thea and John Koke of Queensbury, and Noreen Carroll of Scotia.

### Priory News

#### Women's Fall Sobriety Weekend

Friday, Nov. 13, 6:30 pm – Sunday, Nov. 15, 11:00 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

#### Book Group: When the Heart Waits

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Chapters 4-6

Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ

Sr. Connie Messitt would like to thank everyone from St. John the Baptist and Blessed Sacrament for their generous donation.

## ST JAMES PARISH

**Elementary Religion** there are classes today, November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks to the anonymous donors who are treating our Altar Servers to a family outing at the theater in Indian Lake. What a thoughtful thing to do.

**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 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** is in need of non-perishable food and monetary donations. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one. If you have a turkey to donate, call John Vollaro at 494-4398 for more information. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding. 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, 9<sup>th</sup> prior to the Wine & Cheese Gathering.