

# ***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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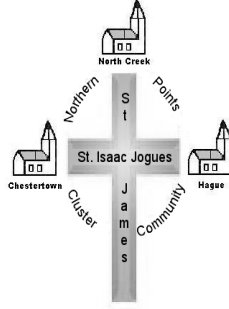
**Feast of the Holy Family and the Epiphany, December 27, 2009 & January 3, 2010**

## **Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues**

***St. John the Baptist & Blessed Sacrament Churches***

***P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, NY 12817***

***(518) 494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency***



***St. James Church***

***P.O. Box 23, North Creek, NY***

***(518) 251-2518***

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## **Winter Mass Schedule**

***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***

***(Closing Blessed Sacrament, Hague after the Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am Mass - will resume Palm Sunday 2010)***

***(Reminder when you go to one of our sister churches, please designate your offertory collection for your own parish)***

## **Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home:**

***2:00 pm, Monday .December 28<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy of the Word***

***2:00 pm, Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy of the Word***

## **New Years Day: Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**

***5:30 pm Vigil Mass: St. Isaac Jogues Parish at St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown***

***10:00 am Mass, January 1st: St. James Church, North Creek***

## **No weekday Liturgies for the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **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!**

**We all wish you and yours a**

**Blessed Christmas.**

**May His love be a source of joy and peace**

**and**

**May the Son of God be born in your hearts anew!**

***Fr. John, Sr. Fran, Barb***

***Ginny, Lois & Sara***

**God's love was revealed in our midst.  
He sent His only Son to the World that  
we might have life through Him.**

Cluster News

**Youth Ministry News:** We have concluded our Fall Session and will continue in January. You will be receiving a letter with the new schedule.



**North Country Ministry**

Brother James and all the Staff hold dear the wonderful generosity and concern that has been shown to the families in need in the North Country this Christmas time. Thank you for making Christ present in their lives. Jesus has said what is done unto them is done unto Him. God bless everyone.

**St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle 2010**

Letters and raffle tickets are on their way.

This year for economic reasons raffle tickets are \$100 each and the Gala will be \$20 per reservation.

As you know only 200 tickets will be sold and the winner will receive \$10,000.

More news will be forthcoming but we wanted you to have the essential information just in case you plan on using the raffle for a Christmas gift or for this year's tax purposes.

Thank you for your continuous support in this 29<sup>th</sup> year of the raffle.

**Priory News**

**Book Group: When the Heart Waits**

Saturday, January 9, 10am – 3 pm

Chapters 7-9 Presenter: Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation \$39/ session

**The Psalms and Other Mystical Poetry** Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm

Listen to God's invitation to pray through the poetry of mystics. Learn from the Psalmists how to pray and let other mystics touch the poetry in your soul leading you to God.

Presenter: Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ Donation: \$39

**ST JAMES PARISH**

**Elementary Religion:** There is no class until January 10, 2010.

**Pastoral Parish Council reminder:** Please E Mail Sr. Fran regarding dates that are not good for you to meet in the first two weeks of January 2010.

**Christmas 2009:** What a beautiful and holy season is Christmas 2009! Last Sunday was so impressive. The children were celebrating Jesus' Birthday, the Choir was practicing for the Christmas Eve Mass, the Giving Tree packages were being packed up, and the church was being decorated for the Christmas Season. All this was going on at the same time! The Church and Parish Center was filled with glee and excitement.

On last Saturday some of our little ones went over to St. Isaac Jogues' parish to practice for the Christmas Play on Christmas Eve.

All these great preparations called forth the time and talents of so many of our parishioners. You are a wonderful community! Special thanks to everyone who has been behind the scenes helping all these events to happen.

May you and your families share in the true meaning of Christmas and may your New Years be a blessed one.

*Sr. Fran*

**Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues:** CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Religious Education:** Classes will continue January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Christmas 2009:** The Spirit of Christmas is alive and thriving at St. Isaac Jogues. For this glorious season, we have prepared our Churches with beautiful flowers and wreaths. We have packaged our Christmas Food Baskets, special music that has been practiced, and the children are all prepared for the coming of Baby Jesus. Your generosity to The Tiny Tim Fund, The Community Maternity Services, The Helpers Fund, and The North Country Ministry has been absolutely incredible. We are blessed to have such a kind, caring and charitable community.

I wish you and yours a most Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Fr. John