

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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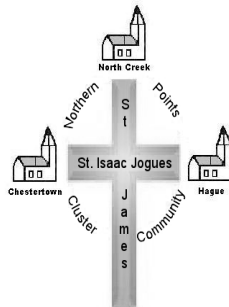
3rd Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2009

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

Northern Points Cluster Website: northernpointscluster.org

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

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

Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home: There is a 2PM Liturgy on Monday.

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

(No other weekday Mass this week)

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

St. Isaac Jogues Parish

4:00 pm Children's Vigil Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

6:30 pm Mass and Fellowship: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

8:30 pm Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown preceded by a Musical presentation at 8:00

St. James Parish

10:30 pm Early Midnight Mass: St. James Church, North Creek preceded by a Musical presentation at 10:00

Christmas Day

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

11:00 am Mass: St. Isaac Jogues Parish at St. John the Baptist Church in Chestertown

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

A Season of New Beginnings

We are off to a great start as we gave birth to the new Parish of St. Isaac Jogues. The new parish first Mass and reception was a beautiful sign of our continued collaboration and faith within the Northern Points Cluster. For all those who attended, participated and supported the Mass and reception, I give you my sincere thanks and prayers. I couldn't be more proud of the way we all worked together.

In our Gospel from Luke, we hear people questioning John the Baptist asking him if he is the Messiah. John tells them he is not the Messiah, Jesus is. As a prophet, John's mission was fulfilled by bringing the people to Jesus.

We are called to continue John's mission as we begin a new chapter in the Northern Points Cluster. This season our cluster family of St. James and St. Isaac Jogues Parishes will continue the challenge to bring the people closer to Jesus by living God's Word. During this Advent Season we will begin anew, two parishes together in fellowship spreading and fulfilling God's mission in the Adirondack's.

God Bless,
Father John

Cluster News

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!

Youth Ministry News: We will be having an Advent Mass on Sunday December 13th at 6:00 pm. Due to the flu season, Christmas Caroling has been canceled. So our last class for the season ends with our Advent Mass. Pizza and soda will be served following the Mass for our families.
Welcome: Sarah Hanaburgh to the team! She will be a wonderful asset to our community.



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.

Priory News

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. Hours are 10 AM to 3 PM each Wednesday.

Need a dose of Peace before Christmas

Treat yourself to a Mini Retreat, Sunday, December 20th 3:30 – 5 PM
By way of a "guided retreat", we will identify our own personal salvation history
and how God is incarnate in our own personal lives.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 5PM for all interested, followed by SOUP
St. Cecilia's Church, Warrensburg

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: Next Sunday after Mass we will have a Birthday Party for Jesus.

Our Giving Tree: As is our custom, we have helped 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 next weekend, Sunday, December 20th.)

North Country Outreach Center Chances: \$2.00 per ticket - wonderful prizes. Please see the flyer in the back of the church.

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

Religious Education: There is a class on Wednesday. Our children are currently getting ready for our Christmas Pageant. Practice for our children will be next Saturday, December 19th, in Chestertown at 10:00 am.

Food Baskets Ministry: Thanks to all who donated so generously to fill the Christmas food baskets. We will be packing the baskets in the parish center on Friday, December 18th at 3PM. If you would like to help out, please call John at 494-4398.

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.

Giving Tree (Chestertown): We have been collecting gifts for families to assist the Helpers Fund and Community Maternity Services. If you have not returned the wrapped gift with the secured label on the outside of package please do so, they are collecting them this weekend to be delivered. **We also now have cards available for the North Country Ministry families in need.** Please have these gifts ready for delivery by next weekend, Sunday, December 20th.

Tiny Tim (Hague): Envelopes for donations are available 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 returned in the collection or to Lorraine Carberry.

Baptism: Congratulation's to Rachel and Nicholas Modert. May God's blessing be upon them and their family.

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.