

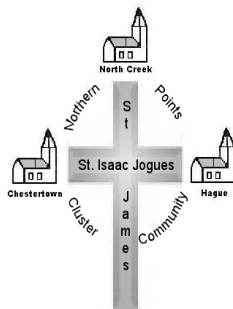
Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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
Solemnities of Christmas and Mary, Mother of God, December 25th, 2011 & January 1st, 2012

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist
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(518) 494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency



St. James Church

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North Creek, NY 12853
(518) 251-2518

Northern Points Cluster Website: www.northernpointscluster.org

Weekday Mass Schedule

No Weekday Mass until January 10th & 11th, 2012

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

New Year’s Day Weekend Schedule

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 pm Saturday Vigil, St. Isaac Jogues, St. John the Baptist, Chestertown

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

10:00 am Sunday Mass, St. James Church, North Creek

11:00 am Sunday Mass, St. Isaac Jogues, St. John the Baptist, Chestertown

Hospital Visits & Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

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

SHALOM AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The light of Christ shines on us and on our actions this day. The outcast shepherds became the first evangelists to hear the heavenly hymn: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” We, too, are called to proclaim “Shalom! Pax! Peace! Do people believe our testimony to the Light of Christ?”

Christmas is here, and we are thankful for our blessings. As a nation, we rejoice that our servicemen and women have withdrawn from Iraq. As a diocese, we have long awaited for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha, who Pope Benedict XVI just announced will occur in the new year. As a cluster, we are thankful to all of you who helped prepare the way of the Lord. Many of our area families are enjoying this day because of your generosity with the food baskets and giving tree gifts. We also thank all who helped beautifully decorate our three churches. A special thanks to Patty Corey, Denise Conti, Deb Reid, Mike Vassallo, our choirs, Chris Urban, our catechists and all our liturgical ministers at our Christmas liturgies.

With appreciative hearts, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.

Sister Fran, Father John, Barb and our Cluster Family





Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: What a glorious feeling of joy, peace and love our youth and their families felt with their holiday visit to the Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home in North Creek! God's loving hand reached out to those we visited as we spread holiday cheer to so many.

Classes will resume January 15th, in Chestertown, at the Parish Center of St. Isaac Jogues.

Sunday, February 5th, at St. James in North Creek, we will celebrate our Annual Souper Bowl after the 5:30 pm Mass. Please bring a donation for the food pantry. Pizza will be made available for our families. We welcome a dessert.



Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please speak to Fr. John or Sr. Fran. Remember that you serve as the eyes and ears for anyone who is interested in this program. We need you to identify those individuals. Do they need a nudge? We will set up an information night soon for those interested in this program.

The 31st Golden Opportunity Raffle

St. James Church

(Support the major fund-raising event for the parish by taking a chance.

Many people place several names on the same ticket.)

Grand Prize \$10,000

Contribution for raffle ticket: \$100. Gala (turkey dinner) \$22

Only 200 tickets will be available.

It makes a great Christmas gift and is also good for the end of the year tax purposes.

Place: The Lodge at Echo Lake. Time Happy Hour: 6:30 pm (cash bar) Dinner: 7 pm.

Date: January 28, 2012

For tickets and reservations, please call our raffle lady, Joyce Parker at 251-2273.

Thank you for your continuous support.



Virtus Training: Sr. Fran will be facilitating a training program for parish volunteers on January 9, 2012, at 1:00 pm. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing.

North Country Ministry (518) 251-4425

Jill Harrington, Director; Br. James Posluszny; Christian Langworthy; Carol Sgorran

The Baby Boutique of North Country Ministry is in need of boots, mittens, winter jackets, snow suits, blankets, as well as such items as powder, lotion, etc. Also needed are clothing for girls, sizes 6 – 9, 9 – 12 and 6X. Clothing for boys, sizes 5 -6X is also needed.

Priory News

Guided Silent Retreat Weekend: *Friday, January 6, 7 pm – Sunday, January 8, 11 am*

Connect more deeply with God and yourself; experience a guided silent retreat. You can refocus and find God in your life through scripture, prayer, nature and silence. *Connie Messitt, CSJ – Donation: \$140*

Please call The Priory for details, 494-3733 or email www.prioryretreathouse.org

Leaflets explaining other programs offered by The Priory are available at the back of the church.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Special Welcome to all our seasonal parishioners. Welcome back!

Religious Ed News: Classes begin January 8, 2012.

Christmas Family Giving Tree: We thank everyone who helped North Country Ministry families. Your generosity is awesome!

Christmas Food Baskets: We collected \$318! Thank you for your caring.

Save the Date: Our Gala will be Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Echo Lake Lodge.

Cemetery Woes: Our pillars are falling down. We are in the process of addressing this major financial problem. We will keep you posted.

PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Religious Education: Classes will resume for our children on January 4th.

The next scheduled Children's Liturgy will be Saturday, January 21st, at the 4 pm Mass.

Italian Night: A committee meeting for this event will be held on Monday, January 2nd, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. Italian Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st.

Buildings & Maintenance: This committee will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown.

Pastoral Council Meeting: The Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 16th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.

