

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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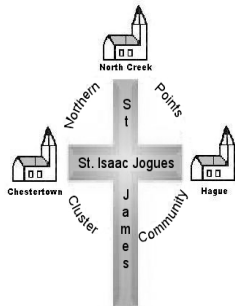
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7th, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist Churches

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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 Church, North Creek

8:00 am Sunday: St. James Church, North Creek

9:30 am Sunday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

(Blessed Sacrament, Hague will resume Palm Sunday 2010)

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

Weekday Liturgies

NO Mass Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

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

Reminder: There is no Daily Mass when school is canceled or delayed

Ash Wednesday Services, February 17th

*7:00 am Scripture Service with the distribution of ashes: St. James Church, North Creek
(for those who are on their way to work)*

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

5:30 pm Mass: St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 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!

World Day for Consecrated Life

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared February 7th as World Day for Consecrated Life in the United States. World Day of Consecrated Life is an opportunity to highlight the contribution of men and women in this country and at the same time pray for all religious vocations. I would like you to take the time to pray for and thank the religious men and women in our community, especially Sister Fran, Deacon Bob, Sister Connie and Father Dan Nelson.

In your prayers please include all the diocesan seminarians especially the five men who will be ordained to the priesthood this June. Two of them have ties to our area. Deacon Dan Ryan is from Lake George and Deacon Matthew Wetsel was assigned to our cluster during his first summer as a seminarian. Deacon Matthew is coming to the Northern Points Cluster on Saturday, June 19th, to celebrate one of his First Eucharistic Celebrations as a newly ordained priest. What an honor for all of you who helped nourish Matthew's vocation!

In Luke's gospel this weekend, Simon listens to Jesus and lowers the fishing nets deeper into the water and suddenly the empty nets are overflowed with fish. They left everything they knew to follow Jesus. This is what a disciple of Christ is called to do every day. Some are led to Consecrated Life and others follow Jesus as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministers, Greeters and etc. Let us all dig deeper and lower our nets to a fuller spiritual life with Jesus

God Bless,
Father John

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: Sunday night there will NOT be class due to the Super Bowl. Classes will continue on Sunday February 28th at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. There will be a Winter Outing at Stone Bridge & Caves in Pottersville on Friday, February 19th at 4:00 pm. Activities will include Frisbee Golf, a guided snowshoe tour, pizza, soda, snacks, hot chocolate and a bonfire. Permission slips are available. Please call Sarah Hanaburgh for more information. The event will cost \$20 per person if feasible. Please invite your friends to this Social Event.



Save the Date

2010 Retreat for Women, April 9-11, 2010
Theme, "Peace is my gift to you ..." John 14:27
Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY
More information to follow

North Country Ministry

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425
Winter raffle with 4 wonderful prizes. \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.
Please see the flyer in the back of the church.

Baby's Place is in need of diapers sizes 3, 4, & 5 and boys and girl's clothing sizes 12 and 18 months

St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle 2010 (29th Year)

Only 200 tickets sold with a drawing for **\$10,000**.

Each ticket is \$100 and Gala Reservations are purchased separately for \$20 per person.

Gala is Saturday, February 13th at the Lodge on Echo Lake, Warrensburg

Appetizers and Cash bar 6:30 – 7:30

Italian Buffet Supper at 7:30

Music to Dance to provided by Frank Conti and Band

For more information please call the Parish Center 251-2518 or our "Raffle Lady", Joyce Parker at 251-2273



Catholic Relief Services

CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please send a check to Catholic Charities, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12203. In the memo portion of your check, please write: **Haiti Earthquake**. 100% of donations go to CRS. Contact Catholic Charities at 518-453-6650. We will continue to have a basket in the back of our churches.

Priory News

Winter Get-Away Saturday, Feb. 13, 6:30 pm – Saturday, Feb. 20, 11 am

Come for a few days or a week of rest and renewal of body, mind, and spirit. Set your own activities for the week or experience optional indoor and outdoor activities, prayer gatherings, daily spiritual direction and more.

Presenters: Connie Messitt, CSJ & Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ Donation: \$65/day, \$450/week

Developing Your Own "Rule of Life" Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 am – 3 pm

Is your life "out of balance"? Are you just "too busy"? Just as "The Rule" was important to early monastic communities to help them keep their live in balance, so too, a "rule of Life" can help us to prioritize life's demands and to focus on what's essential. As we enter into this Lenten season, we'll look at some ways to develop our own personal rule.

Presenter: Pat Mousaw Donation: \$39

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: There are no classes in February. We will resume classes Sunday, March 14th.

Liturgical Roles: We are inviting our Ski Community to come forward and become Liturgical Ministers. Please see Karen Smith or Sr. Fran after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday. Also greeters are needed for our 8 am Mass on Sunday.

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

Religious Education: Class will be held at Circle B Ranch this Wednesday. Circle B is providing for our children and their families horse drawn sleigh rides from 3-4:30 pm. Permission slips must be filled out prior to this event. Please call the office for more information. Our next Children's Mass has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 14th. Grades 3-6th will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 3rd.

Baptism: Congratulations to Caitlin Bohmer and her family; she was baptized last Sunday. Caitlin was the first child baptized in the new St. Isaac Jogues' Parish.

Eagle Scouts: Well done to Thomas Hanaburgh who received this honor.

Boy Scout Sunday Today: Honors to all of our Boy Scouts as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Palm Collection: We'll be collecting last year's palms through Sunday, February 14th, to be burned into ash for Ash Wednesday. A box will be in the back of the church.

Save the Date: Fall Frolic, Saturday, 10-10-10.

Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm at St. Isaac Jogues in Chestertown.