

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2009



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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

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

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

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

Tuesday, No Mass: Priory, Chestertown

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

(There are no weekday Masses when schools are closed or delayed)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

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

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. John the Baptist and Blessed Sacrament please call Fr. John O'Kane at 494-5229 ext 34 and for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

The First Day of Jesus' Ministry

The world was watching to see what President Obama was going to do on his first day in office. What he signed and why he initiated certain things were scrutinized against the expectations the people had of him. Even Wall Street observed with a critical eye.

In today's Gospel (Mark 1:20-28), we hear a portion of Jesus' first day in active ministry. The people were astonished at his teaching and how he spoke with the assurance of one in authority. Even evil had to acknowledge who he was and tried to undermine his power. But Jesus stood up against it. Jesus used his authority to begin the mission willed by his Father, which was to proclaim that now is the time the Kingdom of God's love will triumph over evil.

We recognize Jesus' authority and are assured by it. Our Catholic tradition accepts that it is carried on in many ways but primary through the authority invested in his Church. This is being manifested in our lives right now as we accept the evolution of new ways to be parishes in our Albany Diocese. Our bishop, in consultation with all of us, has decided on the reconfiguration of parishes. This is so the mission of Jesus can best be fulfilled in our changing world. We are asked to not only accept this, but to promote the Kingdom of God in and through these adjustments.

Let us meet this challenge with hope and love. Together, all things can work for good.



Cluster News

RCIA

The February classes on Tuesdays the 3rd, 10th and 24th will be at the Priory at 4:30. The presenters will be Sr. Fran Gilchrist, Sr. Connie Messitt, and Sr. Karan Lee. The Theme is Christology: "Who Is Jesus", "What was His Ministry and Mission", and "Jesus' Death and Resurrection." Call Sr. Francesca at 251-2518 for more information.

Anyone interested in a Pew from St. Teresa's for a donation of \$100, please call Fr. John at 494-5229.

**Save the Date: Retreat for Women Friday, April 3rd through Sunday April 5th, 2009
Dominican Spiritual Life Center, Niskayuna, NY – beginning Friday at 7:30PM until 2:30 PM on Sunday**

"Dinner & Concert" in Warrensburg

The First United Methodist Church, 3890 Main St., Warrensburg is hosting the Hearts in Harmony Music Ministry in a concert to benefit North Country Ministry on Saturday, February 7th at 6:30 pm. Come early for a pancake dinner and help support our host church too.

Golden Opportunity Raffle!

St. James Church

Support the major fund-raising event for the parish by taking a chance for you, your family or as a group. Many people place several names on the same ticket.

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Contributions of \$110 includes admission to the Gala Party on Saturday, February 21st, 2009 at Echo Lake Lodge in Warrensburg

It will be a fine evening with an exquisite Italian and French Buffet and great music by Frank Conti and his band.

It will start with appetizers and a cash bar at 6:30 pm

You need not be present to win!!! ONLY 200 tickets sold!!! For a letter with more information, please call Sr. Fran at 251-2518 or contact Joyce Parker (our well-known raffle lady) at number 251-2273.



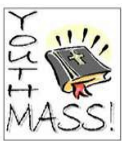
Priory News

Nourishing Evening for Couples, Friday, February 13th, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Nourish your relationship with a candlelight dinner at the Priory, followed by a light sharing of wisdom from a couple who has "been there."

Presenters: Vickie & Tom Agresta Per couple: \$45.

Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst: Deacon Bob' appreciates the cards and get well wishes he has received.



Youth Ministry There will not be class this weekend, due to Souper Bowl Mass which was held on Saturday at the 5:30 pm Mass in St. James. Class will continue on February 8th with Jesus' Death. Save the Date: Wednesday, February 18th we will be going tubing and/or skiing at Little Gore. More information and permission slips will be available from Lois when you come to class. Families please join us!

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Bible Study has resumed Tuesday's in the Rectory at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

SAINT JAMES PARISH

North Country Ministry: For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425

North Country Ministry is in need of volunteers who would be available on a Saturday once a month for two hours (10-12). Please call the office at 251-4460 or 251-4425 if you are interested.

Elementary Religious Ed: There are no Classes in February.

Congratulations: Larry and Mary Glackin's son, Finn Glackin was baptized on Saturday. May God's special blessing be on their family and especially on Finn.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Elementary Religious Ed: Wednesday, February 4th the 2nd grade children, Sean Boyle, Jack Buckman, Shane Caunter, Julianna Hilton, Joshua Kersey, Caleb Morehouse, Grant Mundrick, and their families will receive Reconciliation at 3:30 pm in the Church. Please keep them in your prayers. Children in all the grades have been practicing their prayers; please have them join you in saying the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and Grace before meals.



