

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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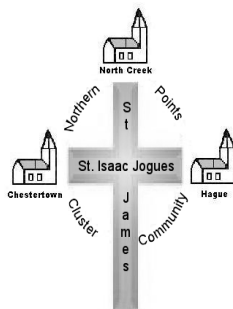
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14th, 2010

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

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

Ash Wednesday Services, February 17th

7:00 am Liturgy of the Word 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!

In the Pursuit of Happiness

Sometimes the world can lure us into thinking that materialism, greed, egoism and status can give us happiness. God and the things of God can become secondary. The Gospel values that we hear from Jesus in today's scripture can be seen as less important than the standards of the world. We, the followers of Jesus to whom "The Sermon on the Mount" was addressed, can almost unconsciously fall for these false ideas of true happiness. It happens so subtly that the enticements can go unnoticed.

A good example of this can be seen in how Sunday becomes less and less the Lord's Day and family day. God, God's community and family times take a back seat to school activities and separate social endeavors.

Jesus says happiness/ blessedness is found in humility, service to others and taking a risk to seek values contrary to those set up by worldly standards. It means we must make a conscious effort to put first things first.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. It is a perfect time to reflect on our priorities. What is important to us and our families? What will bring us true happiness and the blessedness that Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel? Our Lenten Schedule for the Cluster has many opportunities to seek a deeper connection with God and the things of God.

Sr. Fran

PP: Happy Valentines Day to everyone.

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: Sunday night there will NOT be class due to Vacation. 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 this 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 necessary. Please call Sarah Hanaburgh for more information. The event will cost \$20 per person if feasible. Please invite your friends to this Social Event.



Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Mondays during lent at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown after the 5:30 Mass. If anyone is interest in leading the Stations please let Father John know or call the office at 494-5229.

Save the Date

2010 Retreat for Women, April 9-11, 2010

Theme, "Peace is my gift to you ..." John 14:27 Guest Director: Fr. Neil Draves-Arpaia

Registration 6:45 pm Friday and concludes Sunday at 2:30 pm

A time for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer and sharing

Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY

For more information or to register please call Ginny Raymond at 251-3515 or Mary Moro at 320-8337

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 boys and girl's clothing sizes 12 and 18 months and diapers sizes 3, 4, & 5.

"Come to the Table" 2-5 PM on Sunday, February 28th.

This is a Lenten afternoon of renewal, inspiration, and information. This North Country Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment opportunity is valuable for all who love the Eucharist and/or want to better understand how and why this celebration is so central to whom we are as Catholic. This opportunity is especially valuable for Liturgical Minister and Faith Formation Ministers. Our host will be Sacred Heart Church in the Village of Lake George. Please see the poster in the vestibule for details as well as the registration form.

St. James Golden Opportunity Raffle Thank You

For all the benefactors who took a chance with us, we are very grateful.

We met our goal and that means that repairs and bills can be addressed in the parish.

God bless you.



Priory News

Lenten Series: On the Road to Jerusalem 10 am – 3 pm

Using a six-part series on the Lenten Gospels, come to one day or to all six. There will be an opening presentation. The rest of the day will be spent in silence until the closing session. Each day will have a different theme: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 – The Desert Experience. Wed., Feb. 24 – The Mountain Experiences of Life, Wed., Mar. 3 – Holy Places in Our Lives, Thurs., Mar. 11 – the meaning of Suffering, Thurs., Mar. 18 – Lazarus: The Promise of New Life, and Thurs., Mar. 25 – The Meaning of Holy Week.

Presenter: Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation \$40/ Session

Book Group: A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose Saturdays: Mar. 6, May 1, July 10, 10– 3 pm

A New Earth, Eckhart Tolle "shows how transcending our ego-based state of consciousness is not only essential to personal happiness, but also the key to ending conflict and suffering throughout the world." This open book will cover 3 chapters each session. Presenter: Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$40/session

ST JAMES PARISH

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

Lenten Series: Wednesday, February 24th we begin our Lenten Series with Brother Jim. After the 5:30 pm Mass there will be a soup/supper before the presentation. Please check the sign up sheet in the back of the Church for soup, bread and salad.

Next Saturday Night: February 20th is the Pastoral Parish Council's opportunity to show our appreciation to our winter 5:30 Mass Community. Please join us after Mass for wine, cheese, and hot cocoa and cookies for the kids.

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

Religious Education: Our outing at Circle B Ranch was rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24th. Circle B is providing for our children and their families horse drawn sleigh rides from 3-4:30 pm. Grades 3-6th will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 3rd. Next Children's Mass will be on Sunday, March 21st.

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.

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

Lenten Program: Sr. Connie Messitt from the Priory will present at the Parish Center in Chestertown, Wednesday February 24th at 6:30 pm a reflection on the Holy Places in Our Lives. Please join us as we begin our Lenten Journey!