

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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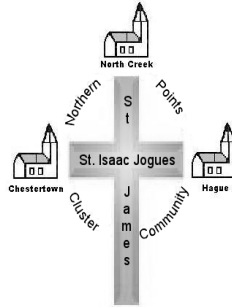
2nd Sunday of Lent, February 28th, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist

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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

5:30 pm Mass Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

(followed by the Stations of the Cross)

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: The Priory, Chestertown

(Reminder: There is no Daily Mass at The Priory when school is canceled or delayed)

5:30 pm Mass: Wednesday: St. James Church, North Creek

(followed by soup/supper and presentation)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

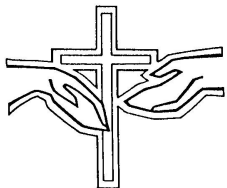
Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

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!



Cluster News

Save the Date

Cluster Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Be Still and Listen with Your Heart



In our Gospel reading from Luke, we hear how Peter first reacted after seeing the Transfiguration of Jesus. He wanted to busy himself by building something. God simply tells him and us, "This is My Son, listen to Him." We should take some time in our daily lives to "listen" to Jesus. In the bulletin and flyer, we will find during Lent that our cluster offers many ways for us to participate together as God's Church. If you cannot find time in your busy lives to attend any of our Lenten events, you can easily schedule some time for Jesus. Just take some time each day to be still and listen with an open heart to hear Jesus speak. Have a great forty day conversation!

God Bless,
Father John

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: Classes will continue this Sunday at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. Half of the teens will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Sunday and the other half on March 7th. The topics will be on Reconciliation, the Forgiveness of Sins and the Anointing of the Sick.



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.

Lenten Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retraining these traditions for our Diocese we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expression of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor.

Census Jobs are now available. For more information please see the flyers at the back of the Church.

Priory News

Silent Music: A Day of Quiet Reflection Sunday, April 11, 11 am – 4 pm:

This quiet retreat day will include **Taize-style prayer**. Participants will have the options of experiencing various spiritual practices with the intent of enabling a deepening interior silence.

Presenter: Pat Mousaw Donation: \$40/session

ST JAMES PARISH

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

Lenten Series: Wednesday, March 3rd, we will have our Lenten Program with Br. 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.

Pastoral Parish Council: Meeting will be on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 pm. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 pm.

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

Religious Education: Our outing at Circle B Ranch was rescheduled again for Wednesday, March 3rd. Circle B is providing for our children and their families horse drawn sleigh rides from 3-4:30 pm. For grades 3-6th Reconciliation has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 10th. Next Children's Mass will be on Sunday, March 21st. If you have not turned in your permission slip, please do so.

Lenten Program: As we continue our Lenten Journey Sr. Connie Messitt, this Wednesday, March 3rd will present Lazarus Promise to Life. No need to sign up, just come and enjoy as we prepare for Easter.

Food Basket Ministry: Your donation of food products or money will help to fill an Easter food basket for a local family in need. Donations can be left at the church entrance on Saturday or Sunday. Suggested items for this week are canned fruit & vegetables, dry and canned soup, and canned tuna. Any other non-perishable food will also be welcome.

Hearing Devices: Please know that you can ask, at any time, the greeters in the back for a hearing device that is available to work with our sound system. They work wonderful!

St. Patty's Day Party: Saturday, March 13th after Mass. Please sign up to bring in soda bread, beverage or dessert to share and to help where needed. Coffee & Tea will be provided. If you would rather bring in a donation will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal. We will be doing a gift exchange, so bring in your "Wrapped Treasure" (not necessarily new) for this event. Please sign up in the back of the Church. Any questions, call the office at 494-5229.

