

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2012

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Blessed Sacrament Church

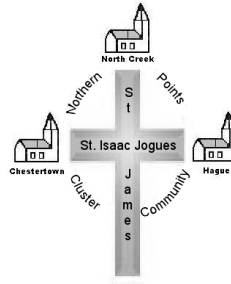
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St. James Church

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North Creek, NY 12853

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Northern Points Cluster Website: www.northernpointscluster.org

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

9:00 am, Mass, Tuesday: St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown

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

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm, Saturday Vigil Mass: St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

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

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

9:30 am, Sunday Mass: St. Isaac Jogues, 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



A DAY IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Many of us have a tendency to want to settle down and share our gifts where they are fruitful and appreciated. Through Mark’s eyes in today’s gospel, we see Jesus’ first day in ministry. It started in Capernaum with much ado, as Jesus uses his gifts to expel demons and cure people, especially Simon’s mother-in-law (isn’t it interesting that one of Jesus’ first healing miracles involved touching a woman? That was a big taboo. Yet he did it).

His disciples are thrilled with Jesus’ success and want him to stay on to continue his ministry of healing right here in Capernaum. But Jesus knows that these miracles are meant to announce the presence of the Kingdom of God. He must go on spreading the Good News and not rest on his laurels.

We also are called to announce the presence of the Kingdom of God and share our ministerial gifts. But, like Jesus, we must reach out beyond our own comfort zone and take the risk of sharing these gifts beyond where we feel most appreciated. Being heralds of the Kingdom may mean to share ourselves where our gifts are taken for granted or not valued. Like Jesus, the Spirit of the Lord urges us forward. We call this “evangelization.”

Sr. Fran

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: No class this Sunday. Class will resume the following Sunday, February 12th at 6 pm, in the Parish Center at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.

Retreat for Women

Save the Date: 2012 Retreat for Women: March 30th - April 1st.

Theme: Seize the hope which is set before you.

Guest Director: Rev. Lou Sogliuzzo, S.J.

Registration: 6:45 pm, Friday, March 30th and concludes 2:30 Sunday, April 1st

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 425-3515

The 31st Golden Opportunity Raffle

St. James Church

A special thanks to everyone who supported our raffle. You are so generous, and we are grateful. To Frank Conti for his great music, and to Joyce Parker, our raffle lady, our heartfelt prayers of gratitude are lifted up to the Lord. Thank you for sharing your gifts. Our \$10,000 winners are: Ann Marie and Henry Pokropinski from the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues. Congratulations to them and to Jeff Miller, who won the 50/50 at the dinner (over \$400).

North Country Ministry (518) 251-4425

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

Baby items, such as lotions, wipes, powder, shampoo, diapers, etc., are needed to stock the Baby Boutique of North Country Ministry. Any other baby items would be most appreciated, since their supply is quite depleted.

Winter Raffle: March 20th. Many great prizes will be offered and tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Please see the flyers in the back of the church.

Save the date: April 27th – Gala at Highland Country Club

Priory News

Chaos or Creation: A Mid-life Workshop for Women: *Sunday, February 12th, 10 am – 3pm:*

Do you feel lost or are you searching for the purpose in your life? This workshop will focus on the issues that emerge at mid-life. Reflect on your own journey and experience ways to help you move to “new life.”

Facilitator: *Connie Messitt, CSJ* Donation: \$50.

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

Religious Ed News: For our families that ski, there are no classes in February; however, there will be a children’s Mass during February. We will begin classes again on March 11th.

Cemetery Update: Be sure to check out the pillars. One is already completed. Mike Moss is doing the masonry.

PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES



Religious Education: Our children are invited to Circle B Ranch on Wednesday, February 8th, for a two-horse open sleigh ride. Parents and other siblings are most welcome to join in this activity. Hot cocoa and donuts will be available. The children will be bussed from the school directly to Circle B, and parents can pick up their youngsters at 4:15 pm at Circle B. There are no classes in the Parish Center on the day of the sleigh ride. The snow date is February 15th.

Children’s Mass: The next Children’s Mass will be Saturday, February 11th, at the 4 pm Mass.

Coffee Hour: A coffee hour for parishioners will be held in the Parish Center in Chestertown on Sunday, February 12th, following the 9:30 am Mass.

St. Patrick’s Day Committee Meeting: This committee will meet on Monday, February 20th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown.

Pastoral Council Meeting: The Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, March 5th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown.