

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 8, 2009

Blessed Sacrament Church

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(518) 543-8828*

St. James Church

*P.O. Box 23, North Creek, New York
(518) 251-2518*

St. John the Baptist Church

*P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, New York 12817
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Northern Points Cluster Website: northernpointscluster.org

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

9:00 am Mass, Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

9:00 am Mass, Tuesday: 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

God's Healing Presence in our World

In today's first reading Job teaches us to be strong and trust our faith during difficult times. As we face an ailing economy, the war in Iraq and accepting the Diocesan decisions from Called to be Church process, we can all relate to the pain Job faced.

Jesus teaches us that we should be healing presence to others. How do we help those who are struggling? Do we turn to God when we are faced with difficulties? We turn to God when we are compassionate, show mercy and asked for His guidance in our prayers. God is with us always. Jesus will nourish, strengthen and protect us. He calls us to reach out to others with His love. Let us pray for the healing power of God to reach each of us, our neighbors, our communities and our world.

God Bless,
Father John



Cluster News

RCIA

The February classes on Tuesdays will continue on the 10th and 24th 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.

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

Conducted by the Dominican Sister and Guest Director: Sr. Carolyn Krebs, OP

She has an MA in Theology with a concentration in spirituality and has conducted courses for catechist certification in the Albany Diocese.

Theme: "And know that I am with you always" (Matt 28:20)

The retreat weekend consists of a rhythm of prayer, talks, discussions and quiet time

There will be time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Celebration of the Eucharist

The Northern Points Cluster Women are all invited –carpooling will be provided

For more information contact: Ginny Raymond at (518)251-3515 or Mary Moro at (518)251-2016

Golden Opportunity Raffle! St. James Church

Winner Take It All

On February 21st some lucky person either on their own or with their friends, can have a special "incentive package"! Whether it is \$10,000 or if you split for \$5,000, it will come in handy during this time of recession. Don't miss this "Golden Opportunity" to help St. James Parish and yourself make ends meet. Get a \$110 raffle ticket either by calling Joyce Parker (251-2273) or the Parish Center at St. James (251-2518).

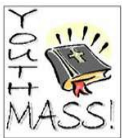
The raffle and Gala is at Echo Lake Lodge and it is a delightful evening. Please come and join us.

Priory News

Spirituality for Today's Women, Saturday, February 28th, 10 am – 3 pm

What does it mean to be a woman of faith in today's world? Maria Harris was a pioneer in the field of women's studies. This program will respond to her reflections on: silence, remembering, ritual mourning, artistry and birthing. **Presenter: St. Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$39**

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



Youth Ministry Absolutely incredible, at last weeks Youth Mass we collected \$1004 to go to North Country Outreach Center for purchase of Food Cards for those in need. This Sunday we will begin to cover Jesus' death, class will be at St. John's Parish Center at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 18th from 5-7:00 pm the youth and families will be going Tubing and Skiing at Little Gore. The price is \$15 and includes Hot Dogs & Hamburgers! Please let us know if you would

like to join us! As we have to pre-purchase these tickets **PLEASE call Lois McPhillips** at 494-0828 by this Sunday, February 15th.

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.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Palms: We will be collecting last year's palms through Sunday, February 22nd and then burn for ashes to use for Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Please place them in the vestibule.

Elementary Religious Ed: Congratulations to the 2nd grade on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This Wednesday, February 11th we will be training grades 3-6th on how to be an Altar Server. Please encourage your child on this important Ministry.



