

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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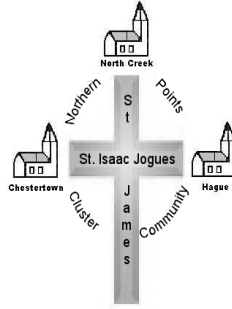
9th Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 06th, 2011

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist

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Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. Isaac Jogues-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. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

(St. Isaac Jogues- Blessed Sacrament, Hague will resume Palm Sunday 2011)

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

Weekday Schedule

No weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday

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

Services for Ash Wednesday, March 9th

7:00 am Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes, St. James Church, North Creek

9:00 am Mass with the Distribution of Ashes, St. James Church, North Creek

2:00 pm Liturgy with the Distribution of Ashes, Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

3:30 pm Children’s Prayer Service with the Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm Mass with the Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence

The custom in our Diocese is to observe Lenten Fridays as days of abstinence

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

Hospital Visits

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

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving = Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and so we begin together our Lenten journey. There is a lot going on in our parish, cluster and deanery this Lent. We will also have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray the Stations of the Cross and attend daily Mass. Please take home our Lenten flyer with all the information of what we are doing during Lent. There are rice bowls available which are a wonderful way to embrace the three spiritual disciplines of Lent, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

This Lent there are many ways we can build our faith on solid ground. Our two parishes will present Bishop Hubbard’s Amazing God Retreat. This is a wonderful way for us to participate in our own individual retreat led by our own shepherd, Bishop Howard Hubbard. The focus is our God of Love. Over the next three years, we will build on solid ground. Our faith is on solid blessed ground; may we continue to build as we walk this faith together.

God bless,

Father John

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: There is Class this Sunday, March 6th. On Sunday, March 13th there is a Reconciliation Service as part of their evening session. Thank you to Tom and Lois McPhillips and the Methodist Church in Glens Falls for the great sledding party. Joint participation in the wonderful outdoors was a joy for all.

Save the Date: April 1-3, 2011

Retreat for Women, Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This offers 44 hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflections, inner healing, growth, prayer and sharing. Theme, "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared" (1 Cor 2:9) Guest Director: Rev. Tony Kall, OFM, Conv.

For more info or reservation, please call Ginny Raymond at 251-3515



Contribution Envelopes

There are blank envelopes in the back of the church if you have forgotten your envelopes. If you desire to receive regular offertory envelopes, please contact the office. This is necessary if you wish to receive a print out at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Lenten News

Please pick up a Lenten flyer in the back of the Church.

Al-Anon

A chapter of Al-Anon meets Mondays at 7:30 pm at Jaracz Hall in Warrensburg. This is a 12-step program for all who are affected by another's addiction to alcohol or drugs. The success of the program is built on mutual support and anonymity. It is a tremendous help and teacher. There is no charge for the program; however, a good will offering would be appreciated. This is an answer to prayer!

AA Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at Saint Cecilia's in Jaracz Hall on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm and Thursdays at noon. Anonymity and mutual support, plus the wisdom of the 12 Steps, are life-savers.

Al-Ateen

Meets Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm, in Glens Falls at the Parish House of the Church of the Messiah 296 Glen Street, Glens Falls It is smart to attend.

North Country Ministry

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

NCM is holding a raffle to benefit the NCM Emergency Assistance Program which assists people with food, rent and other basic needs. They are raffling off a 2011-2012 \$999 Season Pass to Gore Mountain as first prize. The other 6 prizes include a round of golf and lunch for four at Cronin's, an Astral Lifejacket from Hornbeck Boats, a 30 day gym membership at the Copperfield Inn, a canoe trip for 2 on Lower Hudson from Beaverbrook Outfitters and a \$25 gift certificate from Bar Vino in North Creek. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are available by calling 251-4425. Drawing will be March 15th.

Priory News

Walking with Fire: Living Life with Passion and Meaning *Friday, March 25, 10 am – 4 pm*

Let us join together, explore our dreams and our passion as well as the higher purpose and spiritual dimensions of that passion, and leave with renewed enthusiasm and clarity to pursue what we are called to do with our God-given gifts. John Daubney will also share excerpts from his book, "Those Who Walk with Fire." Every day people discuss the Passion that Fuels their Extraordinary lives. Donation: \$40

ST JAMES PARISH

Pastoral/Parish Council will meet this Thursday, March 10th at 7 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 pm.

Elementary Religious Ed: Classes start next Sunday, March 13th.

North Creek Rotary is raffling off a 16 lb. Hornbeck Canoe. 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Call Joyce Howell at 623-3057

Ash Wednesday: Please encourage those who work to come to our 7am service planned for their needs. Please check the flyer in the back of the church for our wonderful Lenten Programs.

DVD Viewing Thanks to Kathy, Tudy Severance's daughter, we have a DVD of the party given in Tudy's honor at the Queensbury. This is available for viewing by calling the Parish Center.

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

Elementary Religious Education: There is class this Wednesday, March 9th. At 3:30 there is a prayer service with the Distribution of Ashes. SUNDAY, March 20th is the next Children's Mass. The children will reenact the Gospel. Reconciliation for Grades 3-6 will be held on March 23rd during regular class time in the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Amazing God Lenten Program: Save the dates, Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, & April 6, 1-3 pm. This same program will be offered on Thursdays, March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Snow date will be April 13 & 14. Sr. Connie Messitt, Facilitator. Check the Lenten flyer.

St. Patty's Day Dinner/Party: Saturday, March 19th after Mass. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Soda breads, appetizers and desserts to share would be appreciated. Beverages will be provided. We will be doing a gift exchange, so bring in your "Wrapped Treasure" (not necessarily new) for this event. A donation box will be made available at all the tables if one wishes to make a contribution. Any questions, please call the office at 494-5229.

