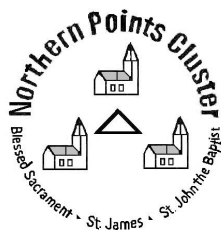


## Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009



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### 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

5:30 pm Mass followed by Stations during Lent: Monday: St. John the Baptist, Chestertown

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

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: Priory, Chestertown

(There will not be a weekday Mass on Tuesday's when schools are closed or delayed)

(Please call the offices for all other weekday Masses if there is bad weather!)

### 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/Blessed Sacrament please call Fr. John O'Kane at 494-5229 ext 34  
and for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

### Important Event for All Local Churches

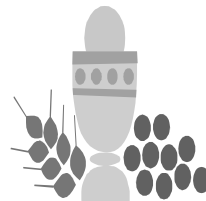
#### Sponsored by North Country Cafe

Commentary on the Eucharist during the Celebration of this Mass

Special Guest Commentator: Rev. James Kane

Place: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

Date: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM



**Cluster Reconciliation Service: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

### A Feast We Take For Granted

Each time we attend Mass we are exposed to a celebration that is almost too awesome to grasp. Jesus calls us to a meal in which he is the mediator, the sacred food and the host who presents us to his majestic guest, the Creator of all that is. Before bestowing on us this food that is transubstantiated into himself for perfect giving. Jesus invites us to give ourselves to our Creator-God and to call him Father.

To help us grasp this multidimensional celebration, we are offered a special opportunity as the results of our experiences of "Called to Be Church". This Wednesday, Father James Kane who for years has been on the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese, will be the commentator during the celebration of the Eucharist. He will point out the profound and religious experience we have in the Mass. It is a Lenten chance to deepen our Catholic Faith. We highly encourage everyone to come and take advantage of this time which will surely help all of us to never again take the mysteries of the Eucharist for granted.

*Sr. Francesca*



### RCIA

Our Elect and other RCIA participants will meet this Tuesday at St. John the Baptist at 4:30. We are now beginning the overview of the Sacraments, starting this week with the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested in coming to class, please call Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

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

### North Country Ministry News

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

**Open house for the Warrensburg Center** at 3933 Main St. will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 2PM. Included in the open house is a special presentation by Glens Falls National Bank. Please join us to celebrate this wonderful event. **Volunteers are Needed:** On Saturday morning for 2 hours at the NCOC in North Creek. Please call Pat Carr at 251-0185.

### Priory News

**Garden Anyone?** Would you be interested in caring for the Priory Garden (or part of it) this summer? Call Sr. Fran Gilchrist at 494-3733

**Youth Ministry** It is this Sunday that Laetitia Ratigan from the Albany Family Rosary Office will present to us, Understanding Mary. Please remember to arrive at 6 pm!

**Stations of the Cross:** Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Please join us for this special presentation lead by the teens!

### BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

**Sunday by Sunday:** will resume next week, Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Silver Bay.

**Saturday** March 14<sup>th</sup> Blessed Sacrament will assume all Liturgical Roles at the 4 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist in Chestertown. This is in preparation for next year when we merge St. John's / Blessed Sacrament's parishes.

**Adult Faith Formation:** "God So Loved the World". Presented by Br. Jim Posluszny. Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (time and place to be announced)

### SAINT JAMES PARISH

**Elementary Religious Ed:** Classes will resume this Sunday. After the Saturday Vigil Mass, March 28<sup>th</sup> our older children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders who will be making their First Communal Reconciliation will be presenting a role play as part of the ceremony.

**Adult Faith Formation:** on Wednesdays, March 18<sup>th</sup> we will resume our Lenten 5:30 Mass, Soup/Supper and Presentation. Br. Jim Posluszny will give the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series of talks on "Jesus, Servant, Sacrifice and Lover".

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Finance Committee meets at 6:30.

**Our 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee:** This is our 125 year as a parish. We will be celebrating on August 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with a Mass presided over by our Bishop at 12 Noon. Soon a committee will explore ways we can come together. If you have ideas, share them with Sr. Fran who will bring them to the Parish Council.

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

**Elementary Religious Ed:** Classes this Wednesday. Grades 3 through 6 will participate in reconciliation on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Baskets:** 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 and vegetables, dry and canned soup and canned tuna. Any other non-perishable food is also welcome.

**Adult Faith Formation:** "Can You Drink From this Cup" (The cup of life is a times full or blessed and at other times broken or flawed). Sr. Connie Messett, Presenter. Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**St. Patty's Day Party:** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Please sign up to bring a side dish or desert to share and to help where needed. We will be doing a gift exchange, so bring in your "Treasure" (not necessarily new) for this event. Please sign up in the back of the Church. Any questions, call the office at 494-5229.

