

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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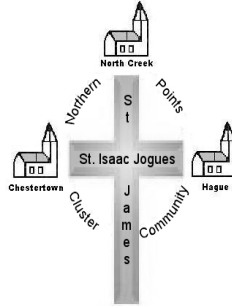
1st Sunday of Lent, March 13th, 2011

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

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

5:30 pm Mass Monday: St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown (followed by Stations of the Cross)

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: The Priory, Chestertown

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

5:30 pm Mass: St. James Church, North Creek (followed by soup/supper presentation)

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.

Also those who are 18 to 59 are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means one main meal with 2 smaller meals not equaling the main meal.

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

Facing Our Demons Like Jesus Did



Lent! Every year we are invited to continue our lifetime conversion of bringing our hearts closer to the heart of Christ. He gave us an example to follow for he, too, faced the demons that challenged who he was and what he was being called to do. He chose to use his power, not for his own glorification and gratification, but to do the will of his Father.

We have this time to reflect on how we are living out our lives and facing down our own demons. What lessens our relationship with our God, our spouses, children and friends? How has self-interest kept us from being our brothers’ keeper? Has self preoccupation limited our concern for our wounded world?

This is a great opportunity we have through prayer and action to turn away from the demons in our lives. Our parishes are offering many different ways for you to participate in an enriching program called “Amazing God”. Don’t miss this chance! It is a retreat by our Bishop on the God who loves us and calls us to share that love with others.



Sr. Fran Husselbeck

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: This Sunday, March 13th we will have a Reconciliation Service with individual confessions with Fr. John O'Kane.
The annual presentation of the Way of the Cross will be enacted on Sunday, April 10th at 6:00 pm. Please join us as our teens from the Cluster continue to inspire us in being true followers of Christ!
Tentatively our Retreat is set for Sunday, May 1st. Please let us know if there are any foreseeable conflicts.

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

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

Dreaming a New Way, *facilitated by Lin Neil, CSJ*
Sunday, March 20th, 10 am – 3 pm

For this retreat day, we will explore the Cosmic Story and its possibilities to bring a new vision and new energy to our journey with Earth. There will be reflections on the works of Tomas Berry and Brian Swimme. The program will lead us to experience the universe and some of the powers throbbing through her. We will be challenged to reconnect with the universe and with the web of life. We will be invited to moments of transformation in our relationship with Earth.

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religious Ed: Classes start this 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

Remember Wednesday: at 5:30 pm there is a Mass followed by a soup/supper and a presentation on Amazing God. Also on Monday at 3:00 pm there is the same presentation.

Special Evening for parents and young adults: An evening to use the Bishops Retreat of "Amazing God" for a time of reflection and community. Call Deb Morris 251-5439.

DVD Viewing Thanks to Kathy, Tudy Severance's daughter, we have a DVD of the party given in Tudy's honor at the Queensbury Hotel. 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: 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.



Remember Monday: at 5:30 pm there is a Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

Easter Baskets: Our Food Basket Ministry will be accepting donations of food and money as Easter approaches. Your donations will help to provide Easter food baskets for local families in need. Watch the bulletin for specific items needed or bring whatever canned goods you can spare. Non-perishable food can be left inside the church near the entrance.