

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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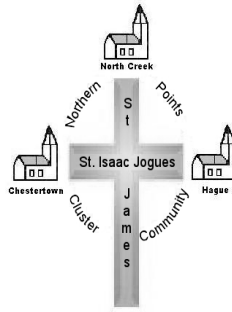
Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon of St. Isaac Jogues

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4th Sunday of Lent, March 14th, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

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Winter 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

(Blessed Sacrament, Hague will resume Palm Sunday 2010)

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

Weekday Liturgies

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

5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center,
Chestertown (Followed by the Stations of the Cross)

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Tuesday: The Priory, Chestertown

(Reminder: There is no Daily Mass at The Priory when school is canceled or delayed)

No Mass: Wednesday: St. James Church, North Creek

Cluster Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1st: Hosted by St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hague

5:30 Community Dinner at Hague's Community Center

7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Church

Please sign up for Dinner on the list in the back of the Church

Both parishes are helping with Holy Thursday's Supper. Please check the sheet to see how you can help.

Good Friday, April 2nd Hosted by St. James Parish, North Creek

Starting at 5:30 Soup & Bread Supper in the parish center

7:00 Good Friday Service in the Church

Please sign up for supper on the list in the back of the Church

Good Friday's collection is for the support of the Holy Land

Holy Saturday, April 3rd: Easter Vigil Service: 8PM in St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Chestertown

Cluster Services Easter Sunday Masses

9:00 am Sunday St. James Parish, North Creek

9:30 am Parish of St. Isaac Jogues, St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

11:15 am Parish of St. Isaac Jogues, Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

Ecumenical Lenten/Easter Services

7:00 pm Tuesday, March 30, Interfaith Tenebrae Service, St. James Church, North Creek

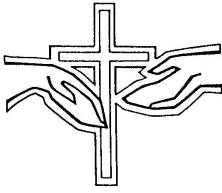
10:30 am Thursday April 1 Tri County Nursing Home, North Creek

7:00 am Easter Sunday Morning Sunrise Service, top of Gore Mountain (lift starts at 6:30 am)

Celebrate God's Unconditional Love and Forgiveness

Many of us remember the gospel parable of the Prodigal Son. It is usually related to unconditional love and forgiveness between parent and child. Often we don't feel worthy of God's love and can feel guilty that we don't deserve His unconditional forgiveness. In the final days of Lent, trust and believe you are worthy of His unconditional love, then return that love in all that you do and say.

This week many of us will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Whether you are Irish or only Irish for the day we can all learn from the example of St. Patrick. He was a humble, gentle man, whose love and total devotion and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He completely trusted God and spent his life devoted to the mission of Christ. God Bless, Father John



Cluster News

Save the Date

Cluster Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm
Parish of St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. Isaac Jogues please call Fr. John O'Kane at 494-5229 ext 34
for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

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!



Youth Ministry News: The teens will continue their Lenten Journey this week by writing their own experiences in relation to the Stations of the Cross. Please support our teens by joining us on Palm Sunday at 6:00 pm for this beautiful production the teens write and choreograph for us.

Sunday, March 21st during class time, our teens will be watching a video titled "Abuse: If it Happens to you". If you do NOT want your teen to participate please mail back the signed form that was sent to all of our families. This is a mandated program that will take place in all of our parishes in age-appropriate ways.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Mondays during lent at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown after the 5:30 Mass. If anyone is interest in leading the Stations please let Father John know or call the office at 494-5229.

Save the Date

2010 Retreat for Women, April 9-11, 2010

Theme, "Peace is my gift to you ..." John 14:27 Guest Director: Fr. Neil Draves-Arpaia
Registration 6:45 pm Friday and concludes Sunday at 2:30 pm

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 251-3515 or Mary Moro at 320-8337

North Country Ministry

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

Winter raffle with 4 wonderful prizes. \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20. Drawing March 16th

If you wish to purchase a ticket please call 668-2833.

Baby's Place is in need blankets, girl's clothing sizes 12 and 18 months, and diapers sizes 3, 4, & 5.

Save the Date: May 15th for the Annual Spring Gala – Dinner, Dancing & Gala

Priory News

Saturday, March 20; 10:00 – 3:00

Listen to God's invitation to pray through the poetry of mystics. Learn from the Psalmists how to pray, let other mystics touch the poetry in your soul, leading you to God.

Presenter: Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ Donation: \$40

Congratulations to Sr. Connie Messitt who on Saturday, March 20th at the 4:00 pm Mass
will be celebrating her 50th Golden Jubilee.

Both Sr. Connie Messitt and Sr. Fran Gilchrist will be renewing their vows at this mass.

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: We will have class this Sunday and next Sunday.

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: Last one for the season will be held Palm Sunday weekend.

Save the Date: First Communion will be at the 8AM Mass on April 11th.

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

Religious Education: Next week at 9:30 am we will have our last Children's Mass till the fall. We will continue to have classes through the month of March for our young disciples.

Coffee Hour: Please join us next week after the 9:30 am Mass to share fellowship with all of our families!

Food Basket Ministry: Our Food Basket Ministry is in need of food and monetary donations. If you see "get one free" bargains while food shopping, why not donate the free one. Suggested food items for this week are cookies, candy, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, Jello and pudding. Please leave your donations at the church entrance on Sunday. Any other non-perishable food is also be welcome.

Hearing Devices: Please know that you can ask, at any time, the greeters in the back for a hearing device that is available to work with our sound system. They work wonderful!

Fall Frolic: Anyone interested on being on this committee there will be a meeting Monday, April 5th at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to save the date, Sunday 10-10-10 with a possibility to win \$10,000. Lucky numbers like this will make everyone want in on the raffle! GH