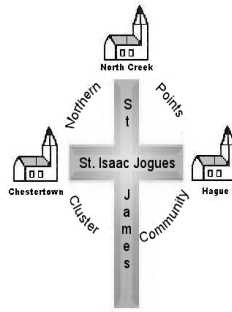


Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

Rev. John O’Kane, Pastor of the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues
Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek
Sr. Francesca Husselbeck, RSM, Parish Life Director of St. James Church, North Creek
Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon of St. Isaac Jogues
5th Sunday of Lent, March 21st, 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)

Starting April 10th there will be only one Vigil Mass in the Cluster. That will be at 5:30 pm at St. John the Baptist. There will be no Vigil 5:30 pm Mass at St. James nor a 4:00 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist.

Weekday Liturgies

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

5:30 pm Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown (Followed by the Stations of the Cross)

9:00 am Mass: The Priory, Chestertown

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

Go and Sin No More

“Who among us is without sin, and can cast stones at others?” This question reverberates throughout our individual lives, our families, our nation, and our world. Reflecting on this and thinking about events in our communities, it is perhaps all too easy to point fingers at others, when we are unable to see “the beam in our own eye.” Spending time with inmates, some of whom have committed crimes we could not imagine possible in our own lives, I’ve come to realize that all of us are but one bad decision away from joining them. How many of us drive over the speed limit? Usually the worst that happens is a traffic ticket -- unless there’s an accident that causes bodily injury. How many of us have taken that one extra drink that pushes us over the legal limit and said: “I’m okay to drive?” Perhaps that doesn’t push us to the level of homicide -- unless that one bad decision results in the loss of innocent life.

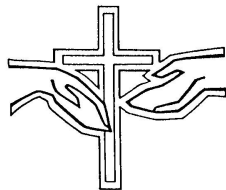


Jesus’ response in the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery, perhaps more than any other, captures the immensity of God’s mercy, and asks us to get rid of our judgmental and condemning attitudes. We should be reminded that no one is without sin, and pray that our hearts and minds will be open to this transforming power of God. Deacon Bob

Cluster News

Ecumenical Lenten/Easter Services

7:00 pm Tuesday, March 30th, *Interfaith Tenebrae Service*, St. James Church, North Creek
10:30 am Thursday April 1st, *Tri County Nursing Home*, North Creek
2:00 pm Good Friday: *The Seven Last Words of Jesus at Sodom Community Church*, Johnsburg
7:00 am Easter Sunday Morning Sunrise Service, top of Gore Mountain (lift starts at 6:30 am)



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 annual presentation of the Way of the Cross will be enacted on Sunday, March 28th at 6:00 pm. Please join us as our teens from the Cluster continue to inspire us in being true followers of Christ!
Please stay tuned for more information about our Retreat!

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
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 & Auction

Priory News

Co-Dependency: Healing the Human Conditions

Saturdays: April 17 and August 14, Sunday June 6 10 am – 3 pm
Co-dependence is a universal condition that effects our spiritual growth. This open group will reflect on these topics: April – Negotiating Conflicts, June – Relapse, and August - Intimacy

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: We will have class this 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. On Saturday, April 10th at 9 am there will be a practice and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Things to Remember: Please see Karen regarding Holy Week Liturgical roles. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church for the Fellowship Meal on Holy Thursday & Soup/Bread on Good Friday.

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

Elementary Religious Education: We will continue to have classes through the month of March.

Food Basket Ministry: Thanks to all who donated so generously to fill the Easter food baskets. We will be packing the baskets in the parish center on Friday, March 26th at 3 pm. If you would like to help out, please call Emily at 494-5246.

Things to Remember: Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church for the Fellowship Meal on Holy Thursday and Soup/Bread on Good Friday.

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!