

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

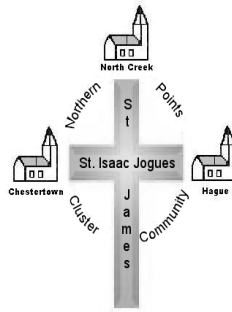
Rev. John O'Kane, Pastor of the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues
Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek

Sr. Francesca Husselbeck, RSM, Parish Life Director of St. James Church, North Creek
Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon of St. Isaac Jogues

Palm Sunday, March 28th, 2010

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist
P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, NY 12817
(518) 494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency



St. James Church

P.O. Box 23
North Creek, NY
(518) 251-2518

Northern Points Cluster Website: northernpointscluster.org

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

11:15 am Sunday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

(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 Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. There will be no Vigil 5:30 pm Mass at St. James nor a 4:00 pm Mass at St. Isaac Jogues

Weekday Liturgies

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

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 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)

The Beginning of the End

As we move into the sacred mysteries we celebrate in Holy Week, it seems that we are moving into the beginning of the end of Jesus' ministry. Yet, we know what appeared to be the end turns out to really be the beginning! However, for us it is the beginning of the end of our Lenten journey together. We have been trying to rid ourselves of selfishness and the pursuit of worldly values. Now, in the experiences of this week, we are seeking a deeper union with our Crucified Lord by going through his last days with him.

To complete our journey, we have in the cluster a rich array of prayerful activities to help us. On this Palm Sunday our liturgy prepares us for the events of the week. In the evening the teens will provide a moving experience of the living Stations of the Cross. On Tuesday evening, there is the beautiful ecumenical Tenebrae Service which is a light/darkness passion prayer set to music.

The high light of the week is when we enter together the profound and moving service of the Triduum. As one community we will move from church to church during Holy Thursday, Good Friday and completing the service with the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. We will share fellowship, pray, eat and celebrate together (the details for everything are in this bulletin).

May your Holy Week prepare you for the joys of Easter, Sr. Fran

P.S. Don't forget the ecumenical Sunrise Service on Gore Mt.!

Cluster News

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!

In Remembrance of Father Paul Roman

In the late '70s our churches which are now Northern Points Cluster had a district Director of Religion Education. It was Father Paul Roman. He lived in an ecumenical situation sharing community with the Episcopal priests at Barry House.\

During his time in the North Country, he trained our parishioners to be religious educators and helped them set up viable programs.

The mature understanding of theology and spirituality that he imparted enriched our teachers, helping them to be certified in the diocese and made them excellent teachers of our children.

Father died this week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Youth Ministry News: Palm Sunday evening at 6:00 pm our teens will present the Living Stations of the Way of the Cross. Please join them in this sacred experience. It will be held in St. John the Baptist Church. Our classes are completed for this semester. Stay tune for Retreat Day and then summer activities!



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

Film Series:

Wed. April 7 or Sun., April 18, Thurs, May 6 or Sat. May 8, Thurs. June 10 or Sat. June 12, 10am - 3

The first half of the film will be shown in the morning followed by a discussion and lunch. The second half of the film will be shown and reflected on in the afternoon. The following films will be shown:

April – Music of the Heat, May- Tuesdays with Morrie June- Entertaining Angels

Facilitator: Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$40

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religious Education: We will have class this Sunday. The next class will be on April 18th. On April 25th we will have a special class regarding teaching our children how to remain safe. This will be facilitated by Sr. Fran. All parents received a letter in this regard. If parents wish to preview the program to be use, please see Sr. Fran.

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.

Last Call: 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 and 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.

Last Call: 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. We are still looking for volunteers for set up and clean up for Holy Thursday in Hague.

Hearing Devices in Chestertown: 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!

Spring Cleanup Chestertown On Saturday, April 17th in an effort to cut costs, we are seeking the help of our families to rake and clean up the outside of the buildings. We would also need a couple of trucks to haul leaves and pine needles away. Please let us know if you can help with this event.