

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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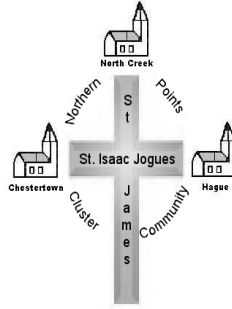
3rd Sunday of Lent, March 7th, 2010

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)

Remember time changes next weekend

Weekday Liturgies

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

5:30 pm Mass Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

(followed by the Stations of the Cross)

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: The Priory, Chestertown

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

5:30 pm Mass: Wednesday: St. James Church, North Creek

(followed by soup/supper and presentation)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

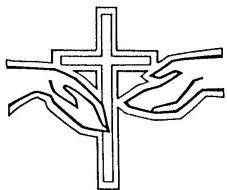
Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

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!



Cluster News

Save the Date

Cluster Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Learning from Our Mistakes

Part of being human is not only making mistakes but also being able to learn from them. At the same time if we are sane people we have come to understand that if we do the same things over and over we cannot expect the results to be different.

In today's 1st Reading, Moses is led by God to rescue God's enslaved people. His mission is to help them to obey God and to lead them into the land of milk and honey.

However, St. Paul points out in the reading to the Corinthians that despite God's protection and many blessings, the Israelites turned away from God. Most importantly, St. Paul wants the Corinthians (and all of us), to learn from their erring ways. God blesses us and gives us the means to have a full life. But we like the chosen people of God, can let his message go in one ear and out the other. To truly repent means not just saying our "mea culpas" but to change life patterns that lead us astray.

While pondering all this, let us reflect on the fig tree in today's Gospel. Jesus, our Gardener does his best to help us hear the Good News and to live it. This Lent we can let him cultivate us and fertilize our soil so that after Lent our lives will bear much fruit. This may mean to listen to God more intensely in prayer, sacrifice more sincerely or seek him more generously in service to others

Sr. Fran

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: Classes will continue this Sunday at St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown. We will be studying the Sacrament of Healing through the Anointing of the Sick. The following week we will continue our yearly Lenten devotion with writing the Stations of the Cross which we will enact on Palm Sunday.



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

Please see the flyer in the back of the church.

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

Priory News

Co-Dependency: Healing the Human Condition

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

Presenter: Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$40

Grant Writing for the Greater Good Saturday April 17th 1-3 pm

This clinic will offer individuals working for non-profits to gain new insights and tools in one of the worst economies in decade. Learn how you can take the challenge of competing for a grant from local to national funders and turn it into a beneficial experience for your organization. Don't let the dismal economy dispel your organization grant writing efforts.

Presenter: Pat Joyce Donation \$20

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion: We will resume classes Sunday, March 14th.

Lenten Series: Wednesday, March 10th we will have our Lenten Program with Br. Jim. After the 5:30 pm Mass there will be a soup/supper before the presentation.

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: For grades 3-6th; The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be this Wednesday, March 10th. Next Children's Mass will be on Sunday, March 21st.

Lenten Program: As we continue our Lenten Journey Sr. Connie Messitt will join us once again this Wednesday, March 10th from 6:30 to 8 PM in the parish center and present Lazarus Promise of New Life. No need to sign up, just come and enjoy as we prepare for Easter.

Food Basket Ministry: Our Food Basket Ministry is in need of non-perishable food and monetary donations. Suggested food items for this week are Pasta, Pasta sauce, cereal, rice, gravy, and dried potatoes. Please leave you donation at the church entrance on Sunday. Any other non-perishable food will 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!

St. Patty's Day Party: Saturday, March 13th after Mass. Please sign up to bring in soda bread, beverage or dessert to share and to help where needed. Coffee & Tea will be provided. If you would rather bring in a donation this will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal. We will be doing a gift exchange, so bring in your "Wrapped Treasure" (not necessarily new) for this event. Please sign up in the back of the Church. Any questions, call the office at 494-5229.

