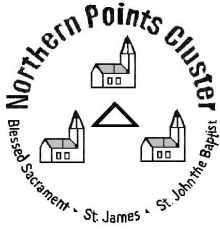


Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)
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3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26th, 2009



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Mass Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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)



Weekday Liturgy Schedule

9:00 am Mass, Monday: St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Chestertown

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

9:00 am Mass, Wednesday: St. James Parish Center, North Creek

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

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!

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. John the Baptist/Blessed Sacrament please call Fr. John O'Kane at 494-5229 ext 34
and for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

The Deacon's Bench

"We Know Him `in the breaking of the bread`."



"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread." Today Luke describes an encounter on the road to Emmaus. These disciples recalled how a stranger had joined them on the road, and later was made known to them "in the breaking of bread." Here on this dusty road while walking and talking, God, in the flesh, joined them. There were no flashes of lightning, nothing to announce God's presence. God appeared to two very ordinary people in a very ordinary manner. It seems all too simple, doesn't it? How have the strangers in our lives been made known to us? For good or ill, it was probably through a similar, simple act. The problem for us today, is that we don't know how God will come among us -- or if God is already among us.

These disciples could have excused themselves from this stranger and gone on alone, but they didn't, and that may be an eye-opener for us. When might Christ come among us? We encounter Christ at every Eucharist "in the breaking of bread," but do we recognize him? How would we recognize him? The answer is: we don't know -- but we must be prepared.

Cluster News
**The Parishes of
The Northern Points Cluster**

Invite you to the installation of Fr. John who will be installed Pastor of **Blessed Sacrament-Hague** and **St. John the Baptist-Chestertown**
Friday, May 22, 2009 at 7PM
at St. John the Baptist Church in Chestertown
A reception to follow in the parish center.

Still pews available from St. Teresa's for a donation of \$100, please call Fr. John at 494-5229, if he hasn't gotten back to you.

This past Wednesday was **Administrative Professional Day**. We like to thank Barb Carlozzi, Ginny Raymond and Lois McPhillips for their hard work and dedication they give our Cluster Family. *Sr. Fran & Fr. John*

North Country Ministry News

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425
Volunteers are Needed: sorting party at NCM's new location in Warrensburg across from the Post Office-Saturday, May 2 from 10AM to 2PM RSVP 623-2829 or 251-4425

Spring Enrichment

The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church
Monday, May 11th – Thursday, May 14th at St. Rose College, Albany
There are classes for everyone's various ministries. Please find the class descriptions and registration forms in the back of the Church.

Priory News

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7, 10 am – 3 pm
This year's theme is "Prayer ... America's Hope."

This day for personal repentance and prayer is also a day to pray for our nation and its leaders.
Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$39



Youth Ministry: We will conclude our session with a Retreat following the 9:30 am Mass at St. John the Baptist at The Priory in Chestertown. Reconciliation will be provided for all of our teens! We will be finished by 4:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

BESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Parish Center: Repair of the water damage at the Parish Center will begin shortly. It should be finished before our summer season begins.

Sunday Liturgy has resumed at 11:15 AM.

SAINT JAMES PARISH

Religious Ed: Last class is today. Thank you to the teachers and students for making it a good year.

Our 125th Anniversary: Would you like to share your memorabilia (photos, etc.) with the community. Part of our theme is remembering the past. Please call the Parish Center at 251-2518.

Parish/Pastoral council meeting Wednesday, April 29th at 7PM in the parish center.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

1st Communion will be Saturday, May 2nd at the 5:30 pm Mass. A small reception will follow, please join us to celebrate this special day with them.

Flowers: Susan Goldbecker is looking for people to donate and help her plant flowers to enrich and beautify our Church grounds.

Baptism: God's Blessing on Ava Amore McDermott-Jenkins daughter of Tristan and Margaret who was baptized Saturday.