

## 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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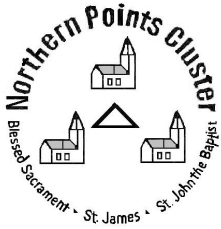
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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### Mass Schedule

Next Weekend is Memorial Day Weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Our Summer Schedule

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

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

9:00 am Sunday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

11:00 am Sunday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

**(June 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> until Labor Day Weekend: a Saturday Vigil Mass at 4pm at Blessed Sacrament and a 7:30 am Mass at St. John the Baptist will be added))**

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

### No other Weekday Liturgies in the Parishes but the Holy Day

#### Ascension of the Lord, May 21, 2009

7:00 pm Vigil Mass, Wednesday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

9:00 am Mass, Thursday: St. James Church, North Creek

5:30 pm Mass, Thursday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

### 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 for St. James Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

### **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.



### **The Deacon's Bench**

#### The Power of the Holy Spirit

The reading today from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us of the great power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's active presence among us and a reminder to us that, as Jesus had promised, his followers would be "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Perhaps the most significant sentence in the reading is: "...the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." The Holy Spirit comes upon listeners of the Word of God.

This reading calls our attention to that moment in our celebration: the Liturgy of the Word. It reminds us that when the Word of God is proclaimed to us, the Spirit moves among us and within us -- like fire and a "strong driving wind," to breathe new life into our journey of faith, so we, like the first Christian communities, can leave this place to proclaim, by word and example, Jesus Christ in the world.

So, as we receive the Word of God and its accompanying Spirit, let us do so with open minds and hearts. Given the power of that Spirit that opened Peter's heart and the early church to receive the Gentiles, we might truly be able to live Jesus' command to: "love one another."



## Cluster News



Always God's People . . . Caring for Each Other

All loving God,

You have graced us, your people  
with every good gift,

We ask further for the gift of generosity.

Open our hearts and our hands  
to those among us in need,  
knowing that when we do

we use our gifts as you desire them  
to be used:

In service to our brothers and sisters  
In the human family.

Amen.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Appeal 2009

### 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next Sunday is for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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.

### New Parish Name

Blessed Sacrament and St. John's folks, as we unite as one new parish family, we will be choosing a new name. We will have index cards and pencils in the pews for potential names. These index cards can be put in a box in the back of the church or can be mailed to the office at your discretion. Later this summer we will have a list with all the names from the cards and we all will choose three names from the list. Our top three choices will be submitted to the Bishop and he will choose the name of our new parish community. I invite you now to jot down names with a reason for your choice. It is my hope that we will give him our three choices by the end of the summer. Take this time to think and talk about it with your family and friends. What would be a good name for our new parish? Father John

### North Country Ministry News

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425  
North Country Ministry would like to express their thanks to all those who supported their Spring Gala on May 1st.  
The evening was enjoyed by over 200 people.

The dedicated committee, the advertisers, the donors of auction items, the sponsors and attendees all contributed to the financial success of the event. The profit enables NCM to continue their mission of serving the needs of the people in the north country.

### Priory News

The Priory Retreat House in Chestertown will hold its annual Garage Sale July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ welcomes your contributions of any usable items before July 1<sup>st</sup>. We would welcome help anytime Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call 518-494-3733 if you can volunteer & /or to bring donations.

**Youth Ministry** Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> starting with the 9:00 am Mass, the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders from St. James and St. John's will be having a retreat concluding at 1:30 pm. We will be going to The Fun Spot with UNLIMITED Golf, Go-Carts, Laser Tag and the Bounce Around, ending at Martha's for Ice Cream afterwards. Lois will be contacting you as to the date of June 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>; whatever is best for you! Cost will be \$15 and if you buy ice cream – you pay.



### **BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**

**Weekday Liturgy:** will resume on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. If the Parish Center isn't completed by this date, Mass will be in the Church.

**Memorial Day Celebration:** If you are able to help with the Food Concession Stand on Memorial Day please call Paul Amara at 543-8019.

**Blessing of Homes** If anyone is interested in having their home blessed during the Easter Season, you can make arrangements with Deacon Bob at 644-9121.

### **ST JAMES PARISH**

**Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The first event to celebrate our anniversary as a parish is a Memorial Mass. It will be at 8 am on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will process after Mass to the cemetery for a special blessing. If you have memorabilia relating to those in your family to be remembered, please call the Parish Center at 251-2518.

### **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**

**Blessing of Homes** If anyone is interested in having their home blessed during the Easter Season, you can make arrangements with Deacon Bob at 644-9121.

**Pastoral Council Meeting** will be this Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center at 6:30 pm.