

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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4th Sunday of Easter, May 3rd, 2009

Blessed Sacrament Church

*P.O. Box 529, Hague, New York 12836
(518) 543-8828*

St. James Church

*P.O. Box 23, North Creek, New York
(518) 251-2518*

St. John the Baptist Church

*P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, New York 12817
(518) 494 5229 Fax (518) 494- 5663 (please call before sending)
Emergency number 494 5229 ext 31*



Northern Points Cluster Website: northernpointscluster.org

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

*Our summer Mass Schedule will begin on Memorial Day weekend, May 23rd & 24th
(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

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

BUILDERS AND CORNERSTONE OF A CHANGING CHURCH

At the Youth Ministry Retreat, in the Priory this past Sunday, all the participants were asked what were they doing five years ago? The question was to challenge us to look at the gifts God gave us. We were to focus on how we have developed those gifts and ask God to help us as we share them with others.

I had to scratch my head and think... where I was five years ago? Five years ago I was worried about finishing my papers and exams so I could graduate from the seminary and prepare myself for Holy Orders in June. Then I was asked, "Did you expect to be assigned to NPC?" I had to say to them "no." I had no idea what God had planned for me. I was in awe thinking about how fast our church is changing. I feel blessed and grateful that God brought me here to the Northern Points Cluster.

On Friday May 22 at 7:00PM I will be installed as pastor of Blessed Sacrament and St. John's parishes. The installation will take place at St. John the Baptist Church by Fr. Tom Zelker, Dean of Warren/Washington Counties.

The installation is just 21 days before I celebrate my Fifth Anniversary of my priesthood. In the two years as your administrator/sacramental minister, I have come to think of Northern Points Cluster as my home. I am grateful to Bishop Hubbard for his confidence in appointing me as pastor of Blessed Sacrament and St. John's. I ask for your prayers as I say "Yes" to God's call to serve in the Northern Points Cluster.

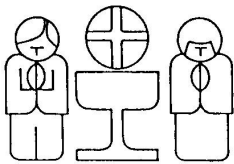
As we continue to follow Jesus our Good Shepherd and trust His guidance, we will become the "builders" and "cornerstone" of a changing Church.

Please join me on May 22nd as a celebration for our cluster family. Together we will answer and accept God's call to "build" His church.

God bless, Father John

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.



Special Blessings

This weekend the children from St. John's parish are making their First Holy Communion.
May the Good Shepherd nourish each one of them with the Bread of Life.
Let us celebrate these blessed moments and pray for our children:

Sean Boyle, Jack Buckman, Shane Caunter

Julianna Hilton, Joshua Kersey, Caleb Morehouse, Grant Mundrick

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.

North Country Ministry News

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 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.

Farewell to a Special Person

Whether we were seeking a unique person for spiritual advice or looking for someone who could enrich our youth with a deeper understanding of being a disciple of Jesus, there was always Sister Frances Gilchrist. She was a part of life in the North Country and now that she has retired, she will be sorely missed. We wish her well as she makes this move to the Provincial House and we will keep her in our hearts, prayers and thoughts.

Thank you, Sr. Fran, for sharing your time and gifts with all of us.

Priory News

We have been preparing for the Priory Garage Sale to be held July 18 and 19. Please take time to clean out your homes, attics and basements and donate items in good condition that you no longer can use. We are available to accept your donations on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 at the Priory. Please call Sr. Connie at 494-3733 to make certain someone is available to receive the items. Please call Carole Hart 494-7429 if you have any additional questions. Reminder: We do not take the following items: televisions, microwaves, mattresses, cassette tapes, computers, big exercise equipment, satellite dishes.

Youth Ministry: The Theme of the YM retreat was "What you *are* is God's gift to you, what you make of yourself is *your* gift to God." It was such a blessing for me to have had this opportunity to share with the youth ministry from NPC. Thank you to the Retreat Team leaders; Barb Carlozzi, Lois McPhillips, Kayla Carlozzi and Michael McHenry! They were an essential part of the retreat. A special thanks to Fr. Tom Berardi and Fr. John O'Kane for our wonderful Reconciliation Service. The Cluster parish family, parents and catechists should be very proud of their young people. Their faith, energy and enthusiasm were a beautiful example of the *Spirit* within the Northern Points Cluster. My heartfelt thanks to the Youth Ministry members for allowing me to share the retreat experience with them.

Lucy McHenry

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Parish Center: Repair of the water damage at the Parish Center has begun!

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

Sunday Liturgy has resumed at 11:15 AM.

SAINT JAMES PARISH

First Communion Day: Thomas Fuller will make his 1st Communion on Mother's Day, May 10th at the 8 am Mass. All the children will be taking on the Liturgical and musical ministries. Choir rehearsal will be on Friday, May 8th from 2:45 – 3:45.

Our 125th Anniversary: The first event to celebrate our anniversary as a parish is a Memorial Mass. It will be at 8 am on Monday, May 25th. 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.

National Day of Prayer: To remember this occasion the ministers in the Johnsburg Churches invite all their parishioners to gather on the steps of Tannery Pond for a short prayer service for our country. It begins at noon.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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

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Pastoral Council Meeting will be Monday, May 18th at the Parish Center at 6:30 pm.