

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

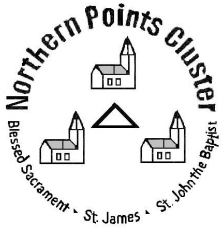
(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)
Rev. John O'Kane, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek
Sr. Francesca Husselbeck, RSM, Parish Life Director of St. James Church, North Creek
Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon at Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown
Barbara Carlozzi, Cluster Coordinator of Youth Ministry and
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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 14th 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

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 & 28th 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)

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 Communion Service, Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

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

WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

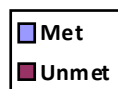
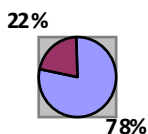
We welcome all of our summer family and visitors. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In our gospel reading we hear that Jesus is the Living Bread. Jesus sacrificed Himself and gave us Himself as food for our spiritual growth and nourishment. Whenever we receive the Eucharist we become what we eat, essentially the Body of Christ. We are constantly being fed on the Bread of Life and it draws us to a deeper relationship with Christ. As individuals and as a parish cluster community, we are called to build the Body of Christ each and every day. We are all members of the one Body of Christ. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

God bless,
Father John

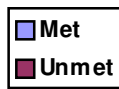
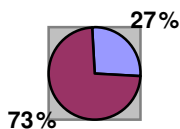
.Bishop's Appeal 2009

St. John the Baptist's assessment is \$17,280, Blessed Sacrament's assessment is \$6,915., and St. James' assessment is \$9,990. Please be generous with your pledge. In the event you have lost your envelope there are more in the pews or the back of the church.

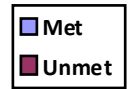
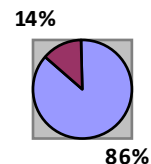
St. John the Baptist



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St. James



Please remember the amount that is not collected for the assessment, will have to be paid by the parishes.

Cluster News
Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties 23rd annual ballet fundraiser will be held on Thursday evening, July 9th at SPAC. A Balanchine, Robbins and Martins program will be preceded by a champagne and dessert reception at the Hall of Springs. Please join us for an enjoyable evening and help us to continue our many services to the residents of the tri-county area. For tickets and advertising info call 587-5000.

Hudson Headwaters

Care for kids 5K run – Sunday, August 2, 2009 – 9:00 am All proceeds benefit pediatric health at HHHN
Check in: Saturday, August 1: 4PM – 6PM at Suzie Q's Sunshine Café
Day of race Sunday, August 2nd : 7:30am – 8:45am at R& R Auto Rebuilders
Race begins at R&R Auto Rebuilders, Schroon River Road, Chestertown and ends at Suzie Q's
Entry fee \$20. pre-registration – Race Day \$25. For more information phone Howard Nelson at 518-761-0300
Teens please call the office as to how you can participate! It is a Service Event. Entry Fee will be covered!

Still pews available from St. Teresa's for a donation of \$100, Please call Fr. John at 494-5229.

New Parish Name

This is the last week to submit names for our new parish. There are still cards and pencils in the pews for you to jot down potential names with the reasons for the name. These cards can be put in a box in the back of the church or can be mailed to the office early this week. The names from the cards will be put on a list that will be available next weekend of June 20/21. Each parishioner from Blessed Sacrament and St. John's can choose three names from the list. The names will be tallied up and our top three choices will be submitted to the Bishop. He will choose the new name of our parish community. Take these final days to pray, think, and talk about it with your family and friends. What would be a good name for our new parish? Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this process. Father John

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist Merger Update

On Thursday, June 18th at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist's Parish Center there will be a meeting about the upcoming merger of the two parishes. We will have guest speakers, Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice and Lucy McHenry formally from Holy Trinity in Johnstown, both of whom were involved in the merger of 3 parishes into 1. They will speak about their experiences of merging their churches, and be available to answer any questions that may arise.

North Country Ministry News

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425
If you are a homeowner, age 60 or older, and you are in need of emergency repair of a damaged home condition, you may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7500 to repair the damage. NCM is sponsoring this Restore program. Call Frank Boos at 251-0890 for more information and/or an application.
NCM is in need of some workers, carpenters, painters, and general laborers to work on housing units in North Creek. Please call Frank Boos 251-0890.

Priory News

The Priory Retreat House in Chestertown will hold its annual Garage Sale July 18th and 19th. Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ welcomes your contributions of any usable items before July 1st. Reminder: We do not take televisions, mattresses or cassette tapes. We would welcome help anytime Thursday, July 16th thru Sunday July 19th. Please call 518-494-3733 if you can volunteer & /or to bring donations. There is also a need for cookies and brownies. If you can make anything please call Carole Hart 494-7429. Items should be individually wrapped.

Youth Ministry. We will be going to The Fun Spot on Thursday, June 25th with UNLIMITED Golf, Go-Carts, and Laser Tag. Cost will be \$15 and if you buy ice cream – you pay. We will leave the Parish Centers of St. James & St. John's at 5:30 pm. Please call Lois McPhillips at 494-0828 to get permission slips and more information.



ST JAMES PARISH

Special Offer: The production of "Love Letters" at Tannery Park Community Center is on August 29, 2009. It is produced by the Johnsburg Historical Society and is supported by the newly formed North Country Community Network. This event will serve as the inauguration of the network. Tickets are \$10, Patrons \$30. Because we are a sponsor you may purchase them now through our parish. Advance reservation assures you of a seat.
Ecumenical Baccalaureate Service is Sunday, June 21st at 7pm at the Wesleyan Church in Bakers Mills.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Communion Service: will be at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 16th in the Church.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Food Pantry: We will continue to collect for our local food pantries in Brant Lake and Chestertown. Thank you for your wonderful donations as it does make a difference.
Ecumenical Baccalaureate Service is Monday, June 22nd at 7pm at St. John the Baptist Church followed by a reception at the United Methodist Church.
Baptism: God's Blessing on Coleman Steele Swartz, child of Walter & Maria Swartz who was baptized at Mass on Sunday.