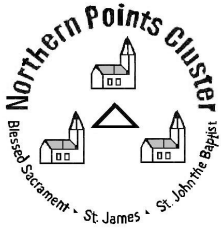


# Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)  
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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2009



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## 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 & 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)**

## 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

## The Deacon's Bench



In today's Gospel we read that: "Jesus was asleep in the stern of the boat when a violent squall came up such that that boat was in danger of sinking. The disciples woke Jesus and said to him: 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up, rebuked the wind and said to the sea: 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was a great calm."

There is so much that affects our world, our nation and especially our church these days: scandals within; rejection and persecution on the outside. Perhaps we might be tempted to ask Jesus: "don't you care?" Mark's Gospel directs us to awaken ourselves to Christ. This Jesus who cares for God's fear filled children, and who has the power to speak words of calm over the powerful forces that distress us: "Quiet! Be still!"

So we might ask ourselves: What turbulent forces are in my life that frighten me and test my faith? When have I invited Jesus to speak to me in words that give me courage and inner peace?

Each time we are at Eucharist we are in Jesus' presence, and have a wonderful opportunity to have that conversation in the silence of our hearts.

## Bishop's Appeal 2009

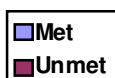
**St. John the Baptist's assessment is \$17,280, Blessed Sacrament's assessment is \$6,915., and St. James' assessment is \$9,990. Please be generous with your pledge. In the event you have lost your envelope there are more in the pews or the back of the church. We thank all our parishioners who have helped us to get this far in reaching our goals. You always prove to be such wonderful stewards. Please remember the amount that is not collected for the assessment, will have to be paid by the parishes.**

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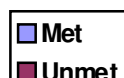


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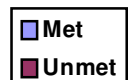


### St. James

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**Cluster News**  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.



**Save the Date:** Cluster Picnic, August 30 at Pyramid Lake



**Choosing a New Parish Name**

Thank you for contributing a variety of suggestions for the name of the new parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. John's. You will find a list of names in back of both Blessed Sacrament and St. John's churches. I ask that you take a moment to pray for God's guidance as you select your three favorites and place your choices in the box provided. The top three names will be submitted to the Bishop to choose the new name of our parish community. I ask for your continued prayers as we go through this process. Father John

**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 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>. Reminder: We do not take televisions, mattresses or cassette tapes. 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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> with UNLIMITED Golf, Go-Carts, and Laser Tag. Cost will be \$15 plus extra ice cream money . 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. You may purchase them now through our parish which is a sponsor. Advance reservation assures you of a seat.

**Ecumenical Baccalaureate Service** is this Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Wesleyan Church in Bakers Mills.

**Save the Dates:** Our parish's 125 Anniversary Celebration with the Bishop at a noon mass on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, the 125 Anniversary Parish Picnic is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Cluster parishes as well as our congregations from the churches in Johnsburg are invited. It is a family celebration.

**Vacation Bible School** is the first week in August. The meeting for volunteers is this Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at the North Creek Methodist Church. Please come.

**Baptism Liturgy:** Today at Mass Michelle Ann Ordway daughter of Robert & Lizbeth Ordway will be baptized. Let us rejoice in this wonderful Child of God, praying for her and her family.



**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**

**Communion Service:** will be at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at St. John the Baptist Church followed by a reception at the United Methodist Church.