

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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13th Sunday of Ordinary, June 28th 2009

Blessed Sacrament Church

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(518) 543-8828

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(518) 251-2518

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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 & 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

No 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: 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

Commencement Reflections

Today's opening prayer says: "You call your children to walk in the light of Christ. Free us from darkness and keep us in the radiance of the truth." We see God working in this world through all of creation but especially through us. As God's children, we know how to walk in the light of Christ's justice and love.

Our high school graduates are good examples of young adults grasping today's message. In a special way they have learned how to walk in the light and radiate in their lives both justice and love.

Uniquely, they demonstrated this in their willingness to accept each other and by the authentic concern that grew among them. These young men and women show forth the fruits of having a cluster youth ministry program. They came from 4 different high schools and on their 6th grade retreat in 2003 they were shy strangers. By the time they made their Confirmation retreat in 2008, they were all good friends and shared spiritual, social and Christian service events as a true Christian community. Our world is a better place because of them and we are so proud that they represent our Church in the Northern Points Cluster!

Congratulations and God bless each one of you!

Mary Anderson Brendan Carberry Billy Carlozzi Matthew Caunter

Troy Galusha Joshua Harvey Martina Svercek

Cluster News
.Bishop's Appeal 2009

We are very grateful for you sense of stewardship and generosity of spirit.

Assessment \$17,280

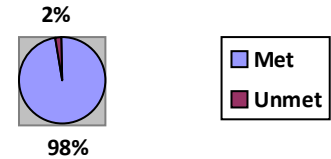
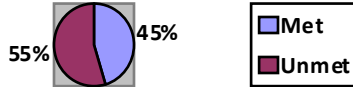
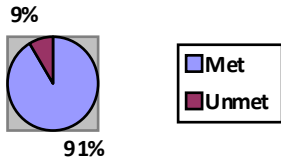
Assessment \$6,915

Assessment \$9,990

St. John the Baptist

Bl. Sacrament

St. James



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



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

Choosing a New Parish Name

Thanks to all who have selected their top three new name choices. There are a lot of responses. This weekend is the last time to choose. Please get your choices in before Sunday's Mass. It is my hope to announce next weekend, July 2nd and 3rd, the top three names that will be submitted to the bishop. He will 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 18th and 19th. Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ would welcome help anytime Thursday, July 16th thru Sunday July 19th. Please call 518-494-3733 if you can volunteer. 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. A fabulous time was had by all at the Fun Spot. Our second event for the summer will be Bowling in August. We encourage visiting teens to join us. Please contact Lois McPhillips for permission slips and more information.



ST JAMES PARISH

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

Virtus: the required program for the protection of children is being offered at St. James July 7th at 11am. All vacation Bible School Volunteers are required to have this program. Anyone else is invited to attend too, especially if you intend any interaction with children in our parish (or any church)

BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHES

St. John the Baptist 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.

Special Thank You to Muriel Crawford and Stella Vanderwalker for their many years of service in scheduling Readers, Eucharist Ministers, and Greeters for our Sunday Masses.