

# Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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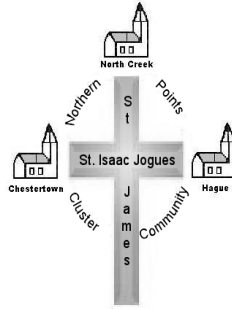
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times: July 3 and 10, 2011

## Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist

P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, NY 12817

(518) 494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency



## St. James Church

P.O. Box 23

North Creek, NY

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### Summer Schedule

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

7:30 am Sunday, Liturgy: St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

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

9:00 am Sunday Liturgy: St. Isaac Jogues-Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

11:00 am Sunday Liturgy: St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

No weekday Masses the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule for July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm Liturgy Monday: Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

9:00 am Mass Tuesday: St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Chestertown

9:00 am Mass Wednesday: St. James Parish Center, North Creek

9:00 am No Mass Thursday: St. Isaac Jogues Rectory, Hague

### Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

### Hospital Visits

Please notify Fr. John and Sr. Fran if a family member is hospitalized so that they may visit the individual

### Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. Isaac Jogues, please call Fr. John O’Kane at 494-5229 ext 34

St. James, please call Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

### The Carefree Days of Summer



The 4<sup>th</sup> of July initiates our summer’s carefree days. This is true, even though many in our communities have burdens that continue through all seasons. The Gospel for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time has within it an invitation by Jesus saying, “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” These summer days can be a call from Jesus to trust him more and let ourselves be like the “little ones” of whom he spoke. Children turn to their parents when they are in trouble. Let us turn to Jesus, giving him what worries us. Then let’s relax into these wonderful, God-created days.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July reminds us of how fortunate we are to live in a country which aims at respecting everyone’s rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As we make time to ponder these prerogatives, let us also reflect on our values as the “little ones” of Jesus. He has called us to true life in its fullness, to freedom of the children of God and to true happiness that leads us into life everlasting. God bless you and yours as you enjoy each other’s company and appreciate these summer days together.

Sr. Fran



### Bishop’s Appeal Report

SOS! It is crunch time! Our Bishop’s Appeal at recent has been slowly coming in. St. James is 82% and St. Isaac Jogues is only 62%. We are in danger of not making our assessment. If we do not make our assessment, we will have to draw from parish funds. We ask you to please pray about your offering to the Bishop’s Appeal. We are grateful for your support and generosity with the Appeal. An opportunity is available to contribute to the Bishop’s Appeal online at [www.TheBishopsAppeal.org](http://www.TheBishopsAppeal.org). Donors can make a single one time gift, pledge, or make a payment on a pledge.



## Cluster News



**Save the Date**  
**Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Isaac Jogues, Hague**  
**Barbeque to begin at 5 pm**  
**Program to begin at 6:30 pm**



Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ will provide us with an Evening of Comedy.  
She is an internationally known writer, lecturer and humorist.

(Author of Tickle Your Soul: Live Well, Love Much, Laugh Often and God Knows You're Stressed)  
Sign up sheet is in the back of the church. *Please don't forget to sign up.* We are responsible for appetizers, salads or desserts.

### **Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home**

The gardening group at the Nursing Home is looking for volunteers who would be willing to take a resident for a "stroll" through their lovely gardens during the summer and fall. It would only involve visiting for approximately 30 minutes a few times a month. Times are flexible. Can you help?

Please call Jamie Reynolds, Activity Director, at 518-251-2447.

### **North Country Ministry**

North Country Ministry will benefit from a performance of the Lake George Dinner Theatre, SKIN DEEP, at the Holiday Inn, Lake George, on Thursday, July 21, at 6 pm. The play is a comedy about the not-so-tranquil seas of middle-aged love. Call 518-668-5762, extension 411 for tickets, and mention that you are with the North Country Ministry group. If you want to join together with others who are attending, call Phyllis Meader at 518-668-2833. Have an enjoyable evening and help NCM help the needy.

**The Boutique of the North Country Ministry** is in need of girl's sizes 3/6, 6/9, 9/12, 12/18, and 3, 5, 6; boy's sizes 3/6, 9/12, and 5, 6. We could also use wipes, bottles, and powder. We have many families in need this year, and we are trying to help as many as possible. Please call Theresa at 518-251-4230 with any questions. For any additional information, contact Jill Harrington, Caroline or Brother James at Leaven House 518- 251-4425

### **Priory News**

**The Priory Garage Sale:** We are getting closer to the great Priory Garage Sale on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We are no longer accepting items for the sale, and we now are looking for volunteers. We will need help with the activities of the sale, such as sorting, unpacking and transporting items. On Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, we could use the assistance of anyone who has a truck and could help transport items. Please call the Priory at 518-494-3733 or email us at [prioryretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:prioryretreat@yahoo.com) if you are able to help. We also need cookies and brownies, individually wrapped. Please call Carole Hart at 518-494-7429.

**August Priory Program:** Inner Peace: Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 3 pm: What every busy person longs for are simple strategies to reduce stress and to create a peaceful mind and heart. This program will provide you with experiential time and ideas to help you find the balance you are looking for. Presenter: Connie Messitt, CSJ  
Donation: \$40

### **ST JAMES PARISH**

**Vacation Bible School:** Dates are the evenings of August 7-12<sup>th</sup>. Group leaders and assistants, recreation leaders and individuals to prepare snacks are needed.  
Training: July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 pm.



**Coffee Hour during July & August:** Because our Methodist friends go to Riparius for services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, we will keep our tradition of sharing coffee hour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, we will join them at their church. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, they will join us here after services.

### **PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES** CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



**Fall Frolic:** Save the date, Sunday, October 23, 2011, 1-4 pm at Jimbo's in Brant Lake. Tickets are now on sale and will be available all summer. The donation for each ticket is \$100 and only 200 tickets will be sold. First prize is 25% of the number of tickets sold; second prize is 15% of the number of tickets sold; third prize is 10% of the number of tickets sold. The winners need not be present to claim a prize.

**Annual Insurance:** Collection will be taken at all Masses the weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Liturgical Ministers Needed:** Assistance would be greatly appreciated from any visitor who is a Eucharistic Minister, Greeter or Lecture in another parish who might be in this area for the summer. If you can assist us, please call the office.

**God's Blessings:** to Nico James Tucci, who was baptized on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We welcome Nico into our Parish Family. Nico's proud parents are Rebecca and James Tucci.