

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

Rev. John O’Kane, Pastor of the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

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 of St. Isaac Jogues

Barbara Carlozzi, Cluster Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Administrative Assistant at St. Isaac Jogues

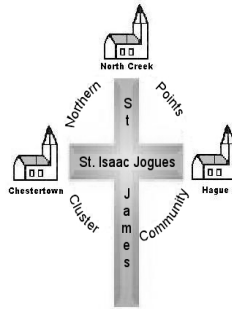
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 18, 2010

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

(518) 251-2518

Northern Points Cluster Website: northernpointscluster.org

Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

(Reminder when you go to one of our sister churches, please designate your offertory collection for your own parish)

Weekday Masses for the Week of July 18th

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

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

9:00 am Mass, Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament Rectory, Hague

9:00am 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. Isaac Jogues, please call Fr. John O’Kane at 494-5229 ext 34

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

The Deacons Bench

Reflection on Hospitality

Today we hear stories about hospitality. As a community of faith, we are called to extend the same kind of hospitality Abraham and Sarah extended to their guests, and Martha and Mary extended to Jesus. They discovered what awaits us -- that God’s presence is revealed when we reach out in welcome to all.



Last Sunday we heard the story of the neighbor in need. Today, we might repeat the lawyer’s question to Jesus: “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” In the Mary and Martha story, Luke replies, in effect: “Welcome Jesus into your life, listen to his words about loving your neighbor and you will learn about eternal life.”

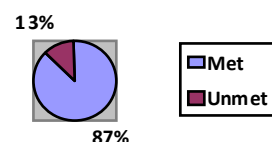
The lawyer’s response to Jesus’ question: “What is written in the law?” came in two parts, “You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” The Good Samaritan parable answered the question about loving neighbor; today we hear what loving God with our heart, being, strength and mind requires -- attentiveness to God’s word. Neither story is complete without the other. The Samaritan “sees” the injured man; Mary “hears” Jesus. We should be prepared to act as Jesus directs: “Go and do likewise.”



Bishop’s Appeal 2010

While St. James has met their appeal St. Isaac Jogues is struggling at 87%. We pray and hope to make our goal.

St. Isaac Jogues



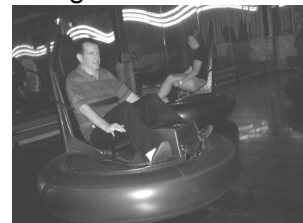
Cluster News

Next week's 2nd collection is for Peter's Pence. It enables the Holy Father to respond with assistance to those in emergency need.

Message from Father Matthew Wetsel: Thank you so much for your very kind invitation to celebrate Mass for the Northern Points Cluster in Chestertown. It was a great chance to see the cluster and celebrate together. Thanks you for your generous gifts. I am grateful for the cake in my honor. It was fun to return! Thanks again for all that you did. Have a great summer and I will keep the North Country in my prayers and thoughts.
Father Matthew

Father Wetsel is assigned Associate Pastor of St. Peters Church 88 Regent Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Youth Ministry News Pictures of the Go Carts & Laser Tag Event have been put on Facebook, Northern Points Youth Ministry! Take a look at the fun we had!!!



North Country Ministry

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425
Our Baby Boutique is in need of boy's clothing, size 0-3 months; girls size 3 years and blankets.

Save the Dates!

Cluster Picnic, August 29th at Pyramid Lake

Hudson Headwaters' 6th annual care for kids 5K Run & Fitness

Sunday, August 1 - Start time: 9AM

This family friendly event starts at R & R Auto Rebuilders on Schroon River Road in Chestertown and ends at Suzie Q's Sunshine Café on Route 8 in Brant Lake

Priory News

Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ invites you to the Priory Retreat House for the Annual GARAGE SALE this weekend from 9 am to 3 pm. Books, furniture, jewelry, toys, sporting goods, clothing, household items and much more are available for very low prices. Refreshments are available.

It's a party in honor of Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ Fiftieth Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The celebration is in honor of her vocation and service to the Priory and Sisters. It will be held at the Priory in Chesterton on August 8th with a liturgy at 2PM followed by refreshments. Please RSVP by July 11th by calling 518-494-3733 or email prioryretreat@yahoo.com.

ST JAMES PARISH

"Calling all Heroes", the 9th through the 13th of August will be Vacation Bible School with our Methodist friends next door. There is another helper's meeting on July 27th.

Building Repairs Report: As you pass by our front porch and see the major repairs that are being done to it, you are looking at the fruits of our Gala covering the cost. Thank you for your generosity for making this event last January successful. Larry Carr and Peter Parker have been working along with the contractor and have kept our cost down. The parish appreciates all their hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

Bishop's Appeal: How grateful we are at your generosity which has helped us meet our assessment and thereby doing our part to sustain the services of our Church of the Albany Diocese.

North Country Ministry: When contributing to the ministry in our monthly collection, please make the checks payable to St. James and earmark them for the ministry. This enables us to give them one monthly check. Thank you.

FYI: Tudy Severence is now in Pleasant Valley Infirmary, 4573 St. Rte 40, Argyle NY 12809. Her daughter, Kathy, misses her very much as she has lived with her for the last 5 years. Tudy's needs have increased and home care is no longer enough.

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

Hearing Devices in Chestertown: Please know that you can ask, at any time, the greeters in the back for a hearing device that is available to work with our sound system. They work wonderful!

Readers, Greeter, Eucharist Minister: If you are available to help in any of these ministries, especially as a greeter, please call the office at 494-5229. Desperate need of Greeters!

Fall Frolic: Save the date, 10/10/10. Tickets are on sale for our 50/50 raffle at \$100 each. The raffle helps with the viability of our new parish. Dinner tickets for our Gala at Suzie Q's are separate and will be on sale starting in August.

Congratulations to Maricela Marron who was baptized on July 4th. She is the daughter of Mario and Veronica Marron.

Collection of Food: We have been asked by the food pantries in both Brant Lake and Chestertown to collect food as their supplies are low. Thank you for your support.