

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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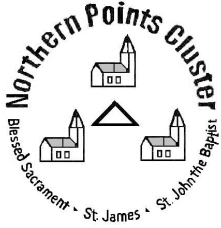
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14th and 15th Sundays of Ordinary, July 5th & 12th 2009



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Mass Schedule

Our Summer Schedule

4:00 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

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

7:30 am Sunday: 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

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

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Week of July 5th

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

No other Weekday Masses in the Cluster

Week of July 12th

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 Mass, Tuesday: Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

Hospital Visits

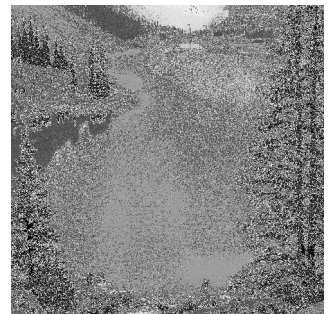
Fr. John and Sr. Fran request that you please let us know if you or someone in your family is in the hospital so that we may visit them!

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

WHAT HAPPENS IN CHURCH, DOESN'T STAY IN CHURCH!

What happens in church doesn't stay in church! What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas! Many of us are relaxing at the lake or enjoying our vacations. As we bring this calm spirit to Mass with us these next few weeks, we should open ourselves to the spirit of God. When you return to the business of your life, remember the peace and tranquility that you experienced here and can experience every day with Christ.



We may take a vacation from our busy lives but we must always remember Christ *never* takes a vacation from us!

I pray you all have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

God bless,
Fr. John

Cluster News Bishop's Appeal

St. James and St. John the Baptist - Despite the difficult economic times, your sense of stewardship and spirit of generosity is shown in helping our parishes towards their goal. At the same time you are doing your part in supporting the services the Church of Albany provides for us. We are very grateful for your generosity as we near our goal. Thank you so much!

Blessed Sacrament is still struggling towards its goal, but with the support of our seasonal visitors who have returned we hope to meet our goal.

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

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

Top Three Name Picks

Thanks to all who have selected their top three new name choices. Well, they are all counted and tallied! The top three choices are **Our Lady of the Adirondacks, St. Isaac Jogues** and **Our Lady of the Lakes**. One of these three will be our new name! These three names were submitted to the Bishop and he will choose the new name of our parish community. I ask for your continued prayers as we go through this process. Father John

Annual Mission Appeal

On the weekend of July 18/19, Fr. Henry Camacho, O.P. from St. Mary's Priory in New Haven, Ct. will preach for the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal in our Parishes. Fr. Henry has served in the missions in Peru for more than 30 years. The Dominican Friars of St. Joseph Province preach the Gospel in Kenya, Salomon Islands, Philippines and Pakistan. In order for their work to continue and expand they need your help. Please give generously; Checks are made out to your parish.

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. Our Fun Spot activity was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled shortly. 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.

FYI: Sr. Fran is away the week of July 12th. Fr. John will be on call for emergencies (494-5229 ext 31) and Ginny Raymond will handle the regular parish needs (251-2518).

BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHES

New Hymnals: As we continue with the merging of our two parishes, a wonderful way for us to come together is by having new hymnals with its new Parish Name on them. Blessed Sacrament is in need of all new hymnals while St. John's only needs to replenish some of its hymnals. This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to honor someone you love! More information will be forthcoming!

****Fall Frolic**** Gala & Raffle: Save the date, Sunday—Columbus Day Weekend October 11th, 2009 at Suzie Q's in Brant Lake. Contributions of \$115 include admission to the Gala which will include A Pasta Station, dancing and a chance to win a 50/50 Raffle! 200 tickets will be sold for a grand prize of \$10,000. If all 200 tickets not sold, prize will be awarded as a 50/50. Additional tickets for the admittance to the Fall Frolic will be only \$15 each. This is major fundraiser for our New Parish; please purchase your tickets early!



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.