

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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Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague and St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

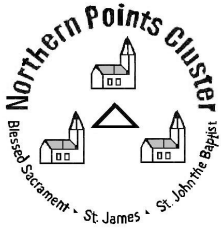
Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek

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Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon at St. Isaac Jogues

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 2, 2009



St. James Church

P.O. Box 23, North Creek, New York

518) 251-2518

Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

St. John the Baptist & Blessed Sacrament Churches

P.O. Box 471, Chestertown, New York 12817

518-494-5229 ext 31 for Emergency

518-494-5663 (please call before sending)

Northern Points Cluster Website: northernpointscluster.org

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

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. Isaac Jogues please call Fr. John O'Kane at 494-5229 ext 34

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

Right Under Our Noses

Did you ever go looking for something all over the place only to discover it was there in front of you all the time? Yes, it was there under your nose all along!

The Israelites were seeking God's presence leading their leader, Moses, through the desert to the Promised Land. God gave them a cloud of fire, water from a rock, quail and manna. Yet, though these signs of God's presence were right there, they could not in their narrow-mindedness and seeking of immediate gratification recognize God's providence leading them onward.

This is what also happened to the crowd that Jesus fed with miraculous bread. Their minds were so set on being satisfied in the moment that they couldn't grasp the great gifts of divine nourishment that was being offered to them. In their narrow-mindedness they did not see that Jesus was giving them the gift of himself and this gift would sate their hunger and thirst!

We at times can miss what is right under our noses. In the Eucharist we have this heavenly food. The immediate concerns of life can keep us from pausing and appreciating this gift and drawing our strength from the Bread of Life. Ironically, it is in pausing that we can better deal with the daily concerns of the day.

Sr. Fran

Cluster News

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

St. Isaac Jogues Fall Frolic---Gala & Raffle

Sunday—Columbus Day Weekend October 11th, 2009 at Suzie Q's in Brant Lake.

Contributions of \$115 includes admission to the Gala
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.

Please pick up a green flyer in back of church.

This is major fundraiser for our New Parish; please purchase your tickets early!



One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Anniversary

Saint James Church

237 Main Street

North Creek NY

The Parish community invites you to join them in the

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

August 16, 2009 12:00 Noon

Presided by Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany

(priests are invited to concelebrate)

Reception will follow

Please RSVP: 251-2518



North Country Ministry News

The North Country Ministry is having its' annual Summer Jackpot Raffle and once again we turn to our neighbors for support. The Ministry relies heavily on the generosity of its friends and neighbors, so that NCM may in turn help those among us who are in need of the services we offer. The shares are \$100 each and only 200 will be sold. Our 1st prize is \$5,000, 2nd prize is \$3,000 and 3rd prize is \$2,000. In the event we do not sell all of the shares, the jackpot will become a 50/50 drawing. One half of all proceeds will be distributed in a 5-3-2 ratio to the first three tickets drawn. The drawing will take place at NCM's First Annual Golf Tournament held at One Thousand Acres Golf Course on Saturday, September 19th, 2009. Share forms may be picked up in the back of the Church or by contacting Larry or Pat Carr at 251-0185

Priory News

The Healing Energy of Trees Saturday: August 22, 10am – 3 pm (rain date: Aug. 23)

One of the ways we experience the healing presence of God is through Nature. During this day, we will slow down; open our five senses; hike to Palmer Pond' and reconnect with the energy of the forest. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your camera (optional) ... Sr. Connie Messitt, CSJ Donation: \$39

Albany Diocesan Rosary Celebration

Bishop Howard Hubbard, Presider

Sunday, October 4th, 2009 @ 2:00 pm

St. Mary's, Glens Falls

Sponsored by the North Country Parishes

Please save the date and come to pray the Rosary for Peace.



Youth Ministry. Last Chance Service Event: Care for kids 5K run—Sunday, August 2, 2009—9:00 am
All proceeds benefit pediatric health at HHHN. Check in: Sat, Aug. 1: 4 –6 pm at Suzie Q's Sunshine Café
Day of race Sunday, August 2nd: 7:30 – 8:45 am 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. 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!

ST JAMES PARISH

Children of all Ages: Vacation Bible School starts this week Monday, August 3rd to Friday, August 7th, time 6 to 8:30 pm. Come and experience Camp E.D.G.E. Every night is a great adventure!

Keep in mind that as part of our 125th anniversary we will have a special picnic on Sunday, September 13th for all the families in the Johnsbury Churches. Please save the date.

During the week of August 7th we need volunteers to spruce up our parish center for our anniversary. Please see the list in the back of the church to sign up.

Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues:

CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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 (requested by the Choir) 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! Flyers are in back of the churches.

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.

Baptism: Last week two wonderful Children of God were baptized into our Church! Mason Luca Marchetti, child of Thomas & Angela Marchetti and Anna Kieffer, child of Robert & Polly Kieffer, may God's Blessing be upon them.

Choir News