

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

(The weekly cluster newsletter of the Diocese of Albany's Roman Catholic communities serving Northern Warren County)

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

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

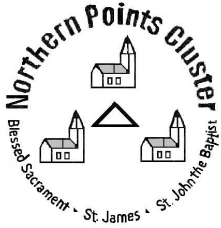
Sacramental Minister of St. James Church, North Creek

Sr. Francesca Husselbeck, RSM, Parish Life Director of St. James Church, North Creek

Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon at St. Isaac Jogues

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

21st & 22nd Sundays of Ordinary Time, August 23rd & 30th, 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 for weeks of Aug. 23rd & 30th

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

The Deacon's Bench "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"

In the first reading for the 21st Sunday, Joshua seems to be asking: "Do not forget what God did for us; stay connected to our God."

In the Gospel, Jesus stands before us and invites us to choose. Will we put our faith in him and stay connected to our God -- eat his body, drink his blood -- or will we choose another path?

As summer nears its end and our young people prepare to return to school, this is perhaps a good time for us to pray for all who have responsibility for the faith development of our youth, especially parents and catechists. Parish communities should be encouraged to offer support to parents and families to help them educate their children in the faith of their "ancestors." Parents and families should reciprocate by finding ways to participate in and support the faith-based education of our young.

Just as Joshua's words and actions set an example for his household members, we need to be models of faith for our youth. No matter how good parish based programs and group meetings are, they are easily forgotten, in the eyes of the young, if they don't see their elders living the faith that they want their words and church attendance to profess.

Most of us don't live out our faith in visible, recognizable church ministries, but all of us give witness to our faith among our neighbors and our community by how we conduct ourselves. These places of engagement are important opportunities for us to show the path we have chosen, to witness to our Joshua-like faith, and to demonstrate in one way or another: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."



Cluster News

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

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!



Northern Points Cluster Summer Picnic, August 30 at Pyramid Lake 1:00 to 5:00 pm

See Pink Flyer & Sign Up Sheet in back of the Church!

Please join us for a good time.

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!



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 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. Share forms may be picked up in the back of the Church or by contacting Larry or Pat Carr at 251-0185 **NCM First Annual Golf Tournament at One Thousand Acres Ranch Resort Saturday, September 19th** Please see the flyers in the back of the church

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.



ST JAMES PARISH

Keep in mind that as part of our 125th anniversary we will have a special picnic/party on Sunday, Sept. 13th for all the families in the Johnsburg Churches. There are forms in the back of the church to complete & return by Sept. 1st.

Special Thanks: Our 125th Anniversary Celebration with the Bishop was a great community occasion. The Mass reinforced our parish's desire to worship and pray together as it has done generation after generation. The reception afterwards was a wonderful indication of the community's fellowships ties to one another. It was a great success because everyone pitched in. We are grateful for your sense of ownership of parish life. A special thanks to the choir, liturgical leaders and to those who organized and prepared the reception. *Sr. Fran*

Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues:

CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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 Phineaus Pitts was baptized into St. Isaac Jogues in Chestertown. May God's Blessing be upon him and his family.

North Country Ministry Collection: Thanks to your overwhelming generosity we collected over \$4,000 towards our commitment.