

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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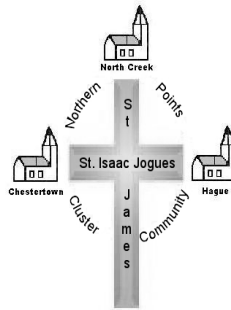
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 28th, 2011

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist

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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

Reminder: On September 11th, we will be returning to the fall schedule on Sunday:

8 am St. James- North Creek

9:30 am St. Isaac Jogues - Chestertown

11:15 am St. Isaac Jogues - Hague

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for August 29th through September 1th

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

NO MASS ON TUESDAY AT ST. ISAAC JOGUES IN CHESTERTOWN

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

9:00 am 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

Keeping Pace with Jesus

In the gospel, we hear that Peter gets upset when Jesus says, “Get behind me, Satan!” Jesus wants us to keep pace with Him, as Peter did last week with his confession to Jesus’ identity. Jesus declares that we should think like God, not like humans. This is hard for us to completely understand and embrace. Our fears get in the way!

We are told that Life comes through death. As Christ’s disciples, we aren’t being asked to search for ways that make us suffer. Rather, we aim to live the gospel values that are filled with hope and love. It is up to us to keep pace with Jesus as we continue Peter’s mission of being builders of God’s Church. Being faithful to living the gospel is really all God is asking us to do. Keep pace with Jesus!

Sorry about the picnic; when it rains, it pours!

God bless,
Father John

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: To help support our Youth Ministry Program, there will be a Bake Sale Labor Day Weekend in all of our three churches. We are looking for people to help bake for this annual event. Please sign up in back of your church.

Letters regarding our Religious Ed Program will soon be mailed to our families.

The Outreach Center is sponsoring a chicken BBQ September 3rd, at the Ski Bowl in North Creek. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased by calling 251-3481. Tickets will be available at the BBQ. Advanced purchases are encouraged, as this event sold out last year.

The Cluster Picnic, originally scheduled for today, August 28th, is being cancelled, due to inclement weather.

St. Isaac Jogues Fall Frolic Raffle: Save the date, Sunday, October 23rd, 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. Tickets are sold after each Mass or call the office at 494-5229. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 and are now on sale.



North Country Ministry

North Country Ministry's Baby Place is in desperate need of new or used summer clothing for all ages, babies up to adolescence. Thank you for your help!

50/50 North Country Ministry Summer Jackpot Raffle: Only 200 tickets at \$100 each will be sold. Prizes are \$5000, \$3000, \$2000.

Cluster Retreat

Because of circumstances, until further notice, both the date and the presenter are tentative for this retreat of our two pastoral parish councils.

Priory News

In Search of Belief: On Saturday, September 10th, November 26th, January 21st, 10 am-3 pm - Do you ever question what you really believe as you pray the Apostles' Creed? The life of faith is a perilous journey because it involves placing one's trust in God. "In Search of Belief" will challenge you to experience the relevancy of this prayer to the age in which we live. In this group, we will discuss what resonated within, what questions arose, and any insight each received. We will cover 9 chapters each session. Connie Messitt, CSJ - Donation: \$45/session

ST. JAMES PARISH

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the month. Therefore, the 2nd collection is for North Country Ministry. Also, we will be collecting food for the food pantry. Don't forget our Youth Ministry Bake Sale will be held after Mass.

Strawberry Shortcake Treat: On September 4th, after the last 9:00 am summer Mass, we will celebrate the joys of summer with a treat. Remember, Mass on September 11th goes back to 8 am!!!

Religious Ed News: If you know of any new registrations, please have them call the parish center, 251-2518. Classes will begin on September 18th after Mass.

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

Utilities Collection: The Second Collection for next weekend is for the parish utilities. The amount spent on the utilities for our five buildings last year was \$4, 904.62. Also the total collected from our Evangelist Collection taken up last weekend was \$814! We thank you for your generous hearts with our important second collections.

Evangelization Ideas: Thanks to all pastoral council members for your creative evangelization ideas. One practice that we are going to bring back once a month before each Mass starts is greeting and introducing ourselves to our neighbors sitting next to us. We are also updating our parish records for addresses, phone numbers and e-mails, along with milestone dates, such as birthdays and anniversaries. We will share other great ideas in future bulletins.

Checks for The Parish of St. Isaac Jogues: Please have checks for the offertory or second collections made payable to St. Isaac Jogues or Parish of St. Isaac Jogues.

Fall Frolic Meeting Tomorrow: Monday, August 29th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend, and we will be ordering pizza for dinner.

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