

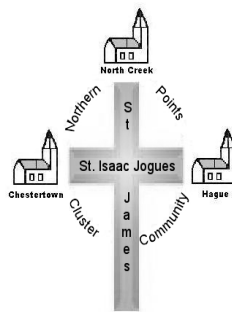
Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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 Coordinator of St. James Church, North Creek
Barbara Carlozzi, Cluster Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Administrative Assistant at St. Isaac Jogues
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 11th, 2011

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist
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St. James Church

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North Creek, NY
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Northern Points Cluster Website: www.northernpointscluster.org

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

8:00 am Sunday Mass: St. James Church, North Creek

9:30 am Sunday Mass: St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

11:15 am Sunday Mass: St. Isaac Jogues –Blessed Sacrament Church, Hague

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for September 13th through September 16th

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

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

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

No Weekday Mass at St. Isaac Jogues, Hague until Summer 2012

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

“There I Am In The Midst Of Them”

Matthew 18-20

Even the early church called upon its members to prayerfully collaborate together. And we thought it was a new idea! Belonging to a Christian community means getting involved and acting as one. When we do so, Jesus has promised us that he would be in our midst.

With the last summer hurrah upon us, we face busy days ahead, as we transition from our relaxed frame of mind to being on top of school, work and all the fall activities, including religious education.

Faith formation is an on-going process. Our little ones, teens and all of us need to enrich our relationship with God. We are all called to shoulder the responsibility to make this happen in our own parishes. As disciples of Jesus, we are all part of Christian collaboration, making his Good News present in the world in which we live. Think about what you can do to help your parish be a vital community. As St. Paul implies, faith and love go hand in hand.

The scripture reading for the next two weeks reflects on characteristics needed to be a true Christian community. They are: accountability, forgiveness inclusive of reconciliation and prayerful collaboration, all woven together by love.

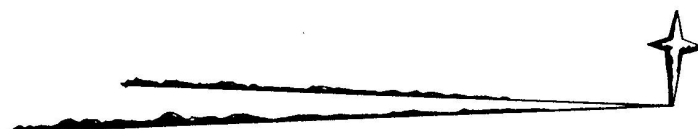
Where do we go from here?

Sr. Fran

September 11, 2001, is a date forever etched in our minds and in our hearts. Today, on the tenth anniversary of this tragedy, let us pray to God to bring peace to all people in the world.

Hurricane Irene: A collection will be taken up this weekend to meet the emergency needs of our neighbors desecrated by this natural disaster. Donations may also be mailed to Catholic Charities; Irene Relief Fund; 40 North Main Avenue; Albany, NY 12203.

Father Jim Walsh, Vocational Director for the Diocese of Albany, will speak at all the Masses this weekend. His topic is the urgent need for religious vocations.



Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: Classes for this group, 7th grade through 11th grade, will resume on Sunday, September 25th, with Mass and a Barbeque for all of our families in Youth Ministries. Please feel free to bring desserts to share.

Thank You: Our bake sale was most successful with a total of \$1,058 collected. We are forever thankful for your continued support.

Confirmation: This sacrament will be bestowed upon our candidates on Friday, November 4th, at 6:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Parish in Lake George.

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

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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: Remember, this raffle will take place on September 18th and only 200 tickets at \$100 each will be sold. Prizes are \$5000, \$3000, \$2000.

Cluster Retreat

The presenter for the retreat of our two pastoral parish councils will be Father Dan Nelson, and the date and time of the retreat will be announced.

Priory News

In Search of Belief: *Saturdays, September 10th, November 26th, January 21st, 10 am-3 pm* - "In Search of Belief" will challenge you to experience the relevancy of 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. *Connie Messitt, CSJ - \$45/session*

The Psalms & Other Mystical Poetry: *Saturday, September 17, 10 am-3 pm*-Learn to pray the mystics. Mystics teach us how to pray, what kinds of things to bring to prayer, and what intimate prayer is like. The psalms and poetry of Christian and other faith-bases mystics are great sources of inspiration. *Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ - \$45*

ST. JAMES PARISH

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.

Pastoral Parish Council: Our Pastoral Parish Council will meet on Thursday, September 29th, at 7 pm in the parish center.

Please Note: Sr. Fran will be away from September 8th to September 17th. If there is an emergency, please call Fr. John at 518-494-5229 ext. 31. Ginny Raymond will be available in our parish center to address any regular parish needs at the above phone number.

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

Evangelization Ideas: We are asking for your cooperation in updating our parish records. A table is outside with information on your mailing address. Would you please add your email address to the card? In addition, please add birthdays and anniversaries, at your discretion. This is one of the new ideas for evangelism which came out of the last Pastoral Council meeting.

Religious Ed News: Letters regarding our Religious Education Program will be mailed to our families this week. Classes will resume on Wednesday, September 28th.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Please mark your calendars for the next Pastoral Council Meeting - Monday, September 26th, at 6:30 pm, in the rectory in Hague.

Christian Service Ministry: There will be a meeting of the Christian Service Ministry team on Tuesday, September 20th at 7 pm, in the parish Center in Chestertown. The status of the Food Basket Ministry and plans for the future will be discussed. If you help to prepare food baskets or would like to join the team, please come to this meeting. All are welcome.

Buildings & Maintenance: Our Buildings & Maintenance Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm.

Pot Luck Supper: There will be a pot luck supper on September 18th, after the 11:15 am Mass in Hague. Please come to chat and share your favorite dish.

