

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

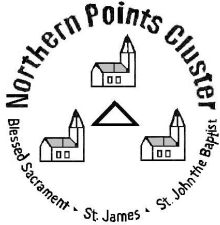
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Deacon Bob Wubbenhorst, Deacon of St. Isaac Jogues

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23rd & 24th Sundays of Ordinary Time, September 6th & 13th, 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 Fall Schedule

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

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

9:30 am Sunday: St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

11:15 am Sunday: Blessed Sacrament, Hague

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

The are no weekday Masses Labor Day Week of September 6th

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for week of September 13th

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

BE OPENED TO GOD'S LOVE

Jesus says to the deaf man, "Ephphatha" which means "be opened." The man can now follow Jesus and be His disciple to the fullest. That is what Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist does for us. It allows Jesus to open us up so we can be a Disciple of Christ to the fullest. Being a Disciple of Christ challenges us to be poor to the ways of the world and opens ourselves to God's love. God's love is all the riches we need to fulfill Jesus' mission.

At our Cluster picnic last Sunday in Pyramid Lake, we had the opportunity to renew and strengthen friendships, share fellowship, and enjoy the beauty of the Adirondacks. It was a chance to say goodbye to our "summer" parishioners. Labor Day Weekend brings an end to our summer and the anticipation of what lies ahead. Many of you will go back to work, or school and your busy schedules. We offer our prayers and blessings to our summer families and to all who remain with us in the Northern Points Cluster. We ask our summer parishioners to pray for our Northern Points Cluster family. In a special way we ask you to remember in your prayers the parishioners of St. James parish who begin their one hundred and twenty sixth year. We also ask for your prayers and support of the folks of Blessed Sacrament and St. John the Baptist as they begin their first year as the newly merged parish of St. Isaac Jogues. My prayers will be with all of you as you ask for God's blessings as we face the obstacles tomorrow brings to us. We are called as Disciples of Christ to remain open to God's love within our lives as we face together the challenges ahead.

God bless,
Father John

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

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

A wonderful time was had by all!

A special thank you to everyone who contributed with time, talent and treasure!

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!



Youth Ministry News: Bake Sale Thank you to all who contributed to our Bake Sale on Labor Day Weekend!
Classes will start on Sunday, September 20th; we will open with a Prayer Service and Registration at 6:00 pm at St. James Church in North Creek.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 2:00 pm at St. Cecilia's in Warrensburg.

We look forward to a faith-filled and enriching year. We will continue with deepening our relationship with God and how we can be the body of Christ in our world today.

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

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

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

Elementary Religion Classes: Fall Session kick off with our anniversary picnic/party at the Ski Bowl next Sunday at 3PM. Following that, classes will resume after the 8AM Mass on Sundays.

Pastoral/Parish Council will meet at 7PM on Thursday, September 17th in the parish center.

Sister Fran will return from retreat on Thursday morning, September 10th. Until then, Ginny Raymond will respond to ordinary calls to the Parish Center. If it is an emergency please call Fr. John at 494-5229 ext. 31.

Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues: CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pastoral Council: for St. Isaac Jogues will be on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Center.

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.

Religious Education: Teachers will gather for a special reflection and lunch on Wednesday, September 16th at 12:30 pm. Classes will resume for our children on Wednesday, September 23rd. For those families who have not registered before, please call the office so we can mail you the informational packet with the registration form.