

# 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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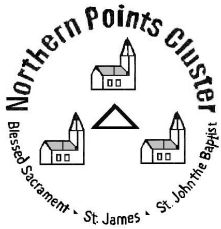
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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009



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Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

St. John the Baptist & Blessed Sacrament Churches

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## 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)

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule for week of September 20<sup>th</sup>

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

#### 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!

### Deacon's Bench

"Who is the greatest?"



Mark tells us the disciples don't understand what Jesus is saying about his impending suffering, death and resurrection. Instead of discussing what "rising from the dead" might mean, or how they would react if Jesus were treated as he predicts, they talk about their futures.

The disciples don't seem to understand Jesus' Messianic mission. They see only glory and power ahead of them and are arguing about their honored places. They don't understand that the power granted them from Jesus will be one of service -- service to the least.

This Gospel should remind all of us what Jesus taught about our responsibility to be "the least of all and the servant of all." It should be a wake-up call to all Christians that power can easily go to the heads of those in leadership positions. We need to be reminded regularly that we are all servants, whether we have special titles or functions, or the folks in the pews.

Power can be deceptive and addictive. While we may seem to have it, we aren't really in control, no matter what our position is. It shouldn't take long for us to realize that our best-made plans don't always materialize. The disciples will be frustrated in their quest for power, authority and recognition, and Jesus instructs them to refocus their attention, to an investment in the future that will not fail. They, and we, need to follow our Lord and do as he did, use our authority in service to others.

## Cluster News

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

Sunday—Columbus Day Weekend October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Classes will start on this Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; we will open with a Prayer Service and Registration at St. James Church in North Creek.

**Confirmation** will be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**World Youth Day** is Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This event will be at St. Michael's Church in South Glens Falls. The teens will be participating with all of the churches from Warren and Washington counties. Please let us know if you would like to participate in Music Ministry for this event.

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is for Catholic Universities

### Catechists, Youth Ministers, Clergy, Parish Life Directors

Fall Gathering – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Our Lady of the Annunciation Church

“Catechesis & the Proclamation of the Word” – Presenter: Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ

Registration Forms in the back of the Church

### North Country Ministry News

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary, or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425  
NCM Babies place urgently needs large size disposal diapers

### Priory News

Blessing of animals with Father John on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm at the priory. Call 494-3733 or email prioryretreat@yahoo.com. at least one week before to note what animals you will be bringing. Free will offering.

There will be a plant sale at the same time.

### Fall Fundraiser for the Priory

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 3-6:30pm at Farm House Restaurant at Top of the World in Lake George

To honor benefactors

call 494-3733; email prioryretreat@yahoo.com: visit www.prioryretreathouse.org for information

Live and silent auctions – Light fare to be served – cash bar available

Music program performed by Guitarist Sten Isachsen

### Lake George Cruise

To celebrate Father Peter Young's 50 years of priesthood and 50 years of his program to help troubled people, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tickets \$50 per person. Call Kathie Hannon at 644-2251.

### Albany Diocesan Rosary Celebration

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

Bishop Howard Hubbard, Presider

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 2:00 pm St. Mary's, Glens Falls

Sponsored by the North Country Parishes

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## ST JAMES PARISH

**Elementary Religion Classes** resume after the 8AM Mass on Sundays.

**Picnic Kudos:** Deb Morris and her committee: Ann Harvey, Ellen Davis and Ronda Morris did a wonderful job in organizing our 125<sup>th</sup> picnic. Special thanks to all of them, Frank Conti's Band, and Andie's Restaurant for catering it.

## Introducing New Parish of St. Isaac Jogues:

CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**First Mass for the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues** At our first joint pastoral council meeting we discussed the necessary steps toward the merge of Blessed Sacrament and St. John's. With many churches within our Dioceses closing, we are blessed to be able to keep both churches open within the new parish of St. Isaac Jogues.

We plan to have a closing liturgy within each parish. The liturgies will take place on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 am Mass for St. John the Baptist Parish and the 11:15 a.m. Mass for Blessed Sacrament Parish.

On Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Mass in St. John the Baptist church, we will have the first Mass as our new parish St. Isaac Jogues. This will be the *only* Mass on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope all our parishioners will come together to celebrate this significant celebration.

We are joining two separate parish histories and memories and will build on the past to create new memories and strengthen our already vibrant community. Following this opening liturgy we will share fellowship in the parish center. If you are willing to assist with the reception, please contact the office.

I ask for your continued prayers as we move forward in faith and trust. *God Bless, Fr. John*

**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:** Classes will resume for our children on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children will ride the bus from school. For those families who have not registered before, please call the office so we may mail you the informational packet with the registration form. Please meet your child's teacher at 4:00 pm and bring the registration with you for the first class.