

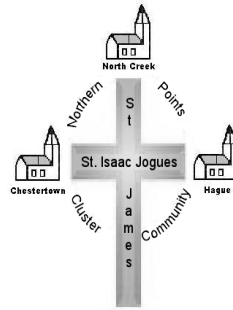
Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

Rev. John O’Kane, Pastor of the Parish of St. Isaac Jogues
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Barbara Carlozzi, Cluster Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Administrative Assistant at St. Isaac Jogues
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 25th, 2011

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

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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

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

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

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



The Way of the Father

Today’s Scriptural Readings once again reveal that God’s ways are not our ways. Somehow, society’s screwed up thinking stresses the importance of looking good and not necessarily being good. Just trying to impress others by saying the right things, without any sense of integrity, is neither what God seeks from us nor what our hearts really long for. It can all be a façade! Our lives are most fulfilling when they are filled with gratitude that overflows into concern for others. St Paul points this out quite clearly in our second reading.

We begin our Youth Ministry program this Sunday evening with a Mass and a family barbeque. Their program this year deals with Christian morality. They will be studying how Jesus’ disciples relate to the true meaning of life and how they uphold and respect the life of others. They will reflect on Jesus’ concern for the poor and oppressed. In applying it to their own lives, they will see that there is no room in the life of a Christian for bullying or doing whatever it takes to look good with their peers at the risk of belittling and putting down someone else.

As we contemplate today’s message, let us pray not only for ourselves, but also for our youth who have to grow up in a world that values and promotes self-seeking and vainglory.

Sr. Fran

Irene Relief Fund: You can still give to this important collection by mailing your donations to Catholic Charities; Irene Relief Fund; 40 North Main Avenue; Albany, NY 12203. Our collection was \$2,059! Thank you for your concern and continued support.

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: Classes for this group, 7th grade through 11th grade, will resume on this Sunday, September 25th, with Mass at 6 pm and a Barbeque for all of our families in Youth Ministry. Please feel free to bring desserts to share.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation 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 23, 2011, 1-4 pm at Jimbo's in Brant Lake. 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 for the raffle and dinner are on sale after each Mass or call the office at 494-5229. Dinner tickets are \$20. Many pasta stations will be available, with a tantalizing selection of sauces, as well as salad and desserts. Come and enjoy the company and camaraderie of your cluster parish.

North Country Ministry (518) 251-4425

Jill Harrington, Director; Br. James Posluszny; Christian Langworthy; Carol Sgorran

North Country Ministry's **Baby Place** is in desperate need of new or used winter clothing for all ages, babies up to adolescence. They also need \$250 for shelving. Thank you for your help!

Cluster Retreat

The retreat of our two pastoral parish councils will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, at The Priory, from 7 pm to 9 pm. Father Dan Nelson will be the facilitator.

Priory News

"Blessing of the Animals" – Sunday, October 2nd, at The Priory Retreat House, Chestertown – 518-494-3733 or email, Prioryretreat@yahoo.com, at least one week before to note what animals you will be bringing.

"Come Away...and Rest Awhile." Mark 6:31 (*Seasonal Quiet Days*) Fridays, September 23rd & December 16th, 10 am-3 pm – A time away from your normal routine for solitude, reflection and meditative walks. More information in the back of the church. *Connie Messitt – Donation \$45*

Thank You Luncheon: A luncheon will be held at the Priory on Wednesday, October 19th at 12 noon to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers who helped on the garage sale. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by October 10th or email us at Prioryretreat @yahoo.com.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Religious Ed News: Classes are scheduled for today, but there are no classes scheduled for next Sunday.

Our teachers are: kindergarten and 1st grade, Sr. Fran; First Communion, Deb Morris; 3rd & 4th grades, Ronda Morris; 5th & 6th grades, Denise Conti.

Pastoral Parish Council: Our Pastoral Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, September 28th, at 7 pm in the parish center. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE.

First Sunday of the Month: Next week we will have our monthly collection for North Country Ministry, our food collection for the Food Bank and a coffee hour after Mass.

Beautification Award: We thank the Adirondack Mountain Club for choosing us again for the Beautification Award. Our grounds are kept so lovely through the care of Stef Svachek.

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

Evangelization Ideas: To easily identify the members of our Pastoral Council, a suggestion was made at a recent meeting on evangelization to provide a plaque/picture of the members of the Council. In this way, these members will be easily identifiable and accessible to all parishioners. We are in the process of moving forward with this suggestion and hope to have this plaque in place shortly.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Reminder, our Pastoral Council Meeting - Monday, September 26th, at 6:30 pm, in the rectory in Hague.

Religious Ed News: We welcome our children to religious education classes on Wednesday, September 28th. Our first Children's Mass will be on Sunday, October 2.

Buildings & Maintenance: Our newly formed committee will meet again, Wednesday, October 19th, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center in Chestertown. Many thanks for the parishioners on this committee who are willing to share so many wonderful gifts and talents for our Church.

God's Blessings & Congratulations on the marriage of Sarah Hanaburgh and Reggie Raymond on September 10, 2011. May they continue to walk in His presence and love.

