

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

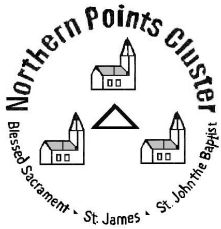
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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 27th, 2009



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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 27th

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!

The Spirit's Gifts Are Freely Given

In the beginning of this semester, our youth are studying the part of the Creed that speaks of the Holy Spirit. It corresponds to the candidates for Confirmation preparation for receiving the Sacrament. They are reflecting on the actions and gifts of the Spirit.

The first scripture reading for this weekend (Num. 11:25-29) addresses the Spirit too. It refers to a scene in which not only does the Spirit bestow special gifts on the selected 70 Elders, but also on two others. In part of the Gospel (Mark 9:38-43). Jesus warns his disciples not to get in the way of others who also do good things in his name.

As the People of God we pray that we accept the challenge that the gifts of the Spirit are freely given to men and women not only within our communities, but also to those beyond them. It is not our place to stifle the Spirit.

Pray too, that in our ministry to our youth we both help them to be open to the Spirit in their lives and that we also listen to now the Spirit speaks to us through them.

Sr. Fran

Cluster News

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: Class will continue at St. James this week at 6:00 pm and the topic is "The Holy Spirit".

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.

World Youth Day is Sunday, October 25th, 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. We will be leaving at 3:15 from both Parish Centers for this event.

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

Help Needed in Tri County Nursing Home Ministry

On Monday afternoons residents come to a social room for Mass. We are seeking empathic persons from our cluster parishes to befriend the residents and bring them to and from Mass. Mass is at 2 pm but helpers need to be there by 1:30. Please call Sr. Fran at 251-2518, if you feel called to serve in this way.

Priory News

Blessing of animals with Father John on October 3rd, 1pm at the priory. Call 494-3733 or email priory retreat@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. 4th 3-6:30 pm at Farm House Restaurant at Top of the World in Lake George

To honor benefactors

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

New Drop Off Location in Chestertown for the Garage Sale Donations

Starting September 30th we will accept all donations at the Old Harness Shop located at 6378 Main St. in Chestertown from 10AM to 3PM each Wednesday. Please call the Priory at 494-3733 to get any questions answered. We will also be offering seasonal clothing for a modest donation. There is a brochure in the back of the church with a list of items we are not able to accept.

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

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ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religion Classes after the 8 am Mass today.

Parish scrapbook: Mary Moro has gathered so much pertinent information about the history of our parish. If you haven't had a chance to see this wonderful scrapbook please take time to view it on the desk in the parish center's living room. Mary is always looking for more stories, pictures and articles to expand on this "work-in-progress". If you wish to contribute, please contact Mary at moro@frontiernet.net. We are very grateful for this priceless treasure of invaluable stories of the parish, especially of early groups and pastors. Mary, thank you very much.

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

Suggestion Box about the Merge: As our two churches move forward to become St. Isaac Jogues Parish, there must be a dozen of questions on many people minds. There is a suggestion box in both churches for any positive questions that you might have about the merge. Please write your question down on the card and place it in the box. Father John will try to address your question at Mass, in the bulletin or by phone call in the weeks to come.

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 28th at the 9:30 am Mass for St. John the Baptist Parish and the 11:15 am Mass for Blessed Sacrament Parish.

On Sunday December 6th at the 11:00 am 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 6th. 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. *Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church for a committee to organize a reception following the Mass*

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

Parish/Pastoral Council Meeting: November 2nd at 7pm at the rectory in Hague.

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 have resumed for our children. Please remember to pick up your child in the Parish Center. There is a Children's Mass Sunday, October 4th at the 9:30 am Mass.