

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

STC -- St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center

SJC -- St. James Ch. or Church Hall

REC -- Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center

Sunday, August 1, 2010

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

Monday, Aug. 2

10 a.m.—3 p.m. Day at Camp Linwood-McDonald

Tuesday, Aug. 3

Wednesday, Aug. 4

Thursday, Aug. 5

Friday, Aug. 6

Saturday, Aug. 7

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

Sunday, August 8, 2010

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Angel Food, a Food Relief Program. The United Methodist Church of Branchville (8 Broad St.) has asked us to advertise their new food ministry, which is open to all. The ministry buys food in large volumes from reputable distributors. Then they break it down into healthy, balanced menus and are able to create meals *for less than half the regular cost*. Each menu consists of fresh, frozen and packaged food. There are no applications, no forms to fill out or qualifications to participate. For more info call 973-948-3749 or contact [w.w.w.gbqm-umc.org/umbranch](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/umbranch).

Dream the impossible. One of the most remarkable features of Saint John Neumann's life (1811-1860) is that he was able to become a priest in the first place. By the time he decided to join the priesthood, there was a surplus of clergy—not only in his native Bohemia but all over Europe. Every inquiry elicited the same response: all ordinations were suspended for the foreseeable future. Undaunted, Neumann wrote to the bishop of New York, who agreed to ordain him. He had to travel halfway across the world to achieve his dream, but he did it. God does not give us dreams we cannot achieve. What dream have you put off because it seemed “impossible”? Today is the day to reconsider taking that first step.

Prepare the Word, 2010

St. James Family Picnic. Our thanks to all who worked to make the Picnic a great success. Gratitude to Richard Henn, Jim Marion and Art Henn, general chairmen, and to all who helped cook and set up. Congratulations to Jenn Olenick, who won the “Set of Chairs” raffle, and thanks to parishioner Jorge Coyoy, of *Creative Upholstery Group of Paterson*, for producing and donating the chairs.

Foreign Exchange. Pope John XXIII Regional High School is looking for families for foreign exchange students (Chinese) for the school year 2010—2011. There is a stipend of \$ 1000.00 per month per child to the host family. For further information, please call Mrs. Karen Bent, Pope John Guidance Office, at 973-729-6125, ext. 227.

Going on a long journey ? ‘Catholic’ means ‘universal.’ You can find a Catholic Church wherever you go. To make church a part of your holiday experience, simply consult www.masstimes.org

Catching up on the Sacraments:

The Sacraments of Vocation:

Marriage. The “elevation of marriage to the loftiest dignity of a sacrament must be seen with gratitude and wonder.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 2005). Wherever the Sacrament of Marriage is administered in the Church today—by the bride and groom, one to the other—Christ is present. The sacrament “gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love which Christ has loved His Church” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1661). It is a “great mystery” (*Ephesians 5:32*). Once invited to the wedding, Jesus enters hearts and homes, transforming ordinary marriages into life-giving families.

Holy Orders. “The whole Church is a priestly people” (*Catechism*, # 1591). But God calls some to “another participation in the mission of Christ: the ministry conferred by the Sacrament of Holy Orders (1591). Jesus is with us always—as He promised—in the person of the bishop, the priest and the deacon. Through the Sacrament of Ordination, they are “totally inserted into Christ, so that ... they may carry out in communion with Him the service of Jesus.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 2006).

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