

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, January 29, 2012

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m.—2 p.m. STC K of C Blood Drive

9:30 a.m. STC Gr. 6, 7, 8 Mass & Class

1:00 p.m. REC Confirmation Prep.

Monday, Jan. 30

7:00 p.m. REC First Reconciliation Parents' Mtg.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

10:00 a.m. STC Reflection of Readings

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 2 & 3

Wednesday, Feb. 1

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1, 4 & 5

7:00 p.m. REC R.C.I.A.

Thursday, Feb. 2

9:30 a.m. STC Moms & Tots Play Group

Friday, Feb. 3

9:00 a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament after Mass, till 12 Noon

12 Noon STC Noon Prayer of the Divine Office

Saturday, Feb. 4

9:15 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

10:00 a.m. Right to Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood, Newton

1:00 p.m. STC Training Session for
Why Catholic?

6:00 p.m. Annual St. James Venison Dinner
at Tri State Naval Ship, Port Jervis

Sunday, February 5, 2012

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:30 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

Future Events

Sat. Feb. 18 STC C.P. R. Instruction,
1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 19 STC K of C Men's Concert
& Pasta Dinner

An Introduction to this season of *Why Catholic?* will take place **this Sat. afternoon, Feb. 4th, from 1 p.m.—3 p.m. at St. Thomas.** Sr. Kathleen will speak to us about effective ways to pray. In this age of instant communication, with every electronic device available, the most reliable is still our time in prayer with the Lord. All, especially group leaders are asked to attend this two hour session.

***Why Catholic?* Season IV** is set to begin. To be a part of this six-session group discussion on "*Prayer: Making Contact With God,*" call the office to join an existing group. Or start one of your own.

Teachers, baby-sitters, coaches, ushers:

A great opportunity, a **free C.P.R. class** for all those who monitor the well-being of others, is being offered at St. Thomas. The more people competent in **cardio-pulmonary resuscitation**--the safer we all can be. Learn the techniques at a one afternoon session on **Sat. Feb. 18th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.** Parishioners trained in C.P.R. instruction will teach us. Please call the office at 973-948-2296 and sign up. For those who need an official certification card, the cost will be \$ 15.

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 www.gbmg-umc.org/umbranch.

Feast of Saint Blase, Bishop and Martyr:

Fri., Feb. 3 One of the most popular traditional devotions in the church is the Blessing of Throats on this day, invoking the intercession of Saint Blase. Blase was arrested in 316 A.D. during a persecution of Christians. On the way to prison tradition has it that he miraculously healed a young child who was choking. After his death the story of this cure spread throughout the region of present-day Armenia. Today he is known throughout the world. We will have the traditional Blessing of Throats next Sunday, at the end of Mass.