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**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY—SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- January 13, 9th graders will meet at SJV for 10:00 Mass for their Rite of Election and will then have their day of Reflection until 2:00 PM. Details will be emailed as the day approaches.
- There will be no ACRE assessment for the 5th, 8th, and 10th graders as the calendars indicated. Classes will still meet on the weekend of January 19/20, however there will be no testing.

Saint John Vianney—Saint Thomas the Apostle Youth Ministry

Calling all high schoolers looking to connect with their faith outside the Religious Education classroom, high schoolers seeking to continue a deeper relationship with God after Confirmation, and 8th graders wanting to get a head start on it all! St. Thomas & St. John's Youth Ministry has regular gatherings, focusing on service, spirituality, and fun, games, and movie nights. Join us in the new year!

- *Game Night - Sunday, January 6. 6:00 pm - 7:00 in the STA classrooms
- *Youth Mass - Saturday January 12. Choir and musicians practice at 4:00 pm, Mass is at 5:00, and there's pizza immediately afterwards.
- *Movie Night - Sunday, January 20. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Follow us on Instagram for regular updates @STASJVYouthMin
Or email STA/SJV's youth minister Alyssa Carolan at alyssa@ststthomasjohn.org

BLESSING OF HOMES

Tuesday marks the time for the annual Blessing of Homes. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Rectory at terry@ststthomasjohn.org or 973-208-0090 9(STA) or 973-697-6550 (SJV) and speak to Fr. Matt or Fr. Dawid to set up an appointment, when we can come and bless your home:

Chalk is used to mark: **20 + C + M + B + 19** over doorways. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto –

Christus mansionem benedicat
("May Christ bless the house").

Blessing for the home

May your household be a peaceful place, with gentleness in the air all year around.

May it be a place filled with life, a home where life is nurtured and held precious.

My your front door open out upon the whole world, and the walls embrace the concerns of human beings everywhere, not just your own.

May it be a place of forgiveness—of each other to be sure, many times—but of family and friends too.

May your home provide warmth in the winter, coolness in summer, for people of all kinds, even those not welcomed with the confidence of the children of God.

May it be the house of God.

- Bishop Ken Untener