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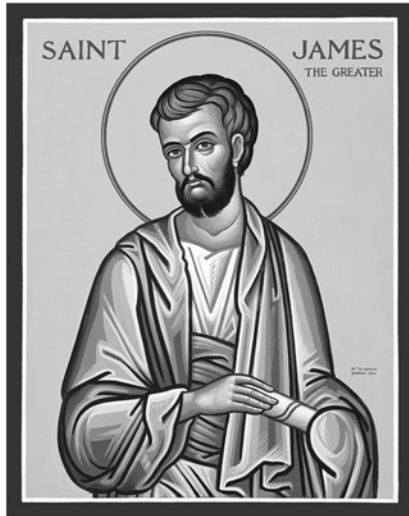
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St. Thomas the Apostle

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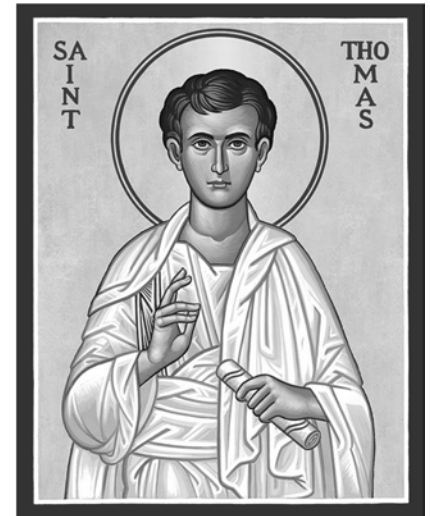
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Office Hours

Monday - Friday ----- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm



Welcome

Father Wayne Varga, *Pastor*

Mr. Wayne von Doehren, *Deacon*

Mrs. Mary Flexer, *CRE*

Mrs. Rosemarie Briegel, *Parish Secretary*

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass providing that liturgical norms do not dictate otherwise. Please contact the office to schedule a Baptism and to make arrangements for preparations especially for first time parents. Baptisms may be scheduled at other times if extenuating conditions apply. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Part of our ministry is to *visit the sick* in hospital or at home. Privacy laws do not allow us to visit or pray publicly for the sick unless permission is given by the individual or their health care proxy. Please inform us of the needs of the sick, and we will be happy to respond as best we can.

New parishioners are invited to fill out a registration form which can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Often when a Catholic is asked to be a Godparent for baptism or sponsor for Confirmation a letter from the pastor of their parish is requested. This can only be given to registered and active members of the parish.

MASS SCHEDULES

St. James

Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:30 am

Saturday: 8:00 am

St. Thomas

Saturday: 4:30 pm (*Vigil*)

Sunday: 9:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &

Friday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:20 pm or by appointment

Pregnancy Assistance

Call 1-800-395-HELP or Tri-State

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Good Counsel: 1-800-723-8331

for pregnant mothers in need anytime, anyplace.

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Project Rachel:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN (CCD)

Phone: 973-948-7004

Religious Education/Youth Office and classes are located at the Msgr. Gacquin Youth/Religious Education Center, 122 Layton-Hainesville Rd, Sandyston (*mail should be sent to parish office address listed above*)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

(September through April)

At St. Thomas the Apostle Church as part of the 9:30 am Mass.

Adoption Services

Adoption@CatholicCharities

The Schools of The Catholic Academy of Sussex County

973-729-6125 ext. 225

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(Grade 8 to 12)



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ✕ DECEMBER 27, 2020

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Arthur & Elsie Bastian at the
Request of their Family

FRIDAY, January 1, 2021

New Year's Day

8:00AM – Rosemary Brislin
req. by Harry & Diane Cole

11:30AM – Josephine Yarosz
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, January 2

8:00AM – Rosemary Brislin

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3

8:00AM – Rosemary Brislin
req. by Art & Maria Henn

11:30AM – Kate Olivo
req. by her Family

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Ralph & Anna Gioielli at the
Request of their Family

MONDAY, December 28

9:00AM – Sandy Matthews
req. by her husband, Jim

TUESDAY, December 29

9:00AM – Deceased Barr, Sweeney, Flexer
and Nardo Families
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

WEDNESDAY, December 30

9:00AM – Brother Thomas Caldwell, C.B.
-Special Intention

THURSDAY, December 31

New Year's Eve

4:30PM – Leonie Flaskamp
req. by her Family
-Intentions of Cathy McNanna
Birthday Celebration
req. by Peggy Gray

FRIDAY, January 1, 2021

New Year's Day

9:30AM – Cordelia Cafone
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, January 2

4:30PM – Ralph & Anna Gioielli
req. by their Family
-Special Intention for Generosity Bestowed

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3

9:30AM – Brother Lawrence Dempsey, C.B.
-Special Intention for Generosity Bestowed



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

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Sunday

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

First Friday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

First Saturday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

“Since you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievance you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together and makes them perfect. Christ’s peace must reign in your hearts... Let the word of God, rich as it is, dwell in you.”

The time of gift giving is not yet over. Often we remember someone or something we have forgotten. How many gifts we have received for which we are grateful. But did I remember mercy, forgiveness, meekness, all packaged in the beatitudes of Jesus? And over there, in the corner, an unopened, beautifully wrapped box, sealed with a ribbon, with a tag for an unnamed person. The ribbon is the gift of love.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, our family, may we make sure all the gifts Paul spoke about are distributed, and the greatest one be shared with all.

Happy Holy Family Day.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



*And the child grew and became strong;
He was filled with wisdom, and the grace
of God was on Him.*

- Luke 2:40

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