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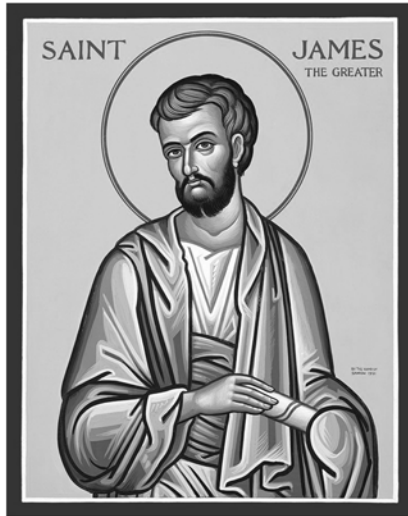
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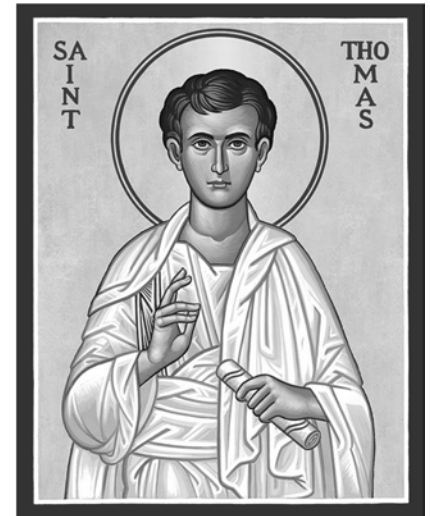
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Office Hours

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

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1-877-LUMINA1 (877-586-4621)
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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

Rev. George A. Brown School
(Pre-K to Grade 4)

Pope John XXIII Middle School
(Grade 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School
(Grade 8 to 12)



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Our Newly Confirmed



The other day, Thursday, April 15, as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, fourteen young people of our parishes received the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. As they accepted the Spirit fully into their lives, they confirmed the faith that had been given to them at their Baptism.

As I mentioned to them: the Sacrament of Confirmation is **in no way** a graduation. You do not wear a cap and gown; you don't receive a diploma. What you do receive is a **license**—in the sense of a driver's license—which gives you the ability and the authority to 'drive' your life in the ways of Jesus.

For help in this task of living an adult Christian life, the Holy Spirit brings with Him the seven gifts or tools of the Holy Spirit. These help us in the task of being 'other Christs' today. They are:

Wisdom: which helps us to learn from our mistakes, to grow in self-confidence and to be open to God's Word

Understanding: aids us in seeing all things in the light of God's love and mercy

Right Judgment (Counsel): guides us to choose the best path and to make the best decisions

Courage (Fortitude): encourages us to be witnesses to the Lord in the midst of an unbelieving society

Knowledge: keeps us open to the truth and impels us to continue searching for it

Reverence (Piety): helps us to express our love for the Lord and our need for His grace

Wonder and Awe (Fear of the Lord): keeps alive our joy in God's awesome and gentle presence in our lives, and instills a fear of offending One who loves us so much

With these gifts, our newly Confirmed young people—and all of us—have all that we need to serve the Lord capably, and to live our lives to the fullest.

We welcome our young people and rejoice with them as they begin their adult lives of faith. May it be an exciting life, which brings them personal fulfillment and does great things for our world. May we pledge ourselves to be examples and models for them. May we show them—by our continuing example—the way we hope they will live.

God bless you, Father Wayne

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 18, 2021

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Peg O'Brien at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, April 24

8:00AM – Prayer Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25

8:00AM – Phil Lange
req. by Wayne & Lyse von Doehren

11:30AM – Robert Rough
req. by Cecilia Rough

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 556.00 – Regular Collection – April 11, 2021

\$ 334.00 – Online Giving

\$ 405.00 – Additional Easter Collection 2020

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

Consider a gift to St. James Parish in your will.

For On-Line Giving: log onto our website:
saintjamesthomas.org Then go to On-Line Giving
link.

The 8:00am St. James Coffee Hour takes place the first Sunday
of the month except for July, August and September. **Postponed
until further notice.**

St. James Altar & Floral Society If any ladies in the parish are
interested in joining, please call Joan Henn at 973-293-3690 or
Linda Spinapolic at 973-293-7031.



Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue/Legion of Mary

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the love
God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a beautiful
image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings grace to
those who open their hearts to any image of God's love. If you would like
to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home, or need any further
information about the Legion of Mary in our parishes, please contact the
parish office. *Pray the Family Rosary*



We ask your continued prayers for the following men
and women of our parish who are serving our country in the Armed
Forces: Brandon Heimall, Mikey Heimall, Nicholas and Karissa
Kealy, Ryan Kowal, Joseph Mannion, Hunter Olenick, Christopher
& Ana Sarao, Nicole Sarao, Marissa Snook, Peter Spinks and
James Orr.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Leonie Flaskamp at the
Request of Dawn Hall & Family

MONDAY, April 19

9:00AM – Prayer Service

TUESDAY, April 20

9:00AM – Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, April 21

9:00AM – Prayer Service

THURSDAY, April 22

No Mass

FRIDAY, April 23

9:00AM – Prayer Service

SATURDAY, Vigil, April 24

4:30PM – Owen Barr

req. by his Family

-Margaret Verheyden

req. by the Barr Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25

9:30AM – Special Intention of Bishop Sweeney

req. by Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium

-Carol Pierson

req. by her Family

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,995.00 – Regular Collection – April 11, 2021

\$1,286.00 – Online Giving

\$ 720.00 – Additional Easter Collection 2020

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

T.J. Albert, Ellen Bilofsky, Agnes Ciesielski, Maria Colletti, Barbara
Connolly, Joan Costa, Bill Fulton, Gerry Gacquin, Ann Ginn, Patricia
Harrington, Erin Hockenberry, Anil Jain, Tony & Jodi Lupo, Bill & Teresa
Mantini, Dolores Menzella, Joshua Murch, Richard Nowicki, Michael Paino,
Deacon Joe Roder, Ginny Sabia, Brian Scarpone, Shirley Strong, Jen
Vaughn, John Veres, Jr., Tarra Wagner, Casandra Westbrook and Ricky
Wunder



**Save the Date –
Catholic Summer Camp**

We plan to offer Catholic Summer Camp once again from June 21st through June 25th together with the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Branchville. More information will follow shortly.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

It is with great joy that we congratulate the following teens of our parish who were Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 15th at the 7:00PM Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Branchville:

Sophia Belardo, Jayden Civil, Sabrina Dispenziere, Zachary Doyle, Emma Franchi, George Hanlon, Lillian Hanlon, Lilly Hull, Madeline Jakob, Joseph Leppert, Kai Owens, Noah Sansone, Isabella Stoll and Michael Tidona.

We also congratulate their Parents, Sponsors and Catechist, Mike Bussow, who have been so instrumental in bringing them to this very special day in their lives. May our teens know of our prayers for them as they witness to Jesus Christ throughout their lives.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

It is with great joy that we congratulate the following children of our parish who received the Mercy of Jesus through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time on Saturday, April 17th: Mia Belardo, Lillian Doyle and Anthony Eulo.

We also congratulate their Parents, Grandparents and Catechists, Rita Straka and Marie Mendez, who have been so instrumental in bringing them to this very special day in their lives. May our children (and all of us) always turn to Jesus Christ frequently to receive His healing love and mercy through this beautiful sacrament.



Alleluia! He is Risen! The diocesan **Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Program has come to an end.** All Operation Rice Bowl almsgiving must be turned in to the parish office or to the containers located in either church by **April 25th**. Please make any checks payable to your parish. Thank you all for your spirit of prayer, compassion, self-sacrifice and generosity towards those in need. Joyous Easter!



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by *Rev. William J. Reilly*
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021**

“The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and terrified for they thought they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you troubled?’ And why do questions arise in your hearts?”

The Easter appearances of the Lord were certainly reassuring moments as the once fear filled apostles struggled to sort out all that transpired. St. Luke continues by saying, ‘they were incredulous for joy and were amazed.’ What an exchange of emotions, ‘startled’, ‘terrified’, ‘amazed’ – as He stood in their midst.

The Lord is present to me today, with all our difficulties of pandemic, devastating storms and indifference of so many. He wishes to reveal Himself and reassure us that when He is present fear flees and His peace comes.

This Week in Our Parishes

STC – St. Thomas Church or Fr. Lewis Center

SJC – St. James Church or Church Hall

REC – Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed Center

Sunday, April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday, Apr. 19

Tuesday, Apr. 20

Wednesday, Apr. 21

Thursday, Apr. 22

Friday, Apr. 23

Saturday, Apr. 24

Sunday, April 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

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Next Sunday's Readings: 4th Easter

1st Reading: *Acts 4: 8—12*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 118*

2nd Reading: *1 John 3: 1—2*

Gospel: *John 10: 11—18*

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FORMED.org Simply go to our parish website: saintjamesthomas.org. At the home page, scroll down to the FORMED banner to register (first time) or login (each time after).

Suggestions from FORMED:

Listen: “*Seven Deadly Sins; Seven Lively Virtues*”

In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue.

This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness and holiness.

Thanks for Easter Donations. I want to thank all parishioners for your Easter donations to our churches this year. I know that it has been a struggle for many, and I thank you for your generosity to our parishes.

It was very nice to see so many people again attending our Holy Week and Easter Masses. May we pray for the day when our churches will be packed. Pray also for an end to this pandemic and a renewal of zeal for our faith, which enables us to overcome all.

A Delicious Polish Easter Dinner will be served to **five lucky winners** and their guests. Our K of C is conducting a raffle: tickets are \$ 20. **Each winner invites 9 others to join them** in our Fr. Lewis Center. The new date will be: **Sunday, May 2.** Dinner begins at 4 p.m. Social distancing will be observed. **Winning tickets will be pulled today, after the last Mass.**

A Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips Dinner is being sponsored by the **Frankford Fire Dep't.** The date is **Sat. May 1** and it is **strictly take-out** from their new firehouse on Rt. 206. Tickets are \$ 15. Tickets are available through St. Thomas.

Your Mission, Should You Accept It ...

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” Evangelization is vital to the Church's mission. We must be bold in spreading the Good News. We may feel awkward, or unqualified, or not know what to say. But the simple truth is that we are called to be a witness to the world. Even if we are not eloquent, we can still model virtue and charity. Our work and our personal lives can be an example of God's unfailing love. If everything we do is performed with honesty, joy, care and affection, we'll influence those who have not welcomed the Lord into their lives, as well as those who need their commitment buoyed or reignited. They'll all want what we have. *Lord, may our words and our deeds draw all closer to You, we pray.* --from: *Celebration*

Message to our Newly Confirmed Young People:

“Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

—St. Catherine of Siena, Church reformer

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