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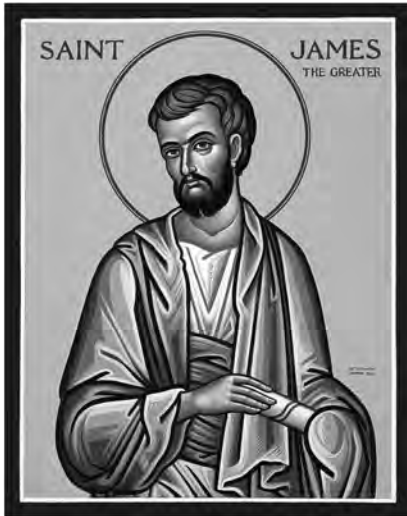
## St. James the Greater

75 River Road  
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## St. Thomas the Apostle

210 Route 206 North  
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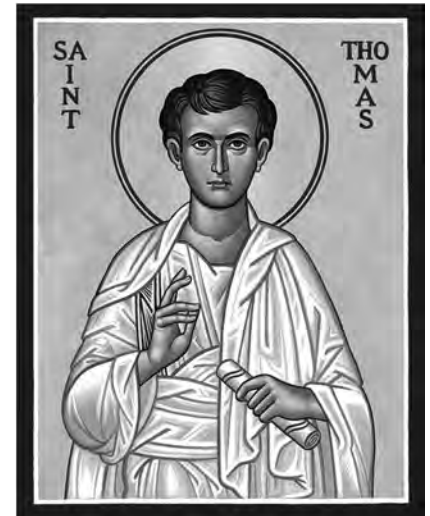
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Website ----- saintjamesthomas.org

Rectory ----- 973-293-7582

### 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  
Pregnancy: 570-491-5151

Good Counsel: 1-800-723-8331  
for pregnant mothers in need  
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[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

### Post Abortion Healing

Project Rachel:  
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[www.postabortionhelp.org](http://www.postabortionhelp.org)

### 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

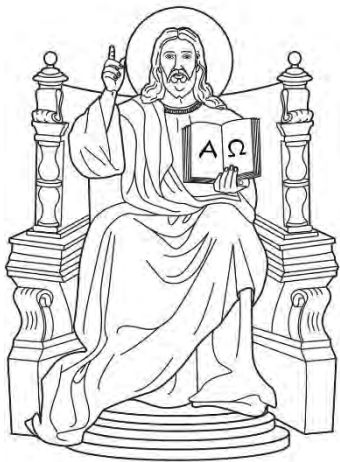
Rev. George A. Brown School  
(Pre-K to Grade 4)

Pope John XXIII Middle School  
(Grade 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School  
(Grade 8 to 12)



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# Jesus, Our Judge and Savior

*“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 5: 10

The thought of appearing before the judgment seat of Christ at the end of our lives is, at best, unsettling. That’s because we will receive recompense for what we have done, “whether good or evil.” (2 Cor. 5:10)

We know the many times we have fallen short. So how can we have any hope that Jesus will welcome us into His heavenly Kingdom ?

First, we can remember that Jesus Himself will be our judge. On the cross, He promised the criminal beside Him, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23: 43) He welcomed tax collectors into His Kingdom, including Matthew, who became one of the Twelve and a saint. (Mt. 9: 9—13) These Gospel stories give us reason to believe that He will treat us with mercy as well.

Second, while we may find it painful to remember some of our past sins and misdeeds, Jesus views our lives very differently. He won’t see only our sins; He’ll also see our good deeds—even the ones we weren’t aware of. You may be surprised by the effects that your love has had on the people around you !

Finally, while we’re still here on earth, we shouldn’t burden ourselves worrying about whether we have done enough good works to earn a spot in heaven. Jesus has already saved us through His “one righteous act”—the shedding of His blood on the cross. (Romans 5: 18) Our good works are the way in which we *respond* to the love that God has already shown us.

At Mass today, place any fears you might have about Jesus’ judgment into His loving and merciful hands. Remember that each day is a fresh start to “aspire to please” Him in all things. (2 Cor. 5: 9) Jesus is a judge, yes, but the most kind and merciful judge you will ever encounter!

**Jesus, I thank you for the mercy  
You show me each day.**

--from: *The Word Among Us*  
June 2021

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**June 13, 2021**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of John & Janice Cerra at the  
Request of their Family

**SATURDAY, June 19**

8:00AM – Prayer Service

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 20**

8:00AM – Dora Manocchio

req. by Bill & Joan Henn

-Fathers of the Parish, Living & Deceased

11:30AM – Dale R. Briegel

req. by his son, Dale

-Fathers of the Parish, Living & Deceased

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,877.00 – Regular Collection – June 6, 2021**

**\$ 459.00 – Online Giving**

**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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

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**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 Spinapolicce 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 Connie Marziano and Stella Cena at the  
Request of Frances Demalderis

**MONDAY, June 14**

9:00AM – Prayer Service

**TUESDAY, June 15**

9:00AM – Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY, June 16**

9:00AM – Prayer Service

**THURSDAY, June 17**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, June 18**

9:00AM – Prayer Service

**SATURDAY, Vigil, June 19**

4:30PM – Rita Samuelson

req. by Ann Cali

-John Markey

req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

-Fathers of the Parish, Living & Deceased

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 20**

9:30AM – Arthur L. Bastian

req. by his son, Andrew

-Fathers of the Parish, Living & Deceased

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$1,357.00 – Regular Collection – June 6, 2021**

**\$1,711.00 – Online Giving**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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**TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:**

John Adamsky, 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, Teresa Mantani, 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



### Registrations for 2021/2022 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children and teens for the upcoming catechetical year will be sent out by mail soon.

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish or children enrolled in Catholic school or home school who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation must call the Religious Education Office to register. To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.



### 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, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 7:00 PM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, with our pastor, Father Wayne as the Celebrant:

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 Catechists, Mike Bussow and Mary Flexer, 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. We look forward to their full and active participation in the Catholic Church for many years to come!



### Congratulations Graduates

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” ~ Jeremiah 29:11*

Congratulations and many blessings to all who are graduating from Elementary School, Junior and Senior High School, College or Graduate School. May you know of the prayers and best wishes of many who are praying for you to continue to seek the help of God as you move forward to different schools or career opportunities. May you always call on the Holy Spirit for His gifts to help make decisions which will always give glory, honor and praise to Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021

**“We are always courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or bad.”**

The words of St. Paul to the Corinthians are truly welcome. We have been reminded constantly during the past fifteen months of the virus and death. The pandemic should teach us to think of that day which awaits us all. We do so, not out of fear, but aware that we are going home to our home.

There are many things in life we anticipate with joy and look forward to, such as a wedding, the birth of a child, a homecoming. Paul’s teaching is of the homecoming, with recompense and reward. As he speaks he wants us to be sure we are living the life of grace, free of sin and in union with the Lord. ‘We aspire to please Him.’ That is why we are courageous, or as the hymn says, ‘Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.’

## *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, June 13, 2021**

*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass

**Monday, June 14**

**Tuesday, June 15**

**Wednesday, June 16**

**Thursday, June 17**

**Friday, June 18**

**Saturday, June 19**

**Sunday, June 20, 2021**

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**Next Sunday's Readings: 12<sup>th</sup> Ord**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Job 38: 8--11*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 107*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *2 Corinthians 5: 14--17*

Gospel: *Mark 4: 35--41*

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

**Suggestions from FORMED:**

**Watch:** "*Saint Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua*"

Feast day: June 13

The first major film on the life of the beloved miracle worker and one of the most popular saints in Christian history. Made in Italy this outstanding film presents St. Anthony as a dynamic and appealing person who sacrificed wealth, popularity and family for the Kingdom of God.

Born into a Portuguese noble family in 1195, Anthony defied his father's wishes of becoming a knight and instead followed the call of God. He became a monk, joining the Order of St. Francis. He became known for his great preaching ability and his holiness of life, his love for the poor and his miracles. (We still call upon him today to find everything we lose.) It is a truly inspiring presentation. And available to all parishioners free.

**St. Thomas Parish Picnic.** Yes we can. With restrictions easing and people feeling more relaxed about coming together, it's time for our annual parish picnic. **The date is just two weeks from today, Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m. on the Great Lawn of St. Thomas.** Bring a lawn chair and join with other parishioners for a long-overdue social reunion. Barbeque will be provided and there will be entertainment. Mark your calendar now for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon under the trees.

**For Young Men, High School Age.** A one day outing-retreat is planned for you at **Camp Shiloh, Hewitt, N. J.** It is set up around the theme: "*Where are you going in life ?*" This annual Quo Vadis Retreat is organized by the younger priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Paterson, to help high school students to think about their future. There will be sports, games, talks, Mass with Bishop Sweeney and Barbeque. Outdoor activities include zip line, rock climbing, archery, camp fire. Presentations from recently ordained priests will be about their experience of Priesthood, and their reasons for entering. For more info or to register for this one-day event, call Fr. Ed Rama at 973-777-8818 x 715. Or reach the website: **PatersonVocations.org**

The date is **Friday, June 25** and the **cost is FREE** (not a misprint). Camp Shiloh, 753 Burnt Meadow Rd., Hewitt, N. J. 0742. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included !

**Calling All Moms & Tots** to join our weekly get-togethers at **St. Thomas Church, Thursdays, 10 a.m. till 12 Noon.** It's a chance for Moms to talk to other adults, and for kids to interact and share. Please call or text message Rachel Mayer at 862-268-5193 if you would like to join us ! We have a **text message chain** to confirm which Thursdays we are meeting. We hope to see you there !

**Bikers' Gang Rides Again.** After missing an entire summer due to the virus, we are saddling up again for our weekly bike rides through the area. We set out from **St. Thomas each Tuesday, at about 10 a.m. and return around Noon.** Round trips are about 12—15 miles. With rest in between. All men and women are welcome to join us. No registration. No dues. Just join us for some good exercise. We begin on **Tues. June 29.**

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