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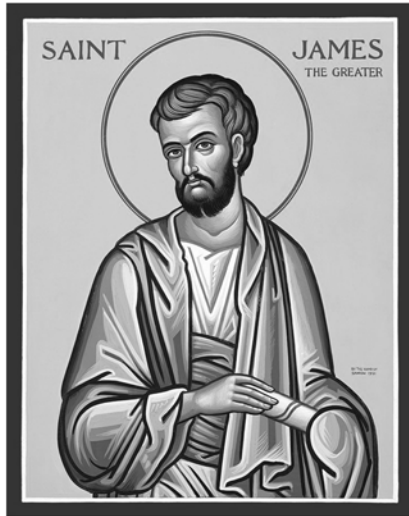
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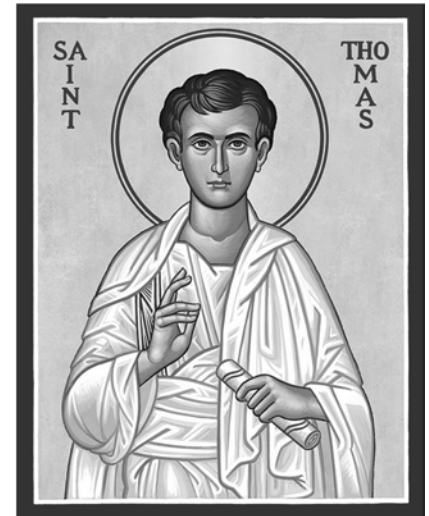
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Office Hours

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

Call 1-800-395-HELP or Tri-State
Pregnancy: 570-491-5151

Good Counsel: 1-800-723-8331
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www.goodcounselhomes.org

Post Abortion Healing

Project Rachel:
973-777-8818 ext. 272

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

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(Grade 8 to 12)



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The Bishops of the U. S. have designated June 22 – 29 to be

Religious Freedom Week

These are meant to be days of special prayers and sacrifices before the up-coming national celebration of Independence Day. The Bishops call us to be alert to and aware of the many threats to our lives of faith, which seem to be mounting steadily. Every sector of society is pushing for secular options and neglecting traditional religious values. And our nation is not improving. We as Catholic citizens are called to raise our voices to ensure that our faith is not compromised or curtailed by unjust and restrictive laws. This year's theme is:

“Solidarity in Freedom.”

“Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all,” the USCCB explained in a press release. This year, Catholics are called upon to **Pray – Reflect – and Act** on the following intentions:

June 22 – Adoption and Foster Care

Pray that children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who serve those children will find strength and support from the church

June 23 – Catholic Social Services During the Pandemic

Pray that God would continue to grant Catholic institutions the wisdom and courage to serve a world suffering the effects of the Covid pandemic

June 24 - The Equality Act

Pray that the dignity of all people will be respected in our country

June 25 – Church Vandalism

Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ

June 26 – Catholics in Nicaragua

Pray for our Catholic sisters and brothers who are suffering in Nicaragua

June 27 – Conscience Rights for Health Care Workers

Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable

June 28 - Christians in Iraq

Pray for Christians in Iraq, and that people of all faiths in the land of Abraham may live in peace

June 29 – Free Speech

Pray that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and charity, even in the face of adversity

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Mavis Kaufman at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, July 3

8:00AM – Intentions of Anthony Dunn
Birthday Celebration
req. by his Family

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4

8:00AM – Orvil Jackson
req. by his Family

11:30AM – Jerry Dilger
req. by Linda Lee

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 494.00 – Regular Collection – June 20, 2021

\$ 309.00 – Online Giving

\$ 64.00 – Seminarian Education

\$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.

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 Spinapolice 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



Pray
for the
Military

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.

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, 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

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Kenny Burkhardt at the
Request of his Mom & Dad

MONDAY, June 28

9:00AM – Barbara & Charles Kientzler
req. by their son, Charles

TUESDAY, June 29

9:00AM – Suzanne Marie Pontillo
req. by Sheila & Tom Navarro
-Intentions of Pastor Sun & Family
req. by the McEvelly Family

WEDNESDAY, June 30

9:00AM – Jose Ernesto Diaz
req. by Sheila & Tom Navarro
-Tom Brown
req. by Mary Flexer

THURSDAY, July 1

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 2

9:00AM – Jacqueline McCune
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 3

4:30PM – Kenny Burkhardt
First Anniversary
req. by his Mom & Dad
-Special Intentions of Thomas Nish
req. by his Grandparents
-People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
St. Thomas 80th Anniversary

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4

9:30AM – Kenny Burkhardt
req. by Jim & Diane Campbell
-People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
St. Thomas 80th Anniversary

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,893.00 – Regular Collection – June 20, 2021

\$1,254.00 – Online Giving

\$ 298.00 – Seminarian Education

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Saints Peter and Paul were two of the greatest leaders of the early Church. Jesus asked Peter to lead the Church, which made him the first pope. Paul traveled far and wide to spread the Word of God. They both died as martyrs, giving their lives for Jesus Christ and His Church.

On June 20th, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, and we try to live our lives as faithful disciples to Jesus as they were.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

Catholic Summer Camp

Thank you to all the families that participated in Catholic Summer Camp last week. We enjoyed a great week along with the children of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. It was a wonderful opportunity to grow in our faith in this special way! Thank you to all who were involved.

Special thanks to our Confirmation Candidates for their help all week: Enrico and Jack Brex, Mason Dube, Vinney Falchetta, Claire Gushea and June Pecoriello. We could not have done it without you!

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27, 2021

“One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, ‘My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.’ He went off with him... He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha kum’, which means ‘little girl, I say to you arise.’”

How frequently people ask for prayer for someone who is ill. **During** the pandemic we have become increasingly aware of the power of intercessory prayer for healing. The sure gift we can give another is to offer prayer.

The official knelt and pleaded with his whole heart as any good parent would. He asked for the beautiful gesture of laying on of hands. When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the same gesture is used as we implore the presence of the healing God for the sick person.

Who is it that needs my prayer today? A family member who is ill, someone who has wandered from the faith, a person asking for guidance as to what to do – school, work, vocation? Like the official, don’t just pray, but earnestly plead. The Lord will always listen. He takes us by the hand too.

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 27, 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00 p.m. STC Parish Picnic

Monday, June 28

Tuesday, June 29

Wednesday, June 30

Thursday, July 1

Friday, July 2

Saturday, July 3

Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

Sunday, July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Independence Day

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Next Sunday's Readings: 14th Ord

1st Reading: *W 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians*

Gospel: *Mark*

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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: "*Put Not Your Trust in Princes*" Speaking from his perspective as a historian, Christopher Check reminds us that the crisis of our age is cultural and, in the end, spiritual. A flourishing society is not achieved through legislation or the ballot box, but instead radiates from the family outward.

The answers to last week's surprise quiz on *Famous Fathers of Our Faith:*

1. Jacob
2. Joachim
3. John (the Baptist)
4. Abba
5. Abraham
6. Abel, Seth, Cain
7. King David
8. Zebedee
9. 4th

St. Thomas Picnic Today. Join us this afternoon on the Great Lawn of St. Thomas, for our summer Parish Picnic. There will be food and entertainment and a chance to spend time 'catching up' with other parishioners and friends. It all **begins at 1 p.m. and continues till at least 4 p.m.** Bring a lawn chair if you'd like and join us for a nice afternoon outdoors.

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Notice from the Diocese of Paterson.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. T. Mark Condon,, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248."

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.

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Bikers Gang. Join us each Tuesday morning, at 10 a.m. at the front door of St. Thomas, as we take off for a bike ride through the local countryside. We usually return around 12 Noon. Trips are about 12 – 15 miles. All men and women are welcome to join us. No sign-up or registration. Just come !

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. All Moms and Tots are welcome, even if not from St. James or St. Thomas Parishes. 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 !

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