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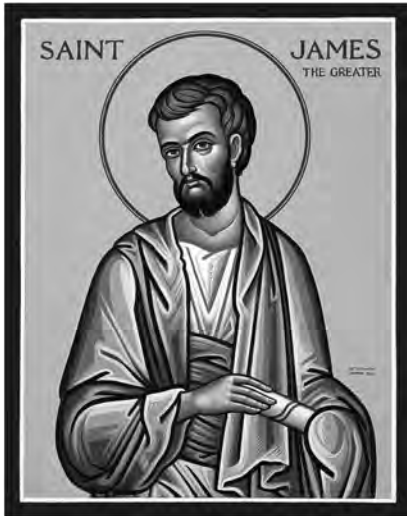
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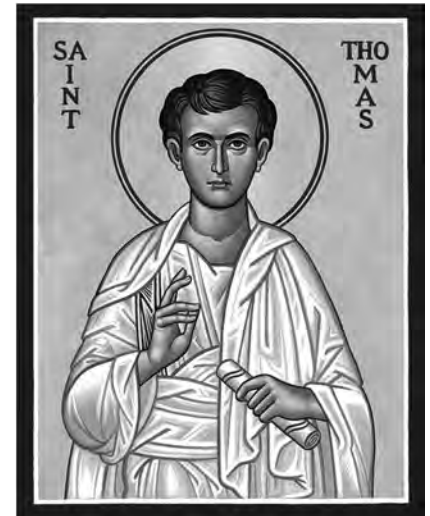
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Monday - Friday ----- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm



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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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

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A Future Saint *Right from Our Neighborhood*

Brother Marinus LaRue

1917—2001

The Diocese of Paterson has introduced the cause for sainthood of Benedictine monk, Brother Marinus LaRue, who resided at Saint Paul's Abbey in Newton from 1954 until his death in 2001.

Born Leonard LaRue, he was born and raised in Philadelphia. He joined the Merchant Marines and attended the Pennsylvania Nautical School. He served aboard the school-ship *Annapolis* and graduated in 1934.

He rose through the ranks in the Merchant Marines, and by 1950 he was Captain of the *S.S. Meredith Victory*, a cargo military supply ship. The Korean War was in full engagement. Captain LaRue was called upon to lead a dangerous mission. *Saint Anthony Messenger* describes the events:

It was the bitterly cold winter of 1950. LaRue, captain of the *Meredith Victory*, an unarmed cargo ship, was summoned to the harbor of Hungnam, North Korea, to support a desperate evacuation. UN forces, pursuing a battered North Korean Army, had been surprised by the sudden entrance of Chinese troops into the Korean War and were surrounded at the infamous onslaught now known as the Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

With a cargo of 300 tons of highly flammable jet fuel, the *Meredith Victory* navigated through the 30-mile minefield surrounding Hungnam. The freighter was the last of about 200 American ships to finish loading. The city of Hungnam was in chaos. Captain LaRue told a reporter: "I trained my binoculars on the shore and saw a pitiable scene. Korean refugees thronged the docks. They were terrified by the advance of Communist Chinese troops." The ship came to the dock, and the crew urged the desperate refugees into the cargo holds, using one of the few Korean words they knew: 'bali,' ('faster.')

Chinese forces advanced to about 4,000 yards from the beachhead; naval and air bombardments fired overhead, and demolition teams laced the harbor with explosives. By the morning of December 23 after only 13 hours, the *Meredith Victory* had packed 14,000 refugees on board and, still carrying jet fuel, steered into waters infested with enemy submarines. The ship had no escort or any way to defend itself against potential attacks.

The cargo holds, as well as the entire deck, were swarming with masses of humanity. There were no food rations, no bathroom facilities, and not enough warm clothing sufficient for so many people. Yet despite three days at sea in freezing temperatures, not one person perished. In fact, by the time the ship safely delivered the refugees to the small island of Geoje on the southern coast of South Korea on Christmas Day, five babies had been born on board.

Later in life, as a monk at the age of 87, St. Paul's Abbey found that it could no longer support itself, and was ready to close its doors. Brother Marinus suggested that their community reach out to a community of monks in Waegun, South Korea, to see if they might send young Benedictine monks to staff St. Paul's. The community responded, and the Monastery thrives today, due to those Korean monks who staff and work in Newton.

According to *The Beacon*: The first part into the inquiry of Brother Marinus will involve proving his heroic virtue — "that he was a holy man" — which will include testimony from the three surviving shipmates of the *SS Meredith Victory*. If the Vatican accepts that evidence, he will be given the title "Venerable." Then, bishops in Rome will review Brother Marinus' writings for theological errors. If they do not find any heresy, the Diocese will investigate claims of possible medical miracles that may have taken place with the help of Brother Marinus' intercession. The verification of one miracle would qualify him to become beatified with the title "Blessed". A second miracle would make him eligible to be canonized as a saint.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 18, 2021

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Lonnie Hawke at the
Request of his Family

SATURDAY, July 24

8:00AM – Rose & Frank Reed
req. by their Family

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25

8:00AM – Lou Marquardt
req. by Suzanne Laggy

11:30AM – Doris Sieperman
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,290.00 – Regular Collection – July 4, 2021
\$ 409.00 – Online Giving
\$ 547.00 – Regular Collection – July 11, 2021
\$ 309.00 – Online Giving
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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



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 Ann R. Dunn at the
Request of her Children

MONDAY, July 19

9:00AM – Intentions of Albert M. Dunn
Birthday Celebration
req. by his Children
-Mary Jo Brandon
req. by Mary Flexer

TUESDAY, July 20

9:00AM – Mairead Dowling
req. by Dawn-Anne Fugger

WEDNESDAY, July 21

9:00AM – Edmund Campbell
req. by his Children
-Special Intentions

THURSDAY, July 22

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 23

9:00AM – Philomena Lavin
req. by Flo Oliver & Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 24

4:30PM – Barbara & Charles Kientzler
req. by their son, Charles

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25

9:30AM – James O'Reilly
req. by Mary & Harry Dunleavy
-Intentions of Sr. Maryann Lopicolo
50th Anniversary of her Professed Vows
req. by Frances Demalderis

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,377.00 – Regular Collection – July 4, 2021
\$1,701.00 – Online Giving
\$2,028.00 – Regular Collection – July 11, 2021
\$1,276.00 – Online Giving
\$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 were sent out by mail last week with registrations returned by August 15th.

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis announced a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* to be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July to honor all grandparents and the elderly who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new celebration will always fall near the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the grandparents of Jesus.

We are encouraging all of the children and teens of our parishes to attend Mass on the July 25th weekend with their grandparents (if that is possible)! They are asked to bring in a picture of them with their grandparents and even tell us a little about them on paper. If your grandparents do not live near here or are unable to come, you may want to invite an elderly friend or neighbor! All Grandparents and Elderly will receive a special blessing at Mass. At the 9:30AM Mass at St. Thomas, a "Coffee Hour" will take place to celebrate these very important and loved people in our lives!



Vocation Vacation ?????

As we joyfully take pleasure in the summer, we hopefully will find time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. This is part of what makes summertime fun and believe it or not, still a time for spiritual growth. Our vocation – being called to holiness (when properly understood, is nothing short of healthiness and happiness in their truest sense) – should never be on vacation! Our path to holiness always leads to Jesus Christ through His sacraments. Please make the worship, praise and thanksgiving to God at the Holy Mass part of your weekly summer plans. While you are away visiting or on vacation, take the opportunity to attend Mass at the local parish. It may even become your "second parish" if you travel to the same place each year! It is also a great chance for your children to see the beauty of other churches, but also realize that the Mass is the same everywhere! Remember – God is NEVER on vacation from us – doesn't He deserve the SAME from us?



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow, there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they no longer fear and tremble, and none shall be missing, says the Lord... Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

The image of the Good Shepherd, which we recall on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, provides a wonderful picture. The shepherd, guides and leads, protects and feeds, as a parent does for their child, as a teacher does for their students. Rather than just affirm the importance of the role, think for a minute of the qualities you look for in a shepherd or a person today who assumes that role.

Kindness and caring come to mind, a desire to share and support in every need. Jesus appointed the twelve for that role, modeling by His teaching and preaching, His example and care. How blessed that the Lord continues to fulfill the words of Jeremiah and Mark today.

As I reflect on the role of shepherds in my life, whether teacher, priest, religious or catechist, can I see the hand of the Lord guiding others? Can I pause for a moment and pray for them?

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, July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 19

Tuesday, July 20

10:00a.m. STC Bikers' Gang

1:00 p.m. STC Bible Study

Wednesday, July 21

Thursday, July 22

10:00 a.m. STC Mom & Tots Group

Friday, July 23

Saturday, July 24

Sunday, July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grandparents' Day

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Next Sunday's Readings: 17th Ord

1st Reading: *2 Kings 4: 42—44*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 145*

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 4: 1--6*

Gospel: *John 6: 1--15*

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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: "*Truth to Inspire: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*"

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, also known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," became our first Native American saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate her feast day this month, enjoy this short audio that describes Kateri's journey to our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

The Blessed Sacrament. Another sign of returning to church devotions is our re-instituting of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** It is a chance to spend some quiet time with the Lord in Church. **Fridays, at St. Thomas, after the morning Mass** (approx.. 9:45 a.m. till 12 Noon.) If you can come at a specific time, then please consider signing up for a half-hour on our Friday morning schedule, to ensure that someone is with the Blessed Sacrament at all times.

Grandparents' Day. Pope Francis has recently announced this new celebration within the Church. It is meant to honor and recognize the crucial role of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren. The date will always be the **last Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.**

To celebrate the place of grandparents, we invite you to bring in photos of your grandchildren. We will place them in the gathering space (St. Thomas) or at the back of church (St. James.) You will be welcome to brag about your grandchildren freely on that day.

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 !

Bible Study. Get to know the **Gospel of Mark** better as we gather to study this earliest Gospel more closely each week. We gather at **1 p.m. each Tuesday afternoon in the Father Lewis Center at St. Thomas.** Lesson and discussion continue till 2 p.m. Refreshments are always served. Try it out and contribute your insights into St. Mark's Gospel.

Moms & Tots get together 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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