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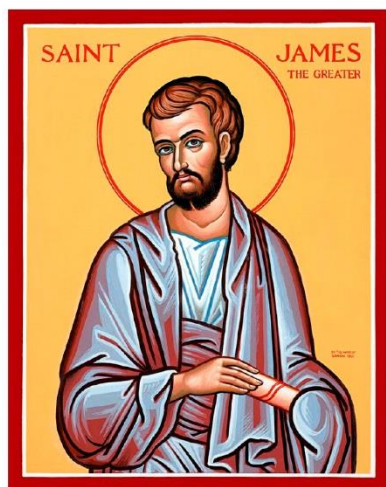
St. James the Greater

75 River Road
Montague, New Jersey



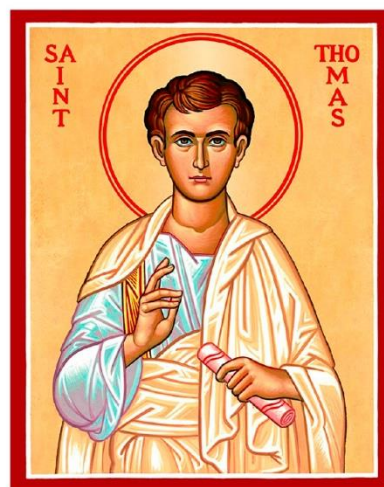
St. Thomas the Apostle

210 Route 206 North
Sandyston, New Jersey



Office for both parishes is located at
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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. Patricia Hope, *Pastoral Associate*

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 anytime, anyplace.

www.goodcounselhomes.org

Post Abortion Healing

Project Rachel:

973-777-8818 ext. 272

Lumina:

Hope and Healing After Abortion,
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)

Pope John XXIII High School
(Grade 8 to 12)



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“The Kingdom of Heaven is like ...”

--Matthew 13: 31

In His parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus confirms what we already know to be true: evil exists in the world. We see evidence of it all around us. Sometimes it even seems as if evil is winning out. Will the weeds eventually choke out the wheat and overrun the field of God’s Kingdom ?

Jesus assures us that it will not. In the end, the angels of God will sort the good from the bad, and evil will be destroyed forever (Matthew 13: 41). The fact is, by His death and resurrection, Jesus has already won the victory over evil. Someday God’s Kingdom will reign over all the earth.

Meanwhile, how can we hasten its coming ? It is significant that after telling the first parable about the weeds and the wheat, Jesus tells two more parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. It’s like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large bush (Matthew 13: 32—32). It’s like a little yeast that leavens a whole loaf of bread (13: 33). These are hopeful, positive images ! God’s Kingdom is not static. It begins in many small ways and then grows and grows.

You have a part to play in its growth. With every prayer, with every act of faith, with every good deed, you help to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Making time for prayer, worshipping at Mass, helping the poor, sharing your faith, offering forgiveness, reaching out to a friend in need, speaking out in defense of life—in these ways and more, you can participate in growing God’s Kingdom. Yes, they can seem like small things. But so are the mustard seed and that little pinch of yeast.

So don’t get discouraged by the evil you see, and don’t give up on hope. Believe that your small acts of faithfulness really do make a difference. And taken together with other believers, they become a mighty force in choking out the weeds of this world.

Lord, may Your Kingdom come !

--from: *The Word Among Us*

July—August, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 19, 2020

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Dom & Agnes Giordano at the
Request of their Family

SATURDAY, July 25

8:00AM – People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26

8:00AM – Ciss Gacquin
req. by Art & Maria Henn

11:30AM – Eugene & Rosalie Mauro
req. by their Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,504.00 – Regular Collection – July 5, 2020

\$ 281.00 – Online Giving

\$1,035.00 – Regular Collection – July 12, 2020

\$ 281.00 – Online Giving

\$1,265.00 – Regular Collection – July 7, 2019

\$ 876.00 – Regular Collection – July 14, 2019

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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

For On-Line Giving: log onto our website:

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St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of Albert & Ann Dunn at the
Request of their Children

MONDAY, July 20

9:00AM – Intentions of Anthony Andreiuolo, Jr. & Marina
and Family
req. by Anthony & Trinidad Andreiuolo

TUESDAY, July 21

9:00AM – Theresa Marvelli
req. by Frances Demalderis

WEDNESDAY, July 22

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

THURSDAY, July 23

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 24

9:00AM – Kenny Burkhardt
req. by Mike & Meg Milligan

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 25

4:30PM – Ciss Gacquin
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26

9:30AM – Anne & Olindo Rosanelli
req. by the Rosanelli Family
-Janet Lotti
req. by Dawn Hall



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, Nicholas and Karissa Kealy, Joseph Mannion, Hunter Olenick, Christopher & Ana Sarao, Nicole Sarao, Peter Spinks and James Orr.



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 Diana, Legion of Mary, at 973-948-7601. *Pray the Family Rosary*

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,128.00 – Regular Collection – July 5, 2020

\$1,395.00 – Online Giving

\$1,580.00 – Regular Collection – July 12, 2020

\$1,227.00 – Online Giving

\$2,800.00 – Regular Collection – July 7, 2019

\$1,971.00 – Regular Collection – July 14, 2019

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Agnes Ciesielski, Michael Eiring, Bill Fulton, Bill & Teresa Mantini, Joshua Murch, Richard Nowicki, Ginny Sabia, Shirley Strong, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Casandra Westbrook and Ricky Wunder



Registrations for 2020/2021 Catechetical Year

As we try to prepare for the start of our Religious Education Sessions, you will soon be receiving information regarding our start up that, God willing, will begin in October. 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 Sacraments of Confirmation

It is with great joy that we congratulate the following teens of our parishes who were Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, July 11th and Saturday, July 18th at St. Thomas the Apostle: Luciano Brex, Audrey Bruno, Colin Carney, Hunter Carney, Louis Diani, Sabrina Dispenziere, Joseph Falchetta, IV, Marilyn Gorman, Zofia Guida, Andrew Jakob, Christopher Lombardi, Andrew Macari, Jack Mahoney, Maximilian Mazzatta, Mary Murphy, Felipe Narvaez, Nora O'Keefe, Ella Orellana, Hudson Owens, Evan Rodriguez, Michael Sadowski, Thomas Salokas, Avery Scott, Benjamin Shewack, Samantha Shewack and Kyle Theobald.

We also congratulate their Parents, Sponsors and Catechists, Dan and Lucy O'Keefe, who have been so instrumental in bringing them to this very special day in their lives. May our teens always know of our support and prayers for them as they witness to Jesus Christ throughout their lives.



The Sacrament of (First) Holy Eucharist

Please keep in your prayers this week the 10 young children of our parishes who joyfully get ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the very first time on Saturday at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Vocation Vacation ????

As we continue the summer months under these extraordinary circumstances, we hopefully will find time to relax and enjoy some 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. 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*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **July 19, 2020**

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning... But though you are master of might you judge with clemency and with much lenience you govern us... and you taught your people by these deeds that those who are just must be kind."

When we pause to pray, we are responding to the Spirit at work in us. Our bottom line should be to ask for the Spirit in our lives. How do I know that the Spirit resides in me? St. Paul tells us to look for the fruits of the Spirit.

Clemency or mercy is the instrument that the Lord uses as He judges us. How fortunate we are that this is His tool. On our part, we manifest the presence of the Spirit, by kindness. No one is incapable of being unkind. It is a fruit by which to live and a gift we can always give.

Consider one person to whom you can show kindness today. Then the word that is sown is at work in you.

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 19
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

Wednesday, July 22

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Next Sunday's Readings: 17th Ord.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-- 12

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 119

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28 – 30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44–52

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Recommended by FORMED this week:

July 14 Listen: *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Watch: *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

Watch: *No Greater Love: A Unique Portrait of the Carmelite Nuns*

On Line Giving: a way to give and forget

Check our parish website.

Welcome to our new Bishop of Paterson, Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney. Bishop Sweeney was ordained and installed as 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson on Wed. July 1.

Bishop Sweeney, 50, was born and raised in Queens, N.Y. He has one sister, one brother, and excelled in baseball in high school, at one time considering a professional career. He was ordained a priest in 1997 for the Diocese of Brooklyn. He has been assigned to several parishes and has served as vocations director for the Diocese. He is fluent in Spanish. He has expressed that the rural parts of Sussex County will be a new experience for him.

Thank You, Bishop Arthur Serratelli for your service to our Diocese for the last 16 years. Bishop Serratelli came to us in 2004 from the Newark Archdiocese. Previously he had been a seminary professor at Darlington Seminary and at Seton Hall. He is a member of several national and international commissions, including the International Committee on English in the Liturgy. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services. In retirement Bishop Serratelli will continue on these committees, and will probably devote much time to writing and teaching. We wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

How to view the Mass at home. For those still not comfortable with taking part in Mass at church, we are still **live-streaming the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday morning.**

Our website homepage (saintjamesthomas.org) or the facebook page or youtube can lead you to the live-streaming of the Mass from St. Thomas. Our thanks to parishioners Gina and Ricardo for doing this task for us. Contact them at: 973-222-3774 or at contact@beardedroosterproductions.com for info on videography.

Free Firewood ! A large oak tree at St. James needs to come down. It should yield firewood for a whole season or more. The job would require a crane, and 'safety first' would be our main concern. If you think you could do this job, or know someone who can, and would like more info about location, etc., please speak to Art Henn, Harry Cole, Mike Spinapolice or Father Wayne. Take the wood, please.