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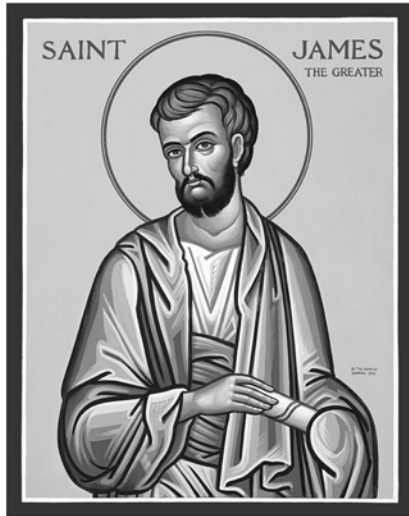
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75 River Road  
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## *St. Thomas the Apostle*

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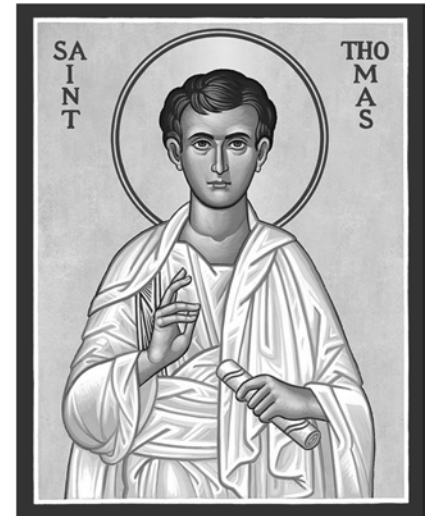
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## *Welcome*



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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

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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At St. Thomas the Apostle Church as part of the 9:30 am Mass.

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# Saint Joseph

**Husband of Mary; Guardian of Jesus; The Worker; Protector of the Church**

That resumé alone would put anyone at the top of the list of most important people. But it has taken Pope Francis' dedication of the year 2021 as the "**Year of Saint Joseph**" to put his influence into focus. Perhaps it's Saint Joseph's humility that keeps his crucial role in the background.

Saint Joseph appears only at the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. No words of his are quoted, but we can see from his actions that he was a man totally devoted to the Lord. Joseph took Mary into his home as his wife, even after the discovery of her pregnancy. He accepted Jesus as his own child and provided for Him and taught Him the family business of carpentry. In one incident, Joseph and Mary frantically search for their Son in a crowded Jerusalem during the time of the feast. We presume that Joseph died a peaceful death sometime while Jesus was still living at home.

May we honor Saint Joseph as a great model of faithfulness. We can meditate on those details that we have of him, and come to imagine his other inspiring qualities and virtues.

Here is a Litany that can be prayed as a way of seeking Saint Joseph's intercession:

## ***Litany of Saint Joseph***

**Lord have mercy:** Lord have mercy  
**Christ have mercy:** Christ have mercy  
**Lord have mercy:** Lord have mercy  
**Jesus hear us:** Jesus graciously hear us  
**God, the Father of heaven:** Have mercy on us  
**God the Son, Redeemer of the world:**  
Have mercy on us  
**God the Holy Spirit:** Have mercy on us  
**Holy Trinity, One God:** Have mercy on us  
**Holy Mary:** Pray for us  
**Saint Joseph:** Pray for us  
**Renowned offspring of David:** Pray for us  
**Light of patriarchs:** Pray for us  
**Spouse of the Mother of God:** Pray for us  
**Chaste guardian of the Virgin:** Pray for us  
**Foster father of the Son of God:** Pray for us  
**Diligent protector of the Child:** Pray for us  
**Head of the Holy Family:** Pray for us

**Joseph most just:** Pray for us  
**Joseph most chaste:** Pray for us  
**Joseph most prudent:** Pray for us  
**Joseph most strong:** Pray for us  
**Joseph most obedient:** Pray for us  
**Joseph most faithful:** Pray for us  
**Mirror of patience:** Pray for us  
**Lover of poverty:** Pray for us  
**Model of artisans:** Pray for us  
**Glory of home life:** Pray for us  
**Guardian of virgins:** Pray for us  
**Pillar of families:** Pray for us  
**Solace for the wretched:** Pray for us  
**Hope of the sick:** Pray for us  
**Patron of the dying:** Pray for us  
**Terror of demons:** Pray for us  
**Protector of Holy Church:** Pray for us

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:** Spare us O Lord  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:** Graciously hear us, O Lord  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:** Have mercy on us.

***He made him the lord of his household:** And prince over all his possessions.*

*Let us pray. O God, in Your ineffable providence You were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your most holy Mother. Grant, we beg You, that we may be made worthy to have him for our Intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our Protector. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 25, 2021**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Eugene & Rosalie Mauro at the  
Request of their Family

**SATURDAY, May 1**

8:00AM – Mavis Kaufman  
req. by her Family

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 2**

8:00AM – Harry Johnson  
req. by Wayne & Lyse von Doehren

11:30AM – Muriel Kennel  
req. by her Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**No Mass – April 18, 2021**

**\$ 269.00 – 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 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 Dom & Agnes Giordano at the  
Request of their Family

**MONDAY, April 26**

9:00AM – Intentions of Russ Spinks  
Birthday Celebration  
req. by Ken & Mary Burkhardt

**TUESDAY, April 27**

9:00AM – Emily Blickweidel  
req. by her Family

**WEDNESDAY, April 28**

9:00AM – Father Gerald Lewis  
req. by Mary Flexer

**THURSDAY, April 29**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, April 30**

9:00AM – Intentions of Mary & Jeff Nish  
Wedding Anniversary  
req. by their Family  
-Dorothy Devine  
req. by the Rosanelli Family

**SATURDAY, Vigil, May 1**

4:30PM – Isabel Ruiz-Diaz  
req. by the Diaz Family  
-Helen Salza  
req. by her daughter, Sharon Spangenberg

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 2**

9:30AM – Donald Powers  
req. by his daughter, Flo and granddaughter, Tarra

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**No Mass – April 18, 2021**

**\$1,204.00 – Online Giving**

**\$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, 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



### Save the Date – Catholic Summer Camp

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



### Kid's Questions – If Jesus Came Back To Life, Where Is He Now?

After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent 40 days on earth teaching and visiting with His followers: After 40 days, He ascended into heaven. This means Jesus' body and soul; reunited when He rose from the dead, went up into heaven as one. This event was part of God's plan to show us the power of God and the eternal rewards we can share if we live our lives for Christ.

Before Jesus rose into heaven, he instructed the disciples to pray and wait. Nine days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit was sent down at Pentecost. Even though Jesus left the world, He sent us help to live as Catholic Christians in the form of the Holy Spirit.

### **3 Places to Find Jesus Today**

- ❖ Jesus is all around us. He's in your neighbor, in the poor, in your friends, in your family and in you! As Christians we are called to always treat others as Jesus, and to represent Jesus back to them.
- ❖ Jesus is also present in the Eucharist. At Mass, we take Jesus into our bodies so that He can strengthen us. We are so close to heaven when we participate in the Eucharist!
- ❖ Jesus is in all of creation. The earth and all its creatures were created by God. We are entrusted with caring for it so that people can see God in the beauty that is creation.

(Taken from Take Out – Family Faith On The Go)



### The Sacrament of Confirmation

It is with great joy that we congratulate Emily Lawrence who was Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 9:30AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle. We also thank Thomas Yarosz, her fiancé and Sponsor, and Alex Sousa, our RCIA/Adult Confirmation Coordinator who have also been instrumental in bringing her to this day. We continue to pray for Emily and Thomas as they now look forward to soon celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.



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 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25, 2021**

**“Leaders of the people and elders: if we are being examined today about a good deed being done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, in his name this man stands before you healed... there is no salvation through anyone else.”**

The clear and forceful sermons of Peter in the Acts of the Apostles provide the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ. The same apostle who denied knowing Christ, bravely addressed those who were against or challenged the mighty deeds of the Lord.

As a practice during this Easter period, read these sermons and those of Paul, to reinforce your faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. We call these teachings the kerygmatic sermons, announcing and summarizing the basic mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We respect the name of Jesus, we reverently approach the One who offers us the gift of salvation today. ‘There is no other name...’

## ***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 25, 2021**

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

***Good Shepherd Sunday***

**Monday, Apr. 26**

**Tuesday, Apr. 27**

**Wednesday, Apr. 28**

**Thursday, Apr. 29**

**Friday, Apr. 30**

**Saturday, May 1**

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

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**Next Sunday's Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Easter**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Acts 4: 8—12*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 118*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 John 3: 1—2*

Gospel: *John 10: 11—18*

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### **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.

### **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. Dinner begins at 4 p.m. **The date has been changed to: Sunday, June 6.** The meal will still be delicious !

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**Good Shepherd Sunday.** This Fourth Sunday of Easter has traditionally been known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Gospel of the day always focuses on Jesus with this title. As our shepherd, Jesus walks with us and guides us towards green pastures (i.e. He wants for us to have all that we truly need.) As our shepherd He is there to defend us against wolves (the devil and his powers); He is there to save us from serious problems (we have the Commandments to keep us from much self-inflicted distress and consequences); He gives us the assurance of His presence as we move through the path of our lives. We have His example in the Gospels about how to handle many daily situations. May we resolve to always remain among His flock.

**Help Wanted: Shepherds for Today.** In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*

May we take this occasion to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Sisterhood and Brotherhood. May young people listen to the Lord calling them to serve in these special ways. Young people should know that if the Lord is calling them to this life, then nothing else will give them the true happiness they search for in life. May the Church of today be blessed with many dedicated servants. May the Church be likewise enriched with their talents and the zeal they offer to the Lord.

### **A Prayer for Vocations**

Loving God, You call all who believe in You  
to grow in perfect love by following  
in the footsteps of Christ Your Son.  
Call from among us more men and women  
who will serve You as Priests,  
Religious and Deacons.  
By their way of life,  
may they provide a convincing sign  
of Your Kingdom for the Church  
and the whole world.  
Bless those who are serving now  
With courage and perseverance.  
Grant that many will be inspired  
By their example of faith.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into  
his harvest"* -- Mt 9: 38



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