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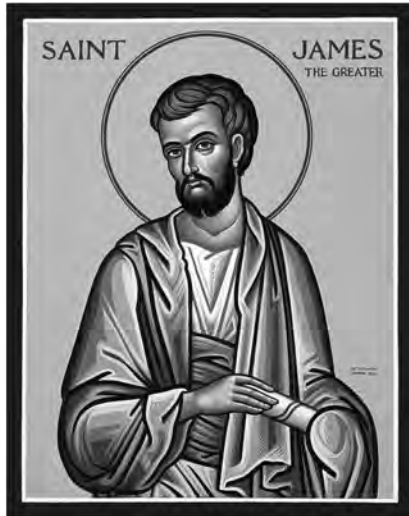
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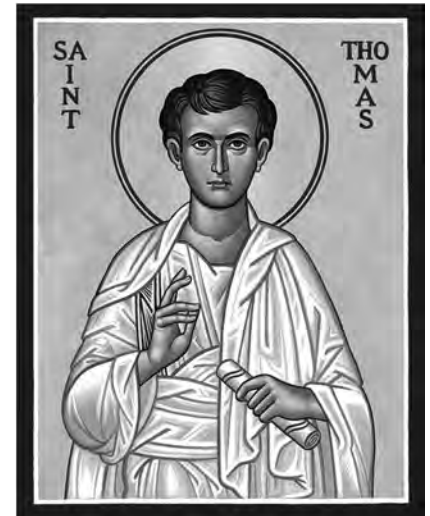
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Office Hours

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

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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

Adoption@CatholicCharities

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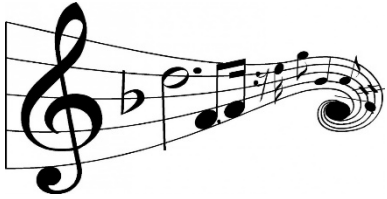
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(Grade 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School
(Grade 8 to 12)

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Death and Music

Our Readings today remind us of the end of the world. We do not know when it is coming. Jesus Himself said: *“Even the Son of Man does not know the day nor the hour.”* Yet we can trust that *some day* will be the *last day*.

The world itself prepares us for this. Each year at this time the trees lose their leaves, as the “dead” of winter approaches. The grass turns brown and becomes dormant; the flowers have stopped blooming. The days grow shorter, with the sun further away from us. Then there’s the winter weather !

Our faith also prepares us for our future demise. We find ourselves in the midst of November—the Month of All Souls. We are reminded of our deceased loved ones. We are called to pray for them. It all reminds us of our own eventual passing.

And yet we can come to understand something about the importance of death—through music. Did you know that the principle of death is very much alive in music ? Death, actually, is what makes music possible. If all there was was one single note—and if that note went on and on—there would be no melody and no music. What happens, though, in every song, is that each note comes into existence, has its moment of life (quarter-time or half-time) and then “dies”—as it were—to give way to the next note. As one note follows another—a beautiful song is created.

In a similar way, each of us comes into existence. Each has a certain life-span—a chance to do our part. Each of us will eventually pass into death. I wonder if—in the lives and deaths of His faithful people—God hears a beautiful song.

Our faith in Jesus’ Resurrection reminds us that our death is not the end of the song. Rather, on the other side of death, we will see a great light, and find the open arms of Jesus, and be welcomed into the fullness of life—the Kingdom of Heaven. Here the song of our lives will join that of the whole community of God’s faithful—to become a beautiful chorus of praise and thanksgiving to God for all eternity. We will join all the saints—and be re-united with our loved ones who have preceded us into the Kingdom.

When you sing your next song, let it be yet another practice for your part in the great symphony that the Lord is conducting in heaven.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 14, 2021

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Michael & Patricia Soletro at the
Request of Kate & Emilia

SATURDAY, November 20

8:00AM – Beatrice Kosmowski
req. by Ann Dilger

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 21

8:00AM – Nathan C. Lewis
req. by the Stoll Family
-Deceased Members of the Columbiettes
req. by the Columbiettes
11:30AM – Deceased Members of the Columbiettes
req. by the Columbiettes

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,128.00 – Regular Collection – November 7, 2021

\$ 326.00 – Online Giving

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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

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St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Deceased Columbiettes at the
Request of the Columbiettes

MONDAY, November 15

9:00AM – Carol A. Pierson
req. by her Family

TUESDAY, November 16

9:00AM – Orvil D. Jackson
req. by his Family

WEDNESDAY, November 17

9:00AM – Donald Martin, Sr.
req. by his Family

THURSDAY, November 18

No Mass

FRIDAY, November 19

9:00AM – Peg O'Brien
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, November 20

4:30PM – Deceased Members of the Columbiettes
req. by the Columbiettes

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 21

9:30AM – Deceased Members of the Columbiettes
req. by the Columbiettes

Deceased Members of the Columbiettes:

***Cordelia Cafone, Janice Cerra, Gail Collis,
Mary Gibbons, Marge Gibbons, Bernadette
Hoffman, Virginia Monk, Sophie Muga,
Regina Quinn, Grace Reich and Josephine
Yarosz.***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,690.00 – Regular Collection – November 7, 2021

\$1,897.00 – Online Giving

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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

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 Ann
Grate, Jeff Guenkauf, Patricia Harrington, Erin Hockenberry, Anil Jain,
Tony & Jodi Lupo, Teresa Mantani, Dolores Menzella, Joshua Murch,
Richard Nowicki, Michael Paino, Deacon Joe Roder, Ginny Sabia, Chris
Sarao, Brian Scarpone, Cecelia Smith, Shirley Strong, Jen Vaughn, John
Veres, Jr., Richard Vergona, Casandra Westbrook and Ricky Wunder



We ask your continued prayers for the following men and
women of our parish who are serving our country in the Armed Forces:
George Abboud, Sage Eruzaud, 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.



November Classes

Grade 7 (Conf. I Prep) and Grade 8 (Conf. II Prep) – Sun., Nov. 14 & 28 from 9:30AM Mass until 12:30PM.

Grades 3, 4 & 6 – Tuesday, Nov. **16 (at St. Thomas Church)** and 30 at REC from 4:00PM until 5:30PM

Grades 1, 2 & 5 – Wednesday, Nov. **17 (at St. Thomas Church)** and Dec. 1 at REC from 4:00PM until 5:30PM

Celebrate November ~

November 16 – St. Gertrude, Virgin

Although the Church prays for and remembers the faithful departed throughout the year, they are particularly remembered during the month of November. This prayer, given to St. Gertrude, is very appropriate during this month because our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it was said in faith. The prayer was extended to include living sinners which would alleviate the indebtedness accrued to them during their lives. Please try to remember to pray this prayer as often as you can:

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”

St. Thomas the Apostle Annual Bake Sale, Craft Fair and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 20th, from 10 AM to 4 PM rain or shine.

We have crochet, honey, woodworking, jewelry, religious items, books, memorabilia, children's gifts and much more. We also have all kinds of baked goods (pies, cookies, brownies, cakes, etc.) at reasonable prices to purchase. And a large amount of flea market items. If you need more information, please call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092.

Volunteers needed. If you would like to volunteer to bake, bring breakfast items for the coffee hours or volunteer to help set up or clean up after coffee hours or pot luck dinners, please leave your name and phone number on the volunteer sheet in the gathering space.



“Eucharistic Miracles of the World” Exhibit –

This Is a Must See!

A traveling exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will take place on **Saturday, November 20th and Sunday, November 21st at St. Kateri Church in Sparta.** This exhibit has been brought to several parishes throughout the Diocese of Paterson and has been viewed by many Catholic men, women and children!

Blessed Carlo Acutis (May 3, 1991-October 12, 2006) created this exhibit. From an early age, he showed a special love for God and empathy for people – especially children – who were bullied or disabled. As an amateur computer programmer, he developed a fascination with Eucharistic miracles from around the world, researching them and even visiting some sites where they occurred. He cataloged them onto a website, which he created before his death. At 15, he was diagnosed with Leukemia, bringing him suffering and pain that he offered up to the Lord, the Pope and the Catholic Church. He was beatified by Pope Francis last year in the Italian city of Assisi.

One of our diocesan parishes that recently hosted this exhibit, St. Mary's in Dover, recently built a shrine to Blessed Carlo (check it out when you are in that area). Their pastor, Fr. Lemmuel said “Kids can relate to Blessed Carlo. He is an example for the youth of love of the Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the life of Christ. As a millennial, Blessed Carlo could become the first saint depicted wearing jeans and sneakers – with a halo!”

I very much recommend you make some time in your schedule that weekend for your family to witness this fascinating display. It is especially a wonderful thing to do in this month as we celebrate all of the Saints and pray for Blessed Carlo Acutis' canonization to Sainthood!

2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

“Let Your Light Shine”

It is important that when you give to a charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary education and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal are returned to the parish directly for their own pastoral needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passiac and Sussex counties. Please make a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org.

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, November 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. STC Mass & Class Conf. I & II

Monday, Nov. 15

Tuesday, Nov. 16

1:00 p.m. STC Bible Study

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 6

Wednesday, Nov. 17

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1, 2 & 5

Thursday, Nov. 18

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

Friday, Nov. 19

10:00a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Nov. 20

10:00a.m. STC **St. Thomas Craft Fair, Bake Sale & Flea Market Till 4 p.m.**

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Next Sunday's Readings: *Christ the King*

1st Reading: *Daniel 7: 13–14*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 93*

2nd Reading: *Revelation 1: 5–8*

Gospel: *John 18: 33b–37*

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“Catholics in Recovery.” Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Branchville is beginning a new ministry for our area. It is designed to offer a Catholic solution to those struggling with addictions or unhealthy attachments such as alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, pornography, smoking, co-dependency. It will show how Jesus is the highest power, and can enable us to conquer these addictions with the influence of the Holy Spirit. Ongoing meetings will be on Mondays, 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. For more info, call the O.L.Q.P. Office: 973-948-3185.

St. Thomas Bake Sale, Craft Fair and Flea Market will be held **next Sat. Nov. 20**. Bakers and volunteers are needed. Call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092 for info or to help.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. Join us for our first ecumenical service in a long time. The date is **Monday, November 22, at 7 p.m. St. Thomas** will be the host. There will be a food collection for our three pantries. There will be social time and refreshments afterwards. Our ladies are asked to donate a dessert, if possible. Let us join with our Christian neighbors and pray for the Lord to continue to bless our land.

Vermont Farmhouse Raffle. No, you don't have to move to Vermont if you win. You can take some of Vermont home with you. Enjoy this scale-model doll house, built by a parishioner, and perfect for a child or grandchild at Christmas. And it's already on premises, not in a shipping container off the Calif. coast. Tickets are \$ 5 each, or three for \$ 10. **Drawing will be Sunday, Dec. 19.** This Raffle is a fundraiser for both our parishes.

Camp Auxilium in Newton presents “*Dinner with Santa*” and “*Christmas Lights at Camp A.*” Come for Dinner at the 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. seating. Cost of tickets: Adults--\$ 10.; Children up to 5 years old--\$ 5. Order forms for tickets are available at our Parish Office. For more info call 973-383-2621.

FORMED.org Simply go to our parish website: saintjamestomas.org. At the home page, scroll down to: “*To access FORMED content*” (on the right) to register (first time) or login (each time after). Many movies, tapes, etc.

Recommended by FORMED:

Listen: *Science, the Origin of the Universe and God.*

All too often science is pitted falsely against Faith, to disprove the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, S. J.—expert in physics, philosophy and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origins of the universe with sound reason, credible science and faithful theology. The talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.

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