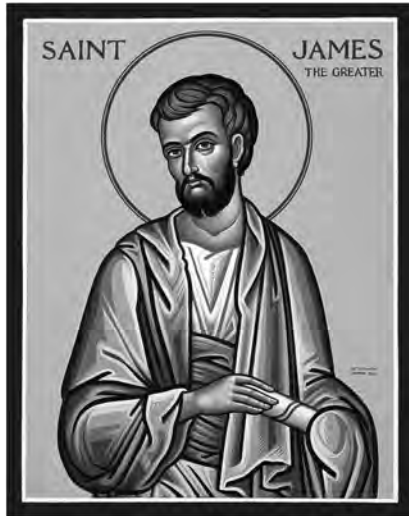


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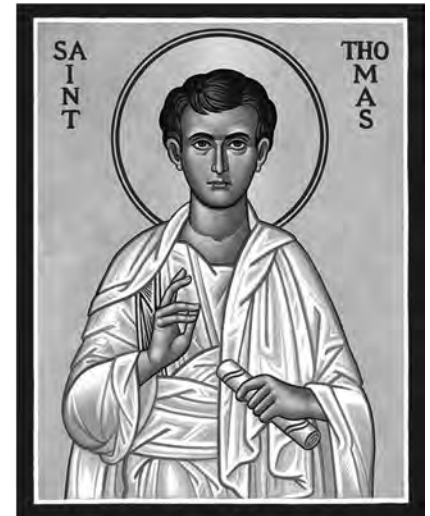
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E-mail ----- stjamesthomas@aol.com

Website ----- saintjamesthomas.org

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. 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

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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

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

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The Challenge of Living the Beatitudes

"Blessed are you who are poor"

-- Luke 6: 20



Who actually wants to embrace a life of poverty, mourning and hunger ? Who actually believes that poverty is the way to blessing and happiness ? Jesus does, because that's the way He lived, and it's the way He wants all of us to live as well.

Deep down, we all know that money doesn't make people happy. There are plenty of miserable millionaires. Rich or poor, it is good relationships that make people happy. And what could be a more important relationship than our relationship with God ? No wonder Jesus was so happy. He had an unbroken relationship with His heavenly Father.

Jesus didn't restrict His vision to the world around Him. He also kept His eyes fixed on His heavenly Father. With His heart lifted up to God's presence, and His mind filled with truth by the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to look at life clearly and joyfully. He wasn't bound by money or the desire for a problem-free life where He always got His way. He was happy just knowing His Father, and following His Father's Will.

Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to teach us the secret of happiness. He knows that prosperous sinners are miserable people—however much the world envies them. The world cannot see the emotions of a heart that is devoid of God's love. It's important to know that Jesus is not against money itself. He only wants us to set goals that go far beyond the accumulation of wealth.

Jesus once told His disciples that He had 'food' that they knew nothing about, and that this 'food' was to do His Father's Will (John 4: 32, 34). As we learn to keep our minds fixed on the promises of God, we too will discover the secret to Jesus' peace and happiness. By following in Jesus' footsteps, we can know the same happiness He knew—the same happiness that fills all the saints and angels in heaven.

--from: *The Word Among Us*
Archives

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 13, 2022

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Dale R. Briegel at the
Request of his son, Dale

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Jozef Szwajkiewicz at the
Request of John & Maria Babon

SATURDAY, February 19

8:00AM – Peg O'Brien
req. by her Family

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 20

8:00AM – Jonathan Santos
req. by Heartbroken, Linda & Mike Spinapolice

11:30AM – Anna Gioielli
req. by her Grandchildren

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,572.00 – Regular Collection – February 6, 2022

\$ 486.00 – Online Giving

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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

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Link.**

MONDAY, February 14

9:00AM – Elsie Bastian
req. by her son, Andy
-Jerry Dilger
req. by his Parents

TUESDAY, February 15

9:00AM – Michelle Ando
req. by her Godmother

WEDNESDAY, February 16

9:00AM – Father Sylvester Livolsi
req. by Mary Flexer
-Dale R. Briegel
req. by his wife, Rosemarie

THURSDAY, February 17

No Mass

FRIDAY, February 18

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

SATURDAY, Vigil, February 19

4:30PM – Helen Tobin
req. by her Family

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 20

9:30AM – Jozef Babon
req. by Mike & Meg Milligan
-Jozef Szwajkiewicz
req. by John & Maria Babon
-Intentions of Gerry Mahon
Birthday Celebration
req. by Dawn Fugger

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

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, 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, Saige Bruzard, 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

\$ 1,391.00 – Regular Collection – February 6, 2022

\$ 1,671.00 – Online Giving

\$ 4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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February Classes

Grade 7 (Conf. I Prep) and Grade 8 (Conf. II Prep) – Sun., Feb. 13 and 27 from 9:30AM Mass until 12:30PM.

Grades 3, 4 & 6 – Tuesday, Feb. 15 at REC from 4:00PM until 5:30PM

Grades 1, 2 & 5 – Wednesday, Feb. 16 at REC from 4:00PM until 5:30PM

The Beatitudes

In today's Gospel, we heard Jesus speaking to His followers about how to live a happy and holy life. When Jesus was teaching the people in His Sermon on the Mount, He gave them and us the Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Beatitudes are some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus, and also some of the most challenging. In a 2011 Angelus address, Pope Benedict XVI called the Beatitudes a "new program of life" that "free ourselves from the false values of the world and open ourselves to the true good, present and future."



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

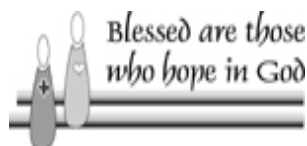
Congratulations to the following children of our parishes who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time yesterday:

Andrew Adam, Jack Adam, Brooklyn Dickinson, Josephine Farrell, Zanna Guida, Amelie Marrero, Autumn McEvilly, Teagan Morrow, Emily Newton, Sebastian Ponce Munoz, Cyrus Sinha, Joshua Sousa, Michelle Tappen, Amelia Weiss and Mason Williams. Special thanks to their parents, their catechist, Marie Mendez and aide, Sabrina Dispenziere, Father Wayne and Father Louis Caputo, S.D.V. from the Sanctuary of Mary in Branchville who helped to prepare them for this very special encounter with Jesus. Please keep these young members of our parishes in your prayer as they continue to prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ this spring.

St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner

The next Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, February 19th** in the Father Lewis Center immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass. As always, members of both churches are welcome. Come join us. Pot Luck Dinners are free. Just bring your favorite dish to share. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space or call the Parish Office.

Please contact Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092 or leave your number at the parish office if you would like to volunteer to help set up before and/or clean up after coffee hours or pot luck dinners.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 13, 2022**

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the water that stretches out its roots in the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

May we listen as Jeremiah speaks and using the image from the environment, reflect upon his teaching. Where do I place my trust, in whom is my hope?

As we experience climate change, reflect upon Francis' Laudato Si', as we watch millions of acres burn, floods wipe out entire villages, and crops spoil because of lack of rain, Jeremiah's words should touch us deeply. The earth and what it contains is a gift and we are to take care of it for present and future generations.

The mantra, 'Jesus I trust in you', asks us to manifest concern for all creation and others.

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, February 13, 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. STC Mass & Class Conf. I & II
9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass
1:-00p.m. SJC Valentine's 50/50 Raffle drawing

Monday, Feb. 14

Happy St. Valentine's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 15

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

Wednesday, Feb. 16

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1, 2 & 3

Thursday, Feb. 17

Friday, Feb. 18

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

Saturday, Feb. 19

4:30 p.m. STC Pot Luck Supper after Mass

Sunday, February 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Next Sunday's Readings: 7th Ord.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7--13, 22--23
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 103
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45--49
Gospel: Luke 6: 27--38

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Recommended by FORMED:

Watch: "The Jeweller's Shop." Based on the play by Pope John Paul II. Tells of the triumphs and struggles in the marriages of three couples, A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) advises the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Also appearing: Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross.

Valentine's Day 50 / 50 Raffle. Drawing takes place today at 1 p.m. at St. James. All are welcome to attend. Three chances to win: 50%--30%--20%. Tickets are \$ 5.00 each. Stand by your phone to get some good news (hopefully !)

Join us for Bible Study every Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Fr. Lewis Center. Currently we have been studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Soon, the life of King David. The refreshments help us to study better. No sign-up or registration required. Just appear.



A Super Bowl Sunday Prayer

"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." 1 Timothy 4: 8

Father, the athletes playing in the Super Bowl today will demonstrate the results of physical training, discipline and determination to win. These are all admirable traits in the pursuit of excellence.

Father, may we recognize with the Apostle Paul that: "All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." 1 Cor. 9:25-27

I ask, Father, that we Christians may be devoted in our daily lives to the training and discipline in godliness which will honor and glorify You. And I pray for the safety and success of Your people serving You in the arena of life. I also pray for those engaged in this game of great competition (Super Bowl 56): that they be safe from serious injury and that they demonstrate the kind of sportsmanship that would honor You and be a credit to their game.

Through every area of endeavor I pray for Your glory in the name of Jesus who accomplished the greatest victory: salvation through faith in his sacrifice for us. Amen.
—from: *Daily Prayer*

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