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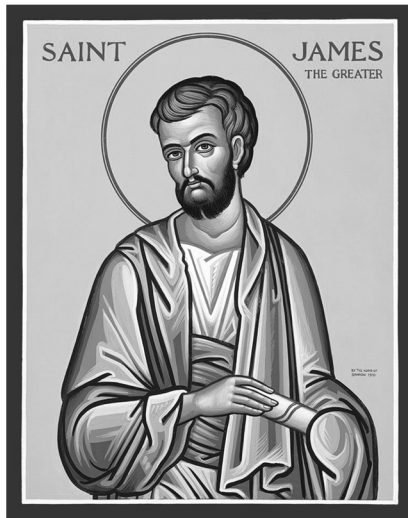
St. James the Greater

75 River Road
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St. Thomas the Apostle

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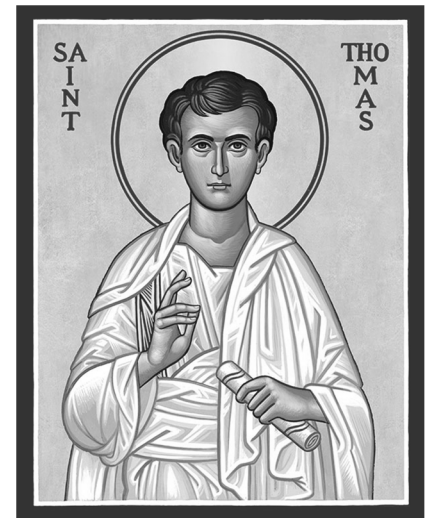
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Rectory ----- 973-293-7582

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. 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠ APRIL 23, 2023

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Josephine Yarosz at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, April 29

8:00AM – William F. Coe, Jr.
req. by his Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30

8:00AM – Jean Emerson
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg

11:30AM – Robert Alexander Rough
req. by Billy & Cecilia Rough

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of a Friend

MONDAY, April 24

9:00AM – Owen Barr
req. by his daughter, Mary Flexer

TUESDAY, April 25

9:00AM – Bill Weber
req. by Flo & Andy Puccio

WEDNESDAY, April 26

9:00AM – Russ Spinks
req. by Ken & Mary Burkhardt

THURSDAY, April 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, April 28

9:00AM – Intentions of Catherine Ruggiero
req. by her Aunt Di

SATURDAY, Vigil, April 29

4:30PM – Rev. Gerald Lewis
req. by Mary Flexer
-Jerry & Judy Wainwright
req. by the Wainwright Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30

9:30AM – Alan Quick
req. by Carolyn & John Groel



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

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Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

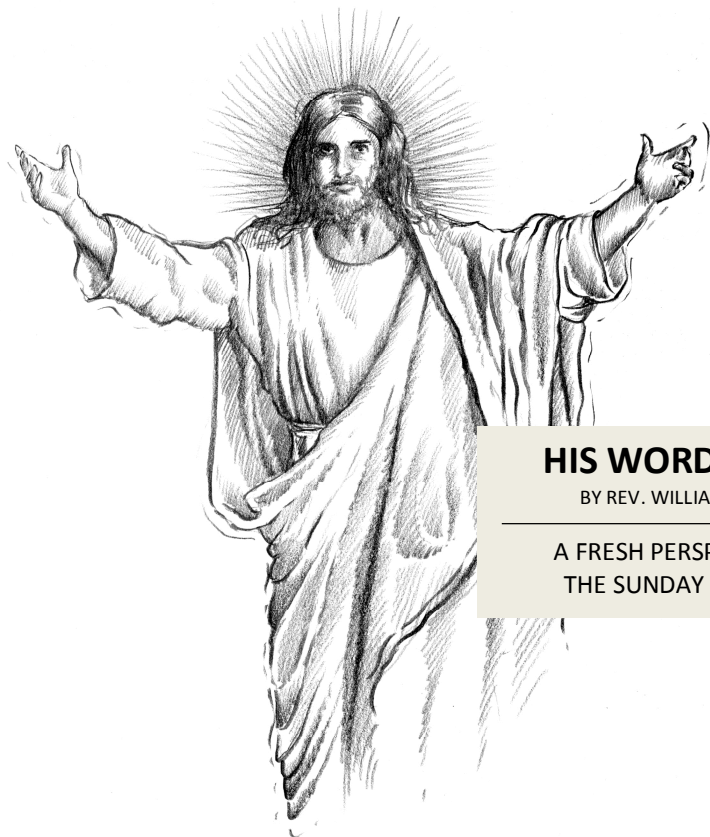
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“...Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.”

The first Christians received ongoing formation in their newfound faith. One method was to listen to the teachings found in the letters of Peter and Paul, offering words of encouragement and support. Familiarize yourself with this text of Peter, reminding us where we once were and what has been given us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. They, and we, were ransomed and saved by the blood of Jesus. We are still in Easter time.

Unfortunately we forget this. Even today we hear of people paying ransom to rescue family members from cartels in Latin America or gangs in Haiti. How fortunate that we have been rescued, as we pray for today's victims of violence and oppression.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

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