

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



St. James the Greater
Montague, New Jersey

St. Thomas the Apostle
Sandyston, New Jersey



PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

**O GOD OUR CREATOR,
FROM YOUR PROVIDENT HAND WE HAVE RECEIVED
OUR RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
YOU HAVE CALLED US AS YOUR PEOPLE AND GIVEN US
THE RIGHT AND THE DUTY TO WORSHIP YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD,
AND YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST.**

**THROUGH THE POWER AND WORKING OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT,
YOU CALL US TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN THE MIDST OF THE WORLD,
BRINGING THE LIGHT AND THE SAVING TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL
TO EVERY CORNER OF SOCIETY.**

**WE ASK YOU TO BLESS US
IN OUR VIGILANCE FOR THE GIFT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.
GIVE US THE STRENGTH OF MIND AND HEART
TO READILY DEFEND OUR FREEDOMS WHEN THEY ARE THREATENED;
GIVE US COURAGE IN MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD
ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHTS OF YOUR CHURCH
AND THE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE OF ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH.**

**GRANT, WE PRAY, O HEAVENLY FATHER,
A CLEAR AND UNITED VOICE TO ALL YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS
GATHERED IN YOUR CHURCH
IN THIS DECISIVE HOUR IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION,
SO THAT, WITH EVERY TRIAL WITHSTOOD
AND EVERY DANGER OVERCOME—
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN, OUR GRANDCHILDREN,
AND ALL WHO COME AFTER US—
THIS GREAT LAND WILL ALWAYS BE
“ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE,
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.”
WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 25, 2023

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Birthday Intentions of Albert L. Dunn at the
Request of his sister, Rosie

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of Mary, Queen of All Hearts at the
Request of the Rimshnick Family

SATURDAY, July 1

8:00AM – Frank Morgiewicz
req. by his wife, Linda Lee

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2

8:00AM – Tina Klimkiewicz
req. by Art & Maria Henn

11:30AM – Pat Follette
req. by her Family

MONDAY, June 26

9:00AM – Edmund Friel
req. by his daughter, Sue

TUESDAY, June 27

9:00AM – Tim O'Connell
req. by Joseph Godlewsky

WEDNESDAY, June 28

9:00AM – Jim Egan
req. by John, Irene & Anne Egan

THURSDAY, June 29

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 30

9:00AM – Russ Spinks and Alan Quick
req. by Jim & Diane Campbell

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 1

4:30PM – Jen Wycalek
req. by Sharon Spangenberg

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2

9:30AM – Robert Larsen
req. by Dawn-Anne Fugger

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 748.00 – Regular Collection – June 18, 2023
\$ 586.00 – Online Giving
\$ 276.00 – Seminarian Education
\$1,515.00 – Regular Collection – June 19, 2022
\$ 111.00 – Seminarian Education – June 19, 2022
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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

For On-Line Giving: log onto our website:
saintjamesthomas.org Then go to On-Line Giving Link.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,415.00 – Regular Collection – June 18, 2023
\$1,107.00 – Online Giving
\$ 416.00 – Seminarian Education
\$2,802.00 – Regular Collection – June 19, 2022
\$ 365.00 – Seminarian Education – June 19, 2022
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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

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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:

T.J. Albert, Agnes Ciesielski, Phyllis Coneys, John Conrad, Sr., Melissa Cunningham, Geraldine Dayko, Audrey DeMarco, Terri Eaton, Gerry Gacquin, Peggy Gray, Patricia Harrington, Tracy Harriott, Patricia Hassan, Erin Hockenberry, Diane Hoos, Charles Jensen, Jonathan Kim, Fred & Pat Leute, Teresa Mantani, Gen Miller, Richard Nowicki, Andy Puccio, Deacon Joe Roder, Ginny Sabia, Frances Sangiorgi, Joan Sangiorgi, Brian Scarpone, Kathleen Sibbio, Cecelia Smith, Pastor Mike Sweeney, Richard Vergona, Walter Winkler, 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, Colton Lawrence, Joseph Mannion, Hunter Olenick, Christopher & Ana Sarao, Nicole Sarao, Marissa Snook, Peter Spinks and James Orr



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary for both St. Thomas and St. James parishes meets on Tuesday mornings at St. Thomas the Apostle Church after the 9 AM daily Mass in the Father Lewis Center. The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of the lay apostolate in which Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest.



Registrations for 2023/2024 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children and teens for the upcoming catechetical year were mailed out last week and **are due back by Friday, August 4, 2023.**

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 at 973-948-7004 to register.

To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.



Catholic Summer Camp

Catholic Summer Camp for our children who have registered and our young teens and parents who have volunteered to assist, takes place from Monday, June 26th through June 30th at OLQP in Branchville from 9:00am until noon. This year's theme will be *The Holy Mass*. We are looking forward to a great week of faith, friendship and fun!

Celebrate June

The Church is back to Ordinary Time – but it's anything but ordinary! During Ordinary Time we learn about Jesus' life. Although Religious Education Classes are on a break over the summer months doesn't mean we stop learning about Jesus! Find ways to keep your faith alive each and every day!

June 29 ~ Sts. Peter and Paul ~ Peter and Paul were important men as the Church was forming. Peter was given authority of the Church by Jesus and Paul traveled to many places to preach about Jesus. Both of these saints were martyred in Rome. To find out about more of their lives and their works, spend some time this summer and read the Acts of the Apostles.

Sts. Peter and Paul, pray for us!

Listen Up – It's in the Bible

June 25 – "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

What are some ways God takes care of you?



Youth Group Gatherings

The Youth Group for 7th through 12th graders of Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. James the Greater parishes will be meeting on **Saturday, June 24th from 6:00 until 7:15pm** at OLQP in Branchville. Come and enjoy the companionship of new and old friends! Come for the food, fun and friendship! Come and find out about all the great activities and events they have planned for YOU! For more information, please call Mary Flexer at 862-268-1876.



Congratulations Graduates

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations and many blessings to all who are graduating from Elementary School, Junior and Senior High School, College or Graduate School. May you know of the prayers and best wishes of many who are praying for you to continue to seek the help of God as you move forward to different schools or career opportunities. May you always call on the Holy Spirit for His gifts to help make decisions which will always give glory, honor and praise to Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic

Our St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 2nd starting at 1:00pm**. All are welcome. There is no charge. If you plan on coming, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the gathering space **so we know how many to cook for.** Hamburgers, franks and chicken will be provided by the church as well as soda, water, coffee, tea and a large cake.

Volunteers are needed to pick tables up from the Religious Education Center and help with set up and clean up, etc. Please contact Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092 or leave your name and phone number with Rosemarie at the church. A small canopy or tent would be useful for shading the cooking area and/or other areas on the great lawn.

Please note that the 50/50 raffle will be drawn at the picnic. Your presence is not necessary.

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, June 25, 2023
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

9:45 a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.
1:00 p.m. STC Bible Study

Wednesday, June 28

Thursday, June 29

Friday, June 30

9:45 a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, July 1

10:00a.m. O.L.Q.P Mass and March for Life
3:00 p.m. STC Holy Hour for Life

Sunday, July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00 p.m. STC St. Thomas Parish Picnic !

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Next Sunday's Readings: 13th Ord.

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8—11, 14—16a
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 89
2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3—4, 8--11
Gospel: Matthew 10: 37—42

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FORMED.org. You may have extra time over the summer months. A good way to spend it is by exploring FORMED.org. It is a Catholic educational site that offers Bible studies, movies, lectures by prominent authors, movies for kids, and more. We have a parish subscription, and so all parishioners are encouraged to access this site for free. Simply go to our parish website: saintjamesthomas.org. At the home page, scroll down to the FORMED banner to register (first time) or login (each time after). There are hundreds of items available.

Our thanks to all who attended the “**Holy Hour for Life**,” sponsored by our Legion of Mary yesterday afternoon. And for all who joined in the **peaceful procession through the streets of Branchville** in the morning. Both demonstrated our Catholic belief in the sacredness of human life. May our prayers and our actions help our nation to turn from the abortion mentality, to a rediscovery of God’s precious gift of human life.

A Prayer Petition for our Nation.

For a national rejection of the idea that abortion is the solution to economic problems; and instead that all children in the womb be respected as sacred gifts of God to our world, we pray

St. Thomas Parish Picnic will be held **next Sunday, July 2**. It is the closest week-end to St. Thomas’ Feast Day: July 3rd. It will be held on the Great Lawn, with music, food and drink, games for the kids, 50 / 50 raffle, and more. Bring a lawn chair if you’d like and enjoy some time outside with parishioners and friends. The Fr. Lewis Center will be available also, for indoor picnicking. All from both parishes are invited to attend.
P. S. St. James Parish Picnic: coming soon.

On-Line Giving: a chance to give and forget. Simply reach our parish website, saintjamesthomas.org. You will find the link to On-Line Giving. Follow it through and it will easily set you up for weekly or monthly contributions. With our thanks.

Notice from the Diocese of Paterson.

“If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor’s Office and the Diocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Msgr. T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Theresa Lee, F.M.A., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.”

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