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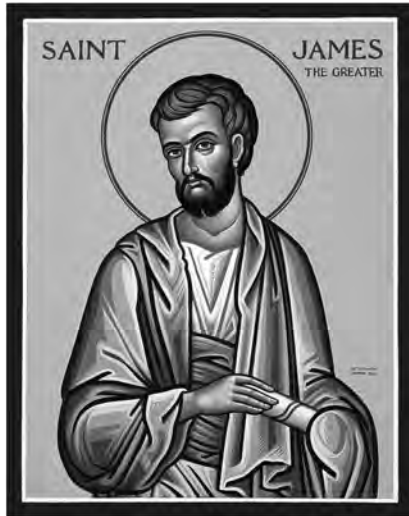
## *St. James the Greater*

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

210 Route 206 North  
Sandyston, New Jersey



Office for both parishes is located at  
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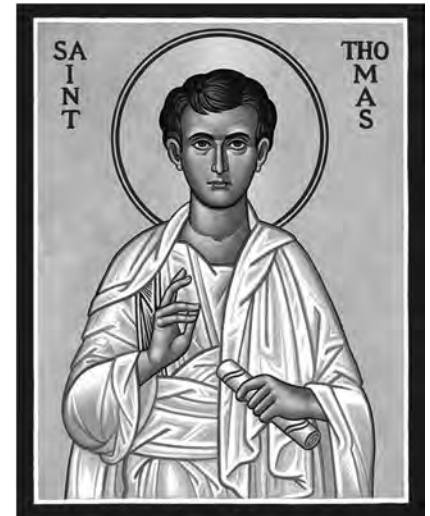
*Website* ----- saintjamesthomas.org

*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

## *Pregnancy Assistance*

Call 1-800-395-HELP or Tri-State

Pregnancy: 570-491-5151

Good Counsel: 1-800-723-8331

for pregnant mothers in need anytime, anyplace.

[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

## *Post Abortion Healing*

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1-877-LUMINA1 (877-586-4621)

[www.postabortionhelp.org](http://www.postabortionhelp.org)

## 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](mailto:Adoption@CatholicCharities)

*The Schools of The Catholic Academy of Sussex County*

973-729-6125 ext. 225

Rev. George A. Brown School  
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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ JULY 9, 2023

### St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Eleanor L. Macko at the  
Request of her Family

### SATURDAY, July 15

8:00AM – Orvil D. Jackson  
req. by his Family

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### July 16

8:00AM – Louise Backus  
req. by Art & Maria Henn

11:30AM – Dom & Agnes Giordano  
req. by their Family

### St. Thomas the Apostle

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

### MONDAY, July 10

9:00AM – Jim Matthews  
req. by his father, Jim

### TUESDAY, July 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, July 12

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

### THURSDAY, July 13

No Mass

### FRIDAY, July 14

9:00AM – Francis J. Montimurro  
req. by his Family

### SATURDAY, Vigil, July 15

4:30PM – Dale R. Briegel  
req. by his son, Dale  
-70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions of Elizabeth Theresa Brengel  
req. by Jo Ann Lacovara Friel

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### July 16

9:30AM – Elizabeth O'Connor  
req. by Mike & Patrice Kealy  
-Intentions of the Legion of Mary  
req. by the Legion of Mary



### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10**

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Contrasting "flesh and spirit," Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the "Spirit."

#### **Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, "Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

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#### **Sunday**

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

#### **Monday**

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

#### **Tuesday**

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

#### **Wednesday**

Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

#### **Thursday**

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

#### **Friday**

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

#### **Saturday**

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will...No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."**

How many times in the scriptures we find Jesus at prayer, communicating with His heavenly Father.

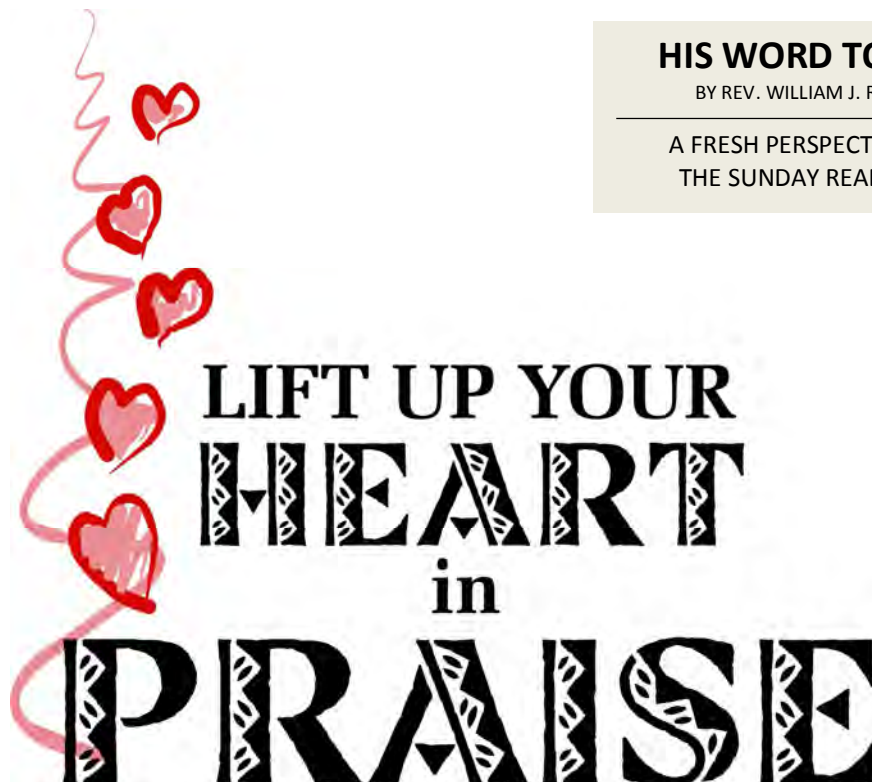
In Gethsemani, at Calvary, we are privy to His intimate conversation with the Father. We join in praise of God, because we are the little ones, desiring to know the Father and the Son who He has sent.

John tells us this is eternal life. Jesus invites us today to move in His direction, to go to Him and please, bring all your cares, needs, and gratitude and place them in His loving hands. His gracious invitation is for us, now, as we reflect on His prayer, and He reveals His love to us.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS





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