

# The Roman Catholic Communities of

**St. James the Greater**  
75 River Road  
Montague, New Jersey

and

**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
210 Route 206 North  
Sandyston, New Jersey

Office for both parishes is located at  
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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga**  
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Mrs. Patricia Hope  
PARISH SECRETARY: Mrs. Rosemarie Briegel

**Mass Schedule at St. James**  
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM

**Mass Schedule at St. Thomas**  
Saturday: 4:30 PM – Vigil  
Sunday: 9:30 AM  
Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 9:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
St. Thomas the Apostle - Saturday - 4:00 PM - 4:20 PM or by appointment

**Religious Education for children (CCD):**  
Religious Education/Youth Office and classes are located at the Msgr. Gacquin Youth/ Religious Education Center,  
122 Layton-Hainesville Road, Sandyston (mail should be sent to parish office address listed above)  
**Phone: 973-948-7004 ~ Fax: 973-948-7007**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (September through April):**  
At St. Thomas the Apostle Church as part of the 9:30 AM Mass.

**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.

**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.

**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:**  
Project Rachel 973-777-8818, ext. 272  
Lumina: Hope and Healing After Abortion: 1.877.LUMINA1 (877.586.4621)  
[www.postabortionhelp.org](http://www.postabortionhelp.org)  
**Adoption Services:**  
Adoption@CatholicCharities.

**Welcome -We Are a Tithing Parish**

## Getting 'FORMED' in our Catholic Faith (2)

*A number of parishioners have looked into the materials offered by the FORMED library. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to contact the site this month, using the steps listed on p. 5 of this Bulletin. Explore a few of the movies and audio C.D.'s and e-books and let me know if they would be helpful to you throughout the next year. Our 'parish sample subscription' runs through August 31. Here are a few of the selections you will find:*

### **Movies:**

***Restless Heart*** Filmed in Europe, the first full-length feature movie on Augustine, it uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, and redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

***Joan of Arc*** She died at 19, and 500 years later, her legend and legacy is stronger than ever. Born to a peasant French family, Joan hears the voices of saints calling out to her to unite her besieged nation. Leelee Sobieski shines as the legendary warrior and saint, Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed. *Joan of Arc* is a riveting epic film of faith, inspiration, triumph and tears.

***Gardener of God*** This film tells the inspiring story of Gregor Mendel (1822 - 1884), who is considered the father of the modern genetics, a science that changed the world. He was a Catholic priest and Augustinian monk who lived in the 19th century in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The movie reveals how he combined his vocation as a priest and training as a scientist to impact the world by courageously following his passion for the truth. Mendel was a man of contemplation and of action, a dedicated priest and visionary scientist who is an important witness for contemporary society on how faith and science are not in conflict with each other

### **Audio C.D.'s:**

***Anger and Forgiveness*** Catholic psychotherapist Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald provides a spiritual and psychological prescription for overcoming the sinful anger that poisons the mind from within, causing alienation and division. His practical wisdom shows that only by learning how to forgive can we hope to promote healing and understanding in our relationships and enjoy the blessings of a forgiving heart.

***Emotional Virtue*** Today's dating scene is more complicated than ever, especially with social media, texting, and the endless pressure of the world's expectations. Learn how to navigate through the confusion and discover the freedom that comes from living a virtuous life. Sarah Swafford speaks to teens and young adults about how to live a drama-free life.

***This Changes Everything*** Many religions make contrasting claims about Jesus. Even different Christian denominations can't decide what they believe. So how do we know what's true? In this talk, Ken Yasinski gets the heart of the issue by looking at what Jesus said about Himself, and the impact this has on us.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 21, 2016**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Helen Briegel at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, August 27**

8:00AM – Gertrude Gay  
req. by her Family

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 28**

8:00AM – Dale R. Briegel  
req. by his son, Dale

11:30AM – No Mass

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$ 959.00 – Regular Collection – August 14, 2016**  
**\$ 317.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan**  
**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**  
**\$ 713.00 – Regular Collection – August 16, 2015**  
**\$ 540.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan 2015**  
***Consider a gift to St. James Parish in your will.***

**Rosaries for Peace**

Please join us Sundays before 9:30am Mass for recitation of the First Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary. The remaining mysteries will be recited immediately after Mass. Rosary beads are available in the Gathering Space.

The Saturday eve Mass will also be preceded by a Rosary for Peace, beginning at 4:10 p.m. May we ask our Blessed Mother, Patroness of our Nation, to help us find peace in our nation and in the world.

**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 Diana, Legion of Mary, at 973-948-7601. *Pray the Family Rosary*

**TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:**

Margaret Accordino, Mary Cunico, Derya Dimertas, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Clara Kane, Jeff Librizzi, Betty Mastrelli, Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, Cathy Moyer, Danielle Parker, Marguerite Phillips, Flo Puccio, Baby Teddy, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner and Thomas Walsh

**St. James Rosary & Altar 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.

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Kate Olivo at the  
Request of her Family

**MONDAY, August 22**

9:00AM – Muriel Kennel  
req. by her Family

**TUESDAY, August 23**

9:00AM – Cathy Pullis  
req. by her Family

**WEDNESDAY, August 24**

9:00AM – Joan Spoolstra

**THURSDAY, August 25**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, August 26**

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

**SATURDAY, Vigil, August 27**

4:30PM – Tom McNamara  
req. by Diane & Jim

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 28**

9:30AM – Pastors, Priests & Parishioners of the Parish  
Living & Deceased  
-Intentions of Joe Duffy on the  
Occasion of his Retirement  
req. by Keaton Douglas

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,146.00 – Regular Collection – August 14, 2016**  
**\$ 546.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan**  
**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**  
**\$1,941.00 – Regular Collection – August 16, 2015**  
**\$ 626.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan 2015**  
***Consider a gift to St. Thomas Parish in your will.***



**The Legion of Mary** meets every **Friday** morning at 10:00a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Men and women of both parishes are invited to consider Auxiliary or Active membership. For further information, please contact the parish office.



## **Registrations for 2016/2017 Catechetical Year**

Re-registrations for children in **Grades 2-8** and **teens in the Confirmation Preparation Program** for the upcoming catechetical year **were due back by July 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid the late fee. We are still waiting for many re-registrations!!! Please return all registrations ASAP!!! Thank you.**

**No re-registrations will be taken the weeks of September 4<sup>th</sup> (week before classes begin) or September 18<sup>th</sup> (first week of classes). All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Office after September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call to schedule an appointment.**

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish, 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 to register. To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.



## **Catholic Teens**

Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. James the Greater have formed a new youth group for all teens in High School. **Come join us today, August 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00-8:00pm** for our next meeting in the pavilion at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. There will be plenty of fun, games, music events and prayer. For more information please call Jenn at the office at 973-948-3185.

## **Summer Saint: St. Monica (331-387)**

Born in present day Algeria, St. Monica was married to Patricius, a Roman pagan. Patricius had an ugly temper and was unfaithful to Monica, but he respected her faith and devotion. She had one daughter and two sons, the most famous of whom is St. Augustine. When Augustine began leading a wayward life, Monica began praying unceasingly for his conversion. Her prayers were answered after 17 years, making her the patron of patience, and Augustine went on to become one of the greatest theologians of the Church. Her later years were spent working with the poor and continued prayer. She died at Ostia, Italy. Augustine recorded his grief over her death in his famous "Confessions". In Her Memory:

- ❖ Pray for members of your family who have left the Church.
- ❖ Monica would leave food donations where the poor could easily find them. Make a donation to a mission, soup kitchen or food pantry.

**St. Monica and St. Augustine, pray for us.**

## **From the R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Explore your interest through the R.C.I.A.----'Come and See'. When Jesus was approached by those who wanted to become His disciples, Jesus invited them to "....come and see". Walk with us. Learn who we are, then make your decision to become Catholic, a disciple of Jesus. If you have thought about the R.C.I.A. before, and passed on the opportunity, today may be the time that the Holy Spirit has chosen for you. The R.C.I.A. is a time for you and your needs and concerns. It is a journey in faith and a time to slow down to enjoy the journey. 'Come and See' by calling the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## **2016: St. Thomas 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year** **1941-2016**

**Good Deed Journaling.** All parishioners are invited to make note of the good deeds they perform during the course of the day. There are little notebooks on the table in the Gathering Space. Please take one and use it as a personal diary to record the good deeds you perform for the Lord each day. You may surprise yourself. These notebooks are for your personal use only, and can be a wonderful offering to the Lord of your time well spent for His honor and glory.

## **Calling all "Vintage People"**

Perhaps you have great memories of the Catholic Church and the America of our youth. We ask if you would like to share a memory or two with all of our parishioners as we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> year. Please pick up a blue sheet of paper in the gathering space.

**Senior "Vintage" Memories** – I remember as a child going to Mass with my family at St. Matthew Church in Walpack on the snowiest of days. Mass was always said. Afterwards, I wondered if we would ever get home as we tried to get up the snow and ice covered hill by the church. So glad when we finally made it to the top.

**St. Thomas History** – Rev. Leo Fanning was the next pastor assigned from 1967 – 1969, and also oversaw St. Thomas and the Walpack Missions. While serving in Italy during WW2, he had met Padre Pio in person. That story is online at [padrepiodevotions.org/pray-hope-and-dont-worry-issue-31-april-june-2007](http://padrepiodevotions.org/pray-hope-and-dont-worry-issue-31-april-june-2007).

## **Vendors Wanted for Flea Market**

St. James the Greater Church in Montague is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. Please contact Betsy Gardner at 845-858-7892 or [Gardnerabstract@aol.com](mailto:Gardnerabstract@aol.com) for questions or to reserve a space.

## 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, August 21, 2016**

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Holy Land Religious Articles Sale: at all Masses**

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

**Monday, Aug. 22**

**Tuesday, Aug. 23**

10:00a.m. STC St. Thomas Bikers Gang

**Wednesday, Aug. 24**

**Thursday, Aug. 25**

**Friday, Aug. 26**

9:00 a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
after Mass, till 12 Noon

10:00a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.

**Saturday, Aug. 27**

**“Back to School” Supply Collection by  
Columbiettes at all Masses – through Aug. 28**

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:30 a.m. STC St. Thomas 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Mass**

**--with Bishop Serratelli**

**Anniversary Brunch to follow at High Point  
Golf Club Banquet and Event Center**

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

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### Next Sunday’s Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Sirach 3: 17—18, 20, 28--29*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 68*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 12:18—19, 22—24a*

Gospel: *Luke 14: 1, 7—14*

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**Gifts from Bethlehem.** The people offering olivewood art and articles from the Holy Land are with us this week-end at the Fr. Lewis Center and the St. James Church Hall.

## **\*\*St. Thomas 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with Bishop Serratelli and Brunch next Sunday!**

Our anniversary will be celebrated **Sun. Aug. 28. Mass at 9:30 a.m.** Brunch at **High Point Golf Club Banquet and Event Center, 342 Shore Drive, Montague.** Join us as we celebrate and remember the years that have brought us to this day. Continuous photo show and historical background will be part of the day. Full buffet brunch will be served, with cash bar available. Tickets are on sale after each Mass or through the Parish Office. Tickets: Adults: \$ 22.00; Children 5 – 11: \$ 14.00; children under 5: free. Join us for this main event of our 75<sup>th</sup> Year !

**FORMED.** Check out the movies, C.D.’s, E-books, study programs and more: all available on your computer and other electronic devices. We have been given the chance to receive **FREE during the month of August**, hundreds of titles. To access, simply do this:

1. Type in: [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) in your web browser, such as Google, Bing, Chrome or Firefox
2. Click on: FORMED
3. Click on: “Login” in the upper right hand corner of the screen
4. Enter the following information into the pop-up screen and click submit:

**Email/username:** [demo@formed.org](mailto:demo@formed.org)

**Password:** Assumption (Case sensitive)

5. Once it loads, you will see programs, movies, audio, and books. Choose one and begin.

**Awaiting your response by Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Diocesan Men’s Conference.** This is a first alert about the **Diocesan Men’s Conference** which is planned for **Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison.** Join us from 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for the opportunity to enhance men’s spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Speakers include: former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit [insidethewalls.org](http://insidethewalls.org) for more information.