

# 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**  
DEACON: Mr. Wayne von Doehren  
CRE: Mrs. Mary Flexer  
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.

**The Schools of The Catholic Academy of Sussex County**  
973-729-6125 X225  
Rev. George A. Brown School (Pre-K to Gr. 4)  
Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)  
Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)

**Welcome -We Are a Tithing Parish**

# *God's Plan for Our Salvation Revealed*

We celebrate today the great Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection from the grave ! It is the promise for us that we too shall rise ! This early Christian hymn was incorporated by Saint Paul into his Letter to the Philippians. It captures, perhaps better than any other passage, the spirit of this day.

*Though He was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not deem equality with God  
Something to be grasped at.*

*Rather, He emptied Himself  
And took the form of a slave,  
Being born in the likeness of men.*

*He was known to be of human estate,  
And it was thus that He humbled Himself,  
Obediently accepting even death,  
Death on a cross !*

*Because of this,  
God highly exalted Him  
And bestowed on Him the name  
Above every other name.*

*So that at Jesus' name  
Every knee must bend  
In the heavens, on the earth,  
And under the earth,  
And every tongue proclaim  
To the glory of God the Father:  
**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD !***

Philippians 2: 6 – 11

Our Parish Staff and I wish all our parishioners a wonderful Easter Day. We hope that you will be able to celebrate this day with family and friends.

God bless you at Easter and always,  
Father Wayne

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 16, 2017**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Margaret Schreiber at the  
Request of the Ricciardi & Soletro Families

**SATURDAY, April 22**

8:00AM – Jerry Dilger  
req. by his aunt, Linda Lee

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 23**

8:00AM – Bob & Regina Quinn  
req. by Lyse & Wayne von Doehren

11:30AM – Robert & Ann Lamb  
req. by Peggy & Richard Gray

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,506.00 – Regular Collection – April 9, 2017 +  
\$ 25.00 - Online Giving  
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need  
\$1,301.00 – Regular Collection – April 10, 2016**

***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, Gabe Calandra, Mary Cunico, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, David Koehler, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Miriam Liggmari, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, Bill Myers, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Flo Puccio, Alex Sepiol, Baby Teddy, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh, Joan White and Robert Woodcock

**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 Leonie Flaskamp at the  
Request of Dawn Hall & Family

**MONDAY, April 17**

9:00AM – Mildred Walker  
req. by her daughter, Mary Burkhardt

**TUESDAY, April 18**

9:00AM – Intentions of Miriam Liggmari  
For Healing  
req. by Luisa & Dan

**WEDNESDAY, April 19**

9:00AM – Stacy Moore  
req. by Tony & Alicia Batko  
-Timothy Yarosz  
req. by his Mother

**THURSDAY, April 20**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, April 21**

9:00AM – Jimmy Reed  
req. by his Mom & Dad

**SATURDAY, Vigil, April 22**

4:30PM – Deloris Spinks  
req. by her husband, Russ  
-Russell B. Spinks  
req. by his Dad  
-Stacy Moore & Michael Wenning  
req. by the Mendez Family

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 23**

9:30AM – Robert Bothe  
req. by George Keshish  
-Intentions of the Newly Confirmed

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,827.00 – Regular Collection – April 9, 2017 +  
\$ 436.00 - Online Giving  
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need  
\$2,052.00 – Regular Collection – April 10, 2016  
*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.



### So Much To Be Thankful For...

Alleluia!!! He is Risen!!! As we celebrate the greatest feast of our Catholic faith, we would like to thank so many of you who helped us along our Lenten Journey to this Glorious Easter Day. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and families that participated in our various Lenten events; to our devoted catechists for their prayerful teachings and selfless devotion to the children and teens here; to our Knights of Columbus for the Mardi Gras celebration at the beginning of this holy season and for the Seder Supper at the end of it; to our Columbiettes for their six week devotion to the Stations of the Cross for the children and their families and for the delicious soup suppers too; to our Confirmation Candidates for their powerful and prayerful portrayal of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection; to John & Jennifer Lucadamo for providing us with our "first-ever" Easter Egg Hunt – may it be the beginning of a new tradition here; to our Choir for their beautiful "joyful noise to the Lord" and for leading us in song all throughout Lent, the Triduum and Easter; and for Father Wayne and Deacon Wayne for their ongoing faith and holiness in helping us on our walk to holiness!!! Joyous Easter Blessings to All.



It is with great joy that we congratulate the following teens of our parishes who will be Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the 7:30 PM Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Branchville: Amanda Brauchle, Genevieve Delgato, Emilia DeGroat, Elizabeth Donkersloot, Brandon Gamutan, James Gorman, Jacob Hickey and Lillian Kornmeyer.

We also congratulate their Parents, Sponsors and Catechists, Tom and Cindy Costello and Dan and Lucy O'Keefe who have been so instrumental in bringing them to this very special day in their lives. May our teens know of our prayers for them as they witness to Jesus Christ throughout their lives.

**(Confirmation Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace.)**



### First Eucharist Retreat

Please keep the young members of our parishes in your prayers as they participate in a morning of retreat on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Camp Auxilium. We look forward, with joy, to their coming to the Table of the Lord later this month.

### Moms and Tots Play Group at St. Thomas

We are now meeting on Friday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Father Lewis Center. All babies and young children and their caregivers are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship! For details, please contact Mandi Sousa at 973-632-5536.



### Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **next Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00-8:00PM**. There will be plenty of fun, games, music and prayer. Come join us and see what's going on!!!

Alleluia! He is Risen! The diocesan **Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Program has come to an end**. All Operation Rice Bowl almsgiving must be turned in to the Religious Education Center or to the container located in either church by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make any checks payable to your parish. Thank you all for your spirit of prayer, compassion, self-sacrifice and generosity toward those in need.

**St. Thomas History** – Masses on Holy Saturday were held at 8AM, unlike the current practice of an evening Easter Vigil. It was preceded by a blessing of new baptismal water and a reading of the Prophecies from the Bible and started about 7AM. The Mass that day was a High (sung) Mass.

**The Columbiettes** are sponsoring a Cinco De Mayo party after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Father Lewis Center. Tickets are now available in the parish office or after each Mass.

The Columbiettes would like to thank all who donated to the toiletries project. Your contributions are much appreciated.

### HOLD THE DATE

On Friday evening May 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas will be hosting our Annual Tricky Tray. If you are interested in assisting our committee in any way, please call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. All volunteers are welcome. Help make this fundraiser a success by donating a Tray. All trays should be left in the Conference Room at St. Thomas as soon as possible to allow time for displaying them properly. (No later than Sat. April 30)

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Yoga-lates

St. Thomas will be offering a fitness class with a mix of Yoga moves (for flexibility and calm mind) and Pilates (for strength and tone especially in your core muscles). The class will be on **Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 7:15pm** for 8 weeks starting **April 25<sup>th</sup>** right here at St. Thomas. The class will be easy to follow but a full body workout. Any questions, please call instructor Chris Dube at 973-948-2329. Bring a mat, hand held weights (1-8lbs.), water and a friend. Join for the session for only \$40.00 or pay per class for \$6.00. Twenty percent of the class money will be going to our St. Thomas Parish. So, please come and try it out!

**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

**Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**

**Happy Easter !**

9:30 a.m. STC Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

**Monday, Apr. 17**

11:00a.m. REC Prayer Shawl & Ros. Makers' Mtg.

**Tuesday, Apr. 18**

10:00a.m. STC Reflection on Readings

7:00 p.m. REC Men's Prayer Group

**Wednesday, Apr. 19**

**Thursday, Apr. 20**

**Friday, Apr. 21**

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

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

10:00a.m. STC Moms & Tots Play Group

**Saturday, Apr. 22**

5:30 p.m. STC Pot Luck Dinner

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg

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

**Future Events**

Fri. May 5 STC Tricky Tray

Sat. May. 6 STC *Cinco de Mayo* Family Night  
--hosted by Columbiettes

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**Next Sunday's Readings: Divine Mercy Sun.**

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42--47

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 118

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3--9

Gospel: John 20: 19--31

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**Get FORMED for Easter:**

[www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) Parish Code: HCVWQC

**For On-Line Giving:** log onto our website:  
[saintjamesthomas.org](http://saintjamesthomas.org) Then go to the On-Line Giving link.

**Happy Easter !!** We rejoice today in the greatest feast that can be celebrated by people anywhere. We celebrate today Jesus' victory over sin and death--His rising to the life of Resurrection. It is the promise of our own, and an anticipation of our very future: eternal happiness with God our Father in heaven.

My thanks to all who have helped to make our churches and our services so beautiful during this past Holy Week. Thanks to our musicians and choirs, to all our ministers and servers at the liturgies, those who cleaned and decorated both our churches, spruced up the grounds, and to all who worked behind the scenes to make our Masses joyful and up-lifting.

Along with our parish staff, I wish all our parishioners and your families all the blessings of this joyous Easter Day. May the Lord's victory resound in your heart—today and always.

*"This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad."*

Psalm 118

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter in recent times has become observed as Divine Mercy Sunday. First introduced by Sr. Faustina in Poland in the 1930's, this devotion has grown throughout the world. Enthusiastically supported by St. Pope John Paul II, it has been elevated to a major observance within the Church. Join us next Sunday, at St. Thomas, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction will be offered at 3 p.m. Confession will be available during this time.

**Urbi et Orbi Message (To the City and to the World) of Pope Francis, Easter 2016:**

*"The glorious Easter message, that Jesus, who was crucified, is not here but risen (cf. Matt. 28:5-6), offers us the comforting assurance that the abyss of death has been bridged and, with it, all mourning, lamentation and pain (cf. Rev. 21:4). ... To those in our society who have lost all hope and joy in life, to the elderly who struggle alone and feel their strength waning, to young people who seem to have no future, to all I once more address the words of the risen One: 'See, I am making all things new. ...' (Rev. 21:5). May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters."*