

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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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
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
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



Come, Holy Spirit

On this glorious feast day today, we celebrate the moment that Jesus' Spirit—the Holy Spirit—was unleashed upon the earth. That's a good thing. This Holy Spirit would guide the apostles in building the Church that we are a part of today. From now on, the Spirit that guided and moved Jesus would be available to anyone who called upon this Spirit.

We receive the Holy Spirit in its fullness at the time of our Confirmation. As it is conferred, the Bishop offers this beautiful prayer:

All-Powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
By water and the Holy Spirit
You freed Your sons and daughters from sin
And gave them new life.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon them
To be their Helper and Guide.
Give them the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
The Spirit of Right Judgment and Courage,
The Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence.
Fill them with the Spirit of Wonder and Awe in Your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

After this sacred prayer, the Bishop anoints each candidate with a special oil, the holy chrism, as a sign that they have been chosen by God to receive the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit brings with Him those Gifts expressed above. All who have been confirmed carry those gifts with them at all times. They are a spiritual toolbox which can help us in every situation or problem or decision. How often do you call upon them? Here is a reminder of all that we possess:

Wisdom: helps us to learn from our mistakes, to grow in self-confidence and to be open to God's Word

Understanding: aids us in seeing all things in the light of God's love and mercy

Right Judgment (Counsel): guides us to choose the best path and to make the best decisions

Courage (Fortitude): encourages us to be witnesses to the Lord in the midst of an unbelieving Society

Knowledge: keeps us open to the truth and impels us to continue searching for it

Reverence (Piety): helps us to express our love for the Lord and our need for His grace

Wonder and Awe (Fear of the Lord): keeps alive our joy in God's awesome, gentle presence in our lives, and instills a fear of offending One who loves us so much

With these Gifts, we have all that we need to serve the Lord capably, and to live our lives to the fullest. Let us rejoice in this Feast Day of the Pentecost—the climax of the Easter Season.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

PENTECOST SUNDAY
June 4, 2017

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Honor of Catechists and Aides

SATURDAY, June 10

8:00AM – Intentions of Charles & Mary Dymeck

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 11

8:00AM – Kate Olivo
req. by her Family

11:30AM – Rosemarie Bastian
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,013.00 – Regular Collection – May 28, 2017 +

\$ 25.00 - Online Giving

\$ 129.00 – Peter’s Pence

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,086.00 – Regular Collection – May 29, 2016

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.



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.

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, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, 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, John Meehan, Brian McKenna, Bill Myers, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Flo Puccio, Alex Sepiol, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh, Joan White, Teri Winkler and Robert Woodcock

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Honor of Catechists and Aides

MONDAY, June 5

9:00AM – Intentions of Phillip Mizzone
For Healing
req. by Luisa & Dan

TUESDAY, June 6

9:00AM – Gabe Calandra
req. by Luisa & Dan

WEDNESDAY, June 7

9:00AM – Stacy Moore
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

THURSDAY, June 8

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 9

9:00AM – Intentions of Christine Lord

SATURDAY, Vigil, June 10

4:30PM – Barbara K. Kientzler
req. by her son, Charles
- Bernie Reich
req. by his wife, Grace

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 11

9:30AM – Nancy Gamba
req. by Gerry Mahon

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,743.00 – Regular Collection – May 28, 2017 +

\$ 378.00 - Online Giving

\$ 362.00 – Peter’s Pence

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,791.00 – Regular Collection – May 29, 2016

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saintjamesthomas.org Then go to On-Line Giving link.

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 Spinapolic at 973-293-7031.



5 Ways to Welcome Spring (and none of them include staring at a screen)

After a long winter, the months of May and June herald a new season of growth, light and life. Spring is the perfect time to set down our screens, take a break from our Netflix account and force our families out into the sunshine and warmer weather. There is so much to be learned about ourselves, one another and our faith as we explore the wonders of God's creation!

All you winds, Bless the Lord; Praise and Exult Him Above All Forever ~ Daniel 3:65

Go Fly A Kite: On a windy spring day, find an open space and watch your kite rise high into the sky. Learn how much string to let out and when to reel it in to keep the kite at just the right height.

Talk About It: How does the wind make you feel? Talk about how we cannot see the wind, yet we can see and feel the wind's action. God's activity is like this – we can't always see God, but we can feel His powerful presence in all of creation.

(To be continued...Taken from Time Out-Family On The Go)

Catholic Summer Camp

"Birthday Blast" Catholic Summer Camp will take place from Monday, July 17th through Friday, July 21st from 9:00AM until 12:00PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Branchville. It is open for children entering Grades K – 5. You may begin to register by going to www.olqpbbranchville.org. Go to the Religious Education tab on top and then select Catholic Summer Camp. We are hopeful that many of our children will take this wonderful opportunity to continue to grow in their faith through prayers, songs, crafts and activities. **We also welcome parents and teens of our parishes to come assist us that week – whatever time you have to offer, we are happy to receive! Please call Mary at 973-948-7004 if interested.**



Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, Sunday, June 4th from 6:00-8:00PM**. There will be plenty of fun, games, music and prayer. Come join us and see what's going on!!! **Incoming 9th graders in September are now welcome to join Catholic Teens.**

Apparition Hill is coming to the Milford Theatre in Milford, PA on Sunday, June 25th at 2PM. Award winning director, Sean Bloomfield, (*The Triumph, If Only We Had Listened*) and his team created this powerful cinematic experience that was among the 2017 Oscar contenders. Discover how an unlikely group of pilgrims travel to Medjugorje to investigate the truth behind the greatest spiritual mystery of our time and what they actually found. Travel with them as they seek a sign of hope in a world that can seem hopeless. (**Note:** Pope Francis recently sent a Vatican Envoy, Archbishop Hoser, to Medjugorje to oversee the pastoral care of this place of miracles. He told the people of Medjugorje, "I would like to encourage and fortify all of you on behalf of the Pope, as his emissary.") Tickets are \$10. Available online: www.apparitionhill.org. Or call Mary Anne Condit 973-219-3352 or Patrice Kealy 973-534-1722.

There will be no 8:00am coffee hours in July, August or September. We will resume on October 1st.

History of St. James and St. Thomas

Rev. Sylvius Mancini, while serving as our pastor, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his priesthood in Oct. 1951. A buffet supper was prepared by the women of both parishes. His Excellency, Bishop Thomas A. Boland of Paterson, attended as did other church dignitaries. Rev. Anthony Spano of Don Bosco College, Newton, was master of ceremonies.

Yoga-lates

St. Thomas is 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 is on **Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 7:15pm** for 8 weeks and started on **April 25th** right here at St. Thomas. **You may join us at any time.** The class is 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!

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.

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 4, 2017

Feast of Pentecost

8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

9:30 a.m. STC Catechists' Breakfast

11:30a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

Monday, June 5

Tuesday, June 6

10:00a.m. STC Reflection on Readings

6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

Wednesday, June 7

Thursday, June 8

Friday, June 9

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, June 10

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

1:00 p.m. SJC St. James 75th Anniv Planning Mtg.

Next Sunday's Readings: *Most Holy Trinity*

1st Reading: *Exodus 34: 4b–6, 8--9*

Resp. Psalm: *Daniel 3: 52--55*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 13: 11--13*

Gospel: *John 3: 16–18*

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 Victim Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the *Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse* is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.”

Our Parish Calendar, July 2017—18. We are asking all heads of organizations, and those requesting space for events in the next year to **submit their requests by next Sunday, June 11.** All requests will be condensed into one provisional listing, and a **meeting will be held on Mon. June 19** at St. Thomas to iron out any conflicts. ‘Calendar planning pages’ can be found at both churches.

St. James Church celebrates 75 years in 2018!

We want to begin making plans for our Anniversary Year ! Please join us for a brief meeting next Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Bring your ideas and plans and help make this a year of re-dedication and celebration.

Teen Dance. All teens are invited to a **Swing Dance** being hosted by our area parishes. It will celebrate the end (almost) of the school year. The date is **Friday, June 16.** It will be held at the **Queen of Peace outdoor pavilion**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The **cost is: FREE.** Refreshments will be served. Trained instructors will teach you “swing dancing.”

Young Adults. A group for **young Catholics in their 20's and 30's** is forming. The “*Disciples of the Sacred Heart*” will begin meeting on **Fri. June 2nd** and will continue **each first Friday** thereafter. It will be a chance to connect with other Catholic young adults of our area parishes. Meetings will be held at Queen of Peace Church in Branchville, from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m. It will begin each time with praise and adoration, then continue with social time in the outdoor pavilion (weather permitting.) Local singer and songwriter Dan Ferrari will provide music. Join us for this time of fellowship, socializing and prayer.

Quo Vadis Days of Discernment. A few days of reflection and recreation are being planned for all young men of our Diocese, ages 15—25. It will be held right in our neighborhood: **the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton.** The dates are **Tues. June 27—Thurs. June 29.** The younger priests and seminarians of our Diocese are planning this event, which will include prayer, discussion, recreation, meals, and a chance to meet other young men of our Diocese. It will be a chance also to think about your future, and to consider to what kind of life the Lord is calling you. For more info, see Fr. Wayne.