

# 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**



Lucia, Francisco, Jacinta

*Our Lady of Fatima*  
*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary's Appearances*  
*The Second Apparition, June 13, 1917*  
*(as described by E.W.T.N.)*

In Portugal the 13th of June is a great feast, the feast of St. Anthony of Lisbon, known to most Catholics as St. Anthony of Padua. This Franciscan miracle-worker was born in Lisbon and had entered religious life as a Canon Regular of the Holy Cross, residing first in Lisbon and then Coimbra, before leaving the Portuguese order for the new Order of Friars Minor (the new religious order of St. Francis) and a hope of martyrdom. It was, and is, THE children's feast in Portugal, so the parents of Lucia naturally thought that the festivities at the parish church in Fátima would distract her from the appointment at the Cova. However, undismayed by this tactic Lucia and the Marto children proceeded to the apparition site to keep their noon-day rendezvous.

When they arrived they found a small crowd awaiting them. After having said the rosary with Jacinta and Francisco and other people who were present, we saw again the reflection of light nearing us, (we used to say it was lightning), and following, Our Lady on the holm oak tree as in May.

Lucia asks: "Please tell me, Madam, what it is that you want of me?"

**I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. And after each one of the mysteries, my children, I want you to pray in this way: 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fire of hell. Take all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need.' I want you to learn to read and write, and later I will tell you what else I want of you.**

"Will you take us to heaven?"

**Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.**

"Must I remain in the world alone?"

**Not alone, my child, and you must not be sad. I will be with you always, and my Immaculate Heart will be your comfort and the way which will lead you to God.**

The moment she said the last words, opening her hands, she transmitted to us, for the second time, the reflection of that intense light. In it we felt we were submerged in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which was rising to Heaven, and I in the part spreading over the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled with thorns which appeared to pierce it. We understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary offended by the sins of mankind, craving reparation. The apparition then concluded as on the first occasion, with the Lady going off toward the east and disappearing in the "immensity of heaven."

Despite the joy of those precious moments, the sorrows of the children continued in the following weeks, moderated by the belief of very many at the Cova that day. They knew that something unusual had occurred-- they saw the "lightning;" some perceived a certain dimming of the sun, others a little gray cloud that came and went as the apparition did, and they believed. However, the difficulties with their families did not abate, especially with their mothers, who became genuinely alarmed that the events were not just continuing but expanding. To this was added the painful caution of the parish priest, that after all it might be real but of demonic origin.

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**June 11, 2017**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Roseann Rizzuto at the  
Request of the Ricciardi Family

**SATURDAY, June 17**

8:00AM – Marilyn Shea

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**June 18**

8:00AM – John Klimkiewicz  
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg

11:30AM – John von Doehren  
req. by his son and daughter-in-law

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,576.00 – Regular Collection – June 4, 2017 +**

**\$ 185.00 - Online Giving**

**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$1,982.00 – Regular Collection – June 5, 2016**

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

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**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, Betty Lacovara, 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  
Memory of Patty Fagnano at the  
Request of her Family

**MONDAY, June 12**

9:00AM – Trevor MacKinnon  
req. by Luisa & Dan

**TUESDAY, June 13**

9:00AM – Special Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, June 14**

9:00AM – Patty Fagnano  
req. by her Family

**THURSDAY, June 15**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, June 16**

9:00AM – Intentions of Ken Urgovitch, Jr.

**SATURDAY, Vigil, June 17**

4:30PM – Frank Walsh  
req. by his wife, Pat  
- Edward Adamy  
req. by his daughter, Kim Benson & Family

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**June 18**

9:30AM – Richard W. Pullis  
req. by his daughters, Lisa & Laura

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$3,024.00 – Regular Collection – June 4, 2017 +**

**\$ 378.00 - Online Giving**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$3,029.00 – Regular Collection – June 5, 2016**

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**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 Spinaplice 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!

*Fire and Heat, Bless the Lord; Praise and Exult Him Above All Forever ~ Daniel 3:66*

**Strike A Match:** Invite friends and neighbors and gather around a bonfire or patio fireplace for a family-friendly cookout welcoming warmer days. Roast hotdogs on sticks and then marshmallows for a fun s'mores dessert. Give thanks to God for the gift of new life as you pray before your meal.

**Talk About It: Why do we tend to gather around a fire?** Part of living our faith is tending to the important relationships in our lives. Spring is the perfect time to reconnect. Fire recalls the Holy Spirit and the eternal light of Christ – the Light of the World.

(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 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 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.olqpbranchville.org](http://www.olqpbranchville.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.**



**"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 to all who are graduating from Elementary School, Junior or Senior High School, College, Graduate School or Military Academy. May you know of the love, 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 you make decisions which will always give glory, honor and praise to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The next St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:30PM Mass. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space or call the parish office to have your name added to the list. This is the last Pot Luck Dinner until September.



## Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</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!!! **Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders in September are now welcome to join Catholic Teens.**

**THE ST. THOMAS FEAST DAY PICNIC** will be held on **Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, starting at 1:00PM. There is no charge. All are welcome. 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, hotdogs and chicken will be provided by the church along with soda, water, coffee, tea and a large cake.

**Volunteers are needed** to pick up tables from the Religious Education Center and to help with set-up and clean-up etc. Please contact Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092 or call Rosemarie at the church office and leave your name and phone number. Also, if you have a large tent that could be set up would be a great help. A small canopy tent would also be useful for shade in the cooking area.

**Tickets for the cash raffle** have been mailed to all St. Thomas parishioners and will also be on sale in the gathering space after Mass. There will be two prizes totaling 50% of the amount received from the raffle tickets sold. The First prize is 40% and the Second prize is 10%. The drawing will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the picnic. **Winner need not be present.**

**Apparition Hill** is coming to the Milford Theatre in Milford, PA on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## History of St. James and St. Thomas

As we conclude our 75<sup>th</sup> year as St. Thomas the Apostle parish and look toward the St. James celebration, we still welcome information and photos, old bulletins, what parish groups once existed, former social functions held and photos of pastors prior to Msgr. Gacquin or of assisting priests. Does anyone recall the individuals that the windows at St. James were dedicated to or by?

## 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 11, 2017

#### *Feast of the Most Holy Trinity*

9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass

10:30a.m. REC Columbiettes Mtg

1:00 p.m. SJC St. James 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Planning Mtg.

### Monday, June 12

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

### Tuesday, June 13

10:00a.m. STC Reflection on Readings

6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

### Wednesday, June 14

7:00 p.m. STC Adoration & Rosary with K of C

7:30 p.m. STC Knights of Columbus Mtg.

### Thursday, June 15

### Friday, June 16

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

7:00 p.m. Teen Swing Dance at O.L.Q.P.,  
Branchville

### Saturday, June 17

5:30 p.m. STC Pot Luck Dinner after Mass

### Sunday, June 18, 2017

#### *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*

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#### Next Sunday's Readings: *Body and Blood of Christ*

1st Reading: *Deuteronomy 8: 2–3, 14-16*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 147*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 10: 16--17*

Gospel: *John 6: 51–58*

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#### **You may have a point:**

*“There is no more excellent way to obtain graces from God than to seek them through Mary, because her divine Son cannot refuse her anything.”*

St. Philip Neri (1515—1595)

**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 today Sunday, June 11.** All requests will be condensed into one provisional listing, and a **meeting will be held next 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 today, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Bring your ideas and plans and help make this a year of remembrance, 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.”

**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.

**Miracles at Medjugorje.** A film exploring these miracles beginning in the 1970's, “*Apparition Hill*” will be playing at the Milford Theatre. Date and time: Sun. June 25; 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$ 10.

#### **Get FORMED for the summer:**

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

Our current subscription runs through August. Log on and learn something new about our faith.

**Suggestion:** LECTIO: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition Session 8: *Peter and Pentecost: The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit*