

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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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

Honoring the Body and Blood of Christ: Jesus' Ongoing Gift to the World

Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is actually the celebration of Jesus' giving of Himself to all the world, for its salvation. It is a miracle we commemorate today, a miracle which takes place in our presence—at each Mass. The Lord allows Himself to become sacramentally present in the bread and wine of the Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration of the priest. As these come together, we find ourselves at the last Supper, as if with the eleven disciples, as if hearing those words from the lips of Jesus Himself: *"This is my Body ... This is my Blood."* These are the words that bring God to the world.

We celebrate with gratitude that the Lord would think so much of us, as to allow us to share His life so intimately. It's the greatest sign of how much He cares for each of us, that He offers Himself weekly—no, daily—in the Eucharist. The word *"Eucharist"* actually means *"thanksgiving."* It should be our natural attitude: to be grateful and thankful to the Lord for all that He offers us.

And we thank Him best by the way we allow the Eucharist to affect us. Each of us who receives, should consider ourselves to be "other Christs," other disciples who help the world to know Jesus. And we do this by living the way He did, imitating His example as we find it in the Gospels, and speaking words of encouragement and consolation to others, as He did.

May we always be grateful that the Lord has called us to be His disciples today, for what greater vocation can there be? Let us always receive the Eucharist with full awareness of Who it is we receive. May it help us to be the best disciples possible.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

Ten Steps: A Quick Review of How to Receive the Eucharist

1. *At Communion time, mentally consider whether there are any serious sins or barriers to your worthily receiving the Sacrament.*
2. *Join the Eucharistic Procession coming up the aisle (in itself a symbol that we are a pilgrim people, on a journey, passing through this world to the next.)*
3. *As you reach the Priest or Eucharistic Minister, make a sign of reverence and recognition (usually a bow of the head.)*
4. *Put your hand out, as if a plate, for the Priest to place the host on, or:
Be ready to receive on your tongue.*
5. *Answer "Amen" when the Priest declares: "The Body of Christ."*
6. *Step to the side to place the host in your mouth.*
7. *Proceed to the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister with the chalice. Bow to the chalice containing the Precious Blood, (whether you will receive or not) as a sign of reverence and recognition.*
8. *Take the chalice in your hands as the Minister declares: "The Blood of Christ."
Answer: "Amen." Take a sip from the chalice.*
9. *Return to your seat and meditate in silence on the Lord whom you have just encountered.*
10. *Allow the Lord's presence to enlighten and enliven your life.*

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
June 18, 2017

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, June 24

8:00AM – Raymond Shea

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde
req. by his wife, Carol

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

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,281.00 – Regular Collection – June 11, 2017 +

\$ 50.00 - Online Giving

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,305.00 – Regular Collection – June 12, 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, 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 Arthur L. Bastian at the
Request of his son, Andy

MONDAY, June 19

9:00AM – Peter Plagianos

TUESDAY, June 20

9:00AM – Peter Plagianos
req. by Luisa & Dan

WEDNESDAY, June 21

9:00AM – Intentions of the Gomez Family

THURSDAY, June 22

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 23

9:00AM – Jerry Dilger
req. by his Aunt Linda Lee

SATURDAY, Vigil, June 24

4:30PM – Sophie & Harry Wainwright
req. by the Wainwright Family

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25

9:30AM – Kathryn Walker
req. by Jim & Diane Campbell

-Intentions of Albert L. Dunn
Birthday Celebration
req. by his brother, Michael, and sisters,
Annamarie & Rosemarie

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,925.00 – Regular Collection – June 11, 2017 +

\$ 378.00 - Online Giving

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,648.00 – Regular Collection – June 12, 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 Spinapolic at 973-293-7031.



Registrations for 2017/2018 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children in Grades 2-8 for the upcoming catechetical year were mailed out. Please return all registrations by July 15th to avoid the late fee. Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish or 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 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.



"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.

Happy and Blessed Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers of our parishes! May Our Heavenly Father continue to bless, guide and strengthen you as you carry out your awesome role!



Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish on **Sunday, June 25th 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.**

Prayer Shawl/Rosary Makers Ministry

Our parishes have an active group of women who knit and crochet prayer shawls, lap robes and scarves for those who need comfort and to feel the warm embrace of our loving community.

Since the beginning of this ministry in May of 2007, over 1,000 shawls/lap robes/scarves were blessed by Father Wayne and were given to many veterans and to all who may have been going through a difficult time in life. Baptismal blankets were also made and given to babies on the day of their Baptism to welcome the newest members of our family! Infant blankets were made and distributed to new parents through local hospital maternity wards. There is never a charge for these works of love, and we always have them available for whenever they are needed.

We also have a group of women who make Rosary Beads. Every year, our First Holy Communicants receive rosary beads as gifts from this parish ministry, as well as the dozens that are taken from the baskets in our Gathering Areas.

Our ministry (and our hands) are resting for the next two months, and we will begin again on September 18th. We meet at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Center on the first and third Mondays and are always ready to welcome new members!

THE ST. THOMAS FEAST DAY PICNIC will be held on **Sunday, July 2nd**, 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 2nd at the picnic. **Winner need not be present.**

The Columbiettes would like to thank all of our fellow parishioners who responded so very generously this year to our requests for school supplies, diapers, toiletries, toys and the tabs from various cans. All of these items were taken to facilities for folks in great need and are most appreciated. We thank you also for supporting our First Annual Cinco de Mayo Dinner fundraiser. We look forward to our Second Annual Dinner next May.

History of St. James and St. Thomas

A 1955 Sussex County Independent column relates that the first meeting of the joint Rosary Society of St. James of Montague, St. Thomas of Hainesville, and St. Matthew of Walpack was held at St. Thomas on Friday, Sept. 30th at 8pm. The same column tells of renewed speculation about a Walpack Dam, following extensive damage from the flood that occurred a month prior.

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 18, 2017

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Monday, June 19

7:00 p.m. STC Calendar 2017—18 Meeting

Tuesday, June 20

10:00a.m. STC Reflection on Readings

6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

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

Wednesday, June 21

Thursday, June 22

Friday, June 23

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 24

Sunday, June 25, 2017

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 p.m. Milford Theatre: film 'Apparition Hill'

Future Events

Sun. July 2 St. Thomas Parish Picnic

Mon.—Fri., July 17—22 Summer Day Camp at
O.L.Q.P. for kids entering Gr. K—5. Teen
volunteers needed to assist

Sat. July 22 St. James Parish Picnic

Next Sunday's Readings: 12th Ord

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 20: 10--13*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 69*

2nd Reading: *Romans 5: 12--15*

Gospel: *Matthew 10: 26--33*

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

Theodore Hesburgh, Catholic Priest and
President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, grandpas, step-fathers, foster-fathers and God-fathers of our parishes ! We hope you will have a great day today.

We thank you for all the guidance and strength that you continually offer your family. May Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Our Lord, always be a strength and model for you.

A Calendar Meeting, to review our schedule of July 2017—June '18 events will take place tomorrow, **Monday, at St. Thomas at 7:00 p.m.** We are asking someone from each organization to be present as we go over the provisional calendar. We will iron out any conflicts at this time. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

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.** (That's next week.) The younger priests and seminarians of our Diocese are planning this event, which will include prayer, discussion, recreation, sports, 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 or for reg. form, , see Fr. Wayne.

Get FORMED for the summer:

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 3: *The Lamb of God (Eucharist)*

Two Weeks of Vacation Bible School:

Minisink Reformed Church Pavilion, 300 Clove Rd. Montague. Mon.--Fri., July 10--14th, 9 a.m. – 12 Noon. For info call 973-948-3185

and

Catholic Summer Camp at Queen of Peace, Branchville, Mon.–Fri., July 17—21, 9a.m. – 12 Noon. For info call 973-948-3185.