

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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Sandyston, NJ 07826

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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
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



The Trinity: Easier Experienced than Understood

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28: 19

Often enough, our thoughts about the Trinity tend to focus on questions of logistics: how can there be one God in three Persons? We may think of Saint Patrick’s analogy of the shamrock with its three leaves to help us. But no single picture can possibly explain the complexity, the depth, and the beauty of our God.

Rather than a mathematical mystery to be solved, the Trinity is a spiritual mystery to be savored. It is God revealing Himself to us and convincing us of His love and care for us.

Father. Revealing Himself as our heavenly Father, God proved that He is not a distant, fickle or vindictive god. He is a God for whom family is everything. Like a father, He wants to be close to you. He promises to care for you and look after you. He wants nothing but good for you. He has gone so far as to name you His heir !

Son. When God came to earth, He didn’t come in power and majesty. Rather, He “emptied Himself” and became one like us (Philippians 2: 7). Many were expecting a Messiah who would lead Israel to military victory and political independence. But Jesus came as a brother and friend. He established His Kingdom, not by force, but by self-sacrificial love. His message of mercy is meant to melt our hearts, not make us cower in fear.

Holy Spirit. God didn’t disappear when Jesus ascended into heaven. Quite the opposite: He came even closer. God dwells *in your heart* ! He is always with you, always ready to pour out His love and to make you more like Him. He is always with the Church, feeding us with word and sacrament. He is always in the world, forming us into one family in Christ.

This is the true mystery of the Trinity: that our God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—loves us deeply and treats us with great tenderness and mercy.

**Holy God, we praise Your name !
Lord of all, we bow before You !**

--from: *The Word Among Us*

May 2018

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
May 27, 2018

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Joan Spoolstra at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, June 2

8:00AM – Terry Naletko
req. by his Family

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 3

8:00AM – Mike Soletro
req. by Maryalice Starzan

11:30AM – Barbara Gioielli
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 655.00 – Regular Collection – May 20, 2018 +
\$ 235.00 – Online Giving
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$ 966.00 – Regular Collection – May 21, 2017

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.

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.

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Accordino, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Doug Kabbash, Betty Lacovara, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Joseph Ligammari, Jodi Lupo, Thomas Lynch, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, John Meehan, Bill Myers, Kelly Nicole, Robert Organes, Jim Pantelmo, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Flo Puccio, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, Pam Spencer, Joan Strehl, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Leonie Flaskamp at the
Request of her Family

MONDAY, May 28

9:00AM – Peggy & Jim Rafferty
req. by the Gorman Family
-Intentions of Michael Toth
req. by his Mom

TUESDAY, May 29

9:00AM – Intentions of Joanie Behan
req. by the Mendez Family
-Intentions of Deirdre Burgos
Birthday Celebration
req. by Omar & Marie

WEDNESDAY, May 30

9:00AM – Daniel Barr
req. by his Goddaughter, Mary Flexer
-Intentions of the Legion of Mary
req. by the Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, May 31

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 1

9:00AM – Jimmy White
req. by the Gorman Family
-Intentions of Maria Rinaldi
Birthday Celebration
req. by Aunt Di & Uncle Jim

SATURDAY, Vigil, June 2

4:30PM – Helen Lotorto
req. by Fran Whitesell

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 3

9:30AM – Anthony Bello
req. by the Cunico Family
-Intentions of Michael Toth
For Healing
req. by his Mom

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,742.00 – Regular Collection – May 20, 2018 +
\$ 411.00 – Online Giving
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$2,395.00 – Regular Collection – May 21, 2017

Consider a gift to St. Thomas Parish in your will.

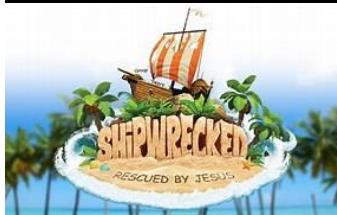
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Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue/Legion of Mary

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*

Catholic Summer Camp



Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville

Date: June 25th – June 29th

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Grades: Children entering K-4

- **Morning Prayer – Bounce House – Water Day**

- **Catholic Skits – Games – Catholic Hymns**

- **Arts & Crafts – Mass on Friday (Last Day)**

Cost: \$25.00 for one child - \$30.00 Family Fee

REGISTRATION: Online Registration forms are available at www.olqpbranchville.org under the Religious Education tab or may be obtained at the OLQP office. For more information, please call Jenn at the OLQP parish office at 973-948-3185.

We are also in need of adult and teen volunteers for this week. If you are interested in assisting us, please call Mary at 973-948-7004.



Catholic Teens Corpus Christi Celebration

7th & 8th Graders are also welcome to join our High School Teens on Sunday, June 3rd at 6:00PM -8:00 PM for a Fishing Party at the Pond (Bring your own Fishing Pole and Gear). Campfire, Barbeque, Hamburgers & Hotdogs. Lots of Food and Fun.

How to Pray All Day

Starting your day with a family prayer is the perfect way to center your thoughts on God. But why stop there? As the day goes on, even quick prayers help remind us that God is with us ALL day.

Morning Prayer ~ It's no secret that getting young children ready for the day can be a trying task. Sleepy kids, crying fits over what clothes they do or do not want to wear and remembering all the stuff you need to leave the house with is enough to make you want to crawl back to bed. A short prayer will go a long way in adjusting your attitude about the day. Including your children in this time will encourage them to start thinking about God and what He wants of them that day.

(To be continued... Take Out: Family Faith on the Go)

On This Day We Celebrate –

May 28: Memorial Day

Never forget and remember to pray for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

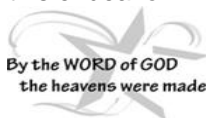
The Columbiettes are looking for new members. Please call Pat Lane if you are interested at 973-300-1954. We look forward to welcoming you.

Reflections on the Readings

Father Wayne will lead us in scripture study each Tuesday morning after Mass in the Father Lewis Center. All are welcome. Please join us.

Columbiettes

Our Seminarian, Tom Costello, Jr., the son of Cindy and Tom Costello, is in preparation for the priesthood. The Columbiettes are sponsoring funding towards his education in this most holy endeavor. There are containers placed in both parishes. We appreciate any donations that are given. We thank all parishioners in advance and especially thank Father Wayne for his encouragement in this endeavor.



FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
The Most Holy Trinity
May 27, 2018

“All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

As Christians we profess our belief in a creating Father, the redeeming Son and the power animator, the Holy Spirit. We make the sign of the cross as we bless ourselves at prayer, calling upon the Trinity. As faith filled persons we express our belief in this not understandable mystery. Nothing shakes our faith.

But if I really believe, I accept the challenge given to the apostles in Galilee to leave, to make disciples, to baptize and to teach the great commandment of love.

The mandate is given to all Christians not only to the ordained or professed religious. At times of graduation, people are commissioned as officers in the military or as police officers, and they joyfully take up their task to which they were called. At the time of our baptism we too were commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus, the mission of the church, which is to bring the good news to a needy world. We meet parishioners who 'go on mission' for mercy to Ghana and the Dominican Republic from hospitals or to assist the poor. Did you learn from those who went to Puerto Rico or Florida after the hurricanes, or someone who went to Mexico following the earthquake? The Lord is asking me today to begin living anew, the commission I was given at baptism to go, teach, baptize and observe what I believe is my commission. This is my 'Great Commission.'

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, May 27, 2018

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. STC Special Memorial Day Mass

Tuesday, May 29

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

Wednesday, May 30

Thursday, May 31

Friday, June 1

10:00a.m. STC Adoration of Bl. Sac. (till Noon)

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

Saturday, June 2

5:30 p.m. STC Focus Group Mtg. – St. Thomas

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

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

12:30p.m. SJC Focus Group Mtg. – St. James

Next Sunday's Readings: *Body & Blood of Christ*

1st Reading: *Exodus 24: 3--8*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 116*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 9: 11--15*

Gospel: *Mark 14: 12--16, 22--26*

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director for a **Tour of the Alpine Countries** of Switzerland, Austria and Germany from July 8—17, 2018. Reservations are limited. For a brochure and information, contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or by e-mail at Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com

Memorial Day was first known as **Decoration Day**. It originated in the years following the Civil War and was an opportunity to decorate the graves of soldiers of the North and the South. It therefore was a means of promoting healing after the War Between the States. It has since become known as Memorial Day, remembering those who sacrificed their lives in all our nation's wars. Memorial Day is also an opportunity to pray for our nation, and to work for unity. A special **Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Thomas at 9 a.m.** in honor of the day. Please join us and pray for the serious healing our nation needs at this time in our history.

St. James Clean-Up Days. Thanks to all parishioners who made these days a great success. And thanks also to Officer Nick Pampanim and the Sussex County S.L.A.P. Program for their assistance in cleaning up our premises after a difficult winter and spring.

Saint James: Our 75th Year. *Back in the Day:*

In 1941, the new base of the Western Sussex Missions was St. Bartholomew's Church in Lafayette. It was challenging to maintain a presence also in Walpack, Hainesville and Montague (and later, Blue Mountain Lakes). Bishop McLaughlin agreed with Fr. Hewetson's idea of finding a rectory location in Hainesville or Montague. Father Hewetson began his search. ...

The New Church Calendar for 2018--19 needs to be set up. All who would like to request dates: please pick up a Calendar Planning Page from Church and fill out. A meeting to resolve any conflicts will be scheduled at the end of June.

FORMED.org Free to you as a parishioner; our parish code is: **HCVWQC**. The password is: **formed**.

Recommended by FORMED.org: Listen to: *Science, the Origin of the Universe, and God*, by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S. J. Shows how science and faith are compatible; in fact they are parts of one and the same Truth. (Connect to your device while driving to work or dusting the furniture at home.)