

# 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  
210 Route 206 North  
Sandyston, NJ 07826

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**Rectory: 973-293-7582**

**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**

## DESIDERATA

**G**O PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE & HASTE, & REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. ❀ Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. ❀ Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. ❀ Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. ❀ Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. ❀ You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. ❀ Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. ❀ With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy. ❀ ❀

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 5, 2018**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Ray Sorg at the  
Request of Lorraine

**SATURDAY, August 11**

8:00AM – John Morgiewicz  
req. by his daughter, Ann Dilger

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 12**

8:00AM – Evelyn Schweer  
req. by Victoria Gorchach

11:30AM – Harry Johnson  
req. by Lyse & Wayne von Doehren

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,186.00 – Regular Collection – July 29, 2018 +**  
**\$ 235.00 – Online Giving**  
**\$1,422.00 – Regular Collection- July 30, 2017**  
**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

*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.**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Gus Eberhardt at the  
Request of his Family

**MONDAY, August 6**

9:00AM – With thanks to St. Joseph  
req. by Dan & Luisa

**TUESDAY, August 7**

9:00AM – Cynthia Pickell  
req. by Dan & Luisa

**WEDNESDAY, August 8**

9:00AM – Christopher Hennion  
req. by Mary Flexer  
-Alexander & Patricia Stelmack  
req. by the Catechists

**THURSDAY, August 9**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, August 10**

9:00AM – Intentions of Deacon Wayne

**SATURDAY, Vigil, August 11**

4:30PM – Raymond Sorg  
req. by the Falchetta Family  
-Harry & Sophie Wainwright  
req. by the Wainwright Family

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 12**

9:30AM – John “Jack” Black McCallum III  
req. by Elaine Schuster  
-Jozef Sz wajkiewicz  
req. by John & Maria Babon

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$1,952.00 – Regular Collection – July 29, 2018 +**  
**\$ 328.00 – Online Giving**  
**\$2,308.00 – Regular Collection – July 30, 2017**  
**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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**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*

**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, Loretta Bauman, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Gomez Family, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Doug Kabbash, Betty Lacovara, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, 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, Dolores Record, Sal, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, John Sikora, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White



### **Registrations for 2018/2019 Catechetical Year**

Re-registrations for children and teens for the upcoming catechetical year were **due back by July 31<sup>st</sup>** to avoid the late fee. **Please send your registrations back ASAP.**

Parents of children entering first grade (unless they have a sibling here and can be included on the mailed out registration form), 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.

### **The Transfiguration**

This August 6<sup>th</sup> feast commemorates the day Jesus took three of his friends and apostles, Peter, James and John, to a high mountain where they suddenly saw him change or become *transfigured* into divine glory. Here on Mount Tabor, the apostles also saw Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah, two Old Testament prophets. When a cloud covered Jesus, God the Father's voice spoke from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

Spend some time during this last summer month looking for "divine glory." The natural world can provide many of these moments. Also, take some time to quietly listen to Jesus, as God has asked us to do! Summer blessings.

### **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.

### **From the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the joy-filled responsibility of the entire faith community. As a community of faith, we are called to encourage others to become fully initiated Catholics. Each of us as followers of Jesus is called to be both a hearer of the Word and a doer of the Word. Get involved in spreading the message of God's Word! Exercise your faith! Now is your opportunity. Be a motivator of another on their journey of faith. As a doer of the Word, you will become more aware of how God is present and active in your life each day.

Have those you motivate call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and their call will be returned.

**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.

**The Columbiettes** are collecting school supplies at both churches until August 31<sup>st</sup>.



### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly**

#### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 5, 2018**

**"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them to see if they follow my instructions or not.'... 'You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.'"**

For several weeks we will be listening to the gospel of John, chapter 6, teaching us of the great gift of the Eucharist. John's gospel does not detail the institution of the Eucharist, but this chapter is telling us to listen and learn. We listen to Jesus telling once again 'I am'. The church is pleading for us to treasure the gift of the Eucharist, not to treat this great sacrament casually or routinely. Am I ready to learn again?

From the earliest days of the church, even before the gospels were written, St. Paul wrote of the tradition telling his readers of the gift of the Eucharist. He asked that they be worthy and prepared to receive such a great gift. We sometimes rush into mass, and even worse rush out to busy ourselves with other important things. What can be more important than to spend a reflective moment, thanking our loving God for feeding us. Am I hungry for the Lord?

# 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, August 5, 2018**

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Monday, Aug. 6**

*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

**Tuesday, Aug. 7**

10:00a.m. STC St. Thomas Bikers Gang

**Wednesday, Aug. 8**

**Thursday, Aug. 9**

**Friday, Aug. 10**

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

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

1:00 p.m. STC Montague Seniors Mtg.

**Saturday, Aug. 11**

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mission Co-op Sunday

1:00 p.m. SJC C.P. R. Course at St. James

(till 4 p.m.)

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## Next Sunday's Readings: 19<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4—8

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 34*

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 4: 30—5: 2*

Gospel: *John 6: 41--51*

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

**Recommended by FORMED.org:**

*From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science*

Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., demonstrates God's existence from science, philosophy, medicine and metaphysics. Fr. Spitzer is at once entertaining and overflowing with pertinent information. (4 Episodes).

**Mission Co-Op Weekend.** Next weekend we welcome **Fr. Ponciano Macabalo, O.F.M.** as our visitor for the yearly mission program sponsored by the Diocese of Paterson. Fr. Ponce comes from the Philippines. He was ordained in 1977 and has worked as a rural missionary, a director of seminarians, as mission director, and as assistant to the director of the Franciscan Order in the Philippines. He has also studied in Rome, and has continued as an assistant for the Mission Office of the Franciscan Order in Rome. He currently works with the General Secretariat of the Franciscan Order in Burlington, Wisconsin. Next weekend he will speak to us of the state of the Church in the Philippines. We look forward to his time with us.

**C.P.R. Class at Both Churches.** A 3-hour class will be held at each church on these dates: Sun. Aug. 12 at 1:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall; and on Sun. Aug. 26 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas' Fr. Lewis Center. Cost will be \$ 15. Registration Forms can be found at the back of church. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a life-saving difference for family and friends.

**Baby Bottles for Good Counsel Homes** are being collected. Please know that your donations will help babies to get a healthier start in life. For a crisis-pregnancy, call toll free 800-723-8331.

**St. James Summer Bar-Be-Que.** Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration continues with an outdoor Bar-Be-Que Picnic on the grounds of St. James. The date is **Saturday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>; from 12 Noon till 4 p.m.** Food will include pulled pork, chicken, ribs and brisket by **Bubba-Que's** Billy Rough. Also ice cream sundaes. Ladies are asked to bring their famous salads or dessert. B.Y.O.B. Live entertainment will be by **Three-Sixty** (Lou, Don & Nancy). There'll be games for the kids. Tickets: \$ 10 adults; \$ 5 Children 12 & under; under 5: free. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like. All are invited to join us for a nice, relaxing summer afternoon under the trees. Tickets available at St. James or at the Parish Office.

**Do You have a problem with food ?** **Overeaters Anonymous** is a world-wide fellowship offering hope and healing for compulsive eaters. Join us every **Tuesday at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Branchville at 7 p.m.** in the Community Room.