

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

Every three years, the cycle of the Gospel Readings lands on Chapter Six of the Gospel of John. Chap. 6 includes the Bread of Life Discourse. Jesus speaks of Himself as the “Bread of Life” for the salvation of the world.

This year is a good chance to review parts of a Pastoral Letter which Bishop Serratelli has written for the laity and clergy of the Paterson Diocese. Below are some excerpts from his instruction entitled:

The Real Presence: Life for the New Evangelization

The Eucharist is *“the culmination of the spiritual life, and the goal of all the sacraments”* (Summa Theol., III, q. 66 a. 6) Our rediscovery of this mystery opens us to the rich and inexhaustible gift of divine life. When we come to the Eucharist reverently and worthily, *“we draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation”* (Isaiah 12: 3). In this mystery of the Eucharist we are renewed, and the Church herself grows.

The Church’s teaching on the Real Presence ... is firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture (cf John 6: 32—71; 1 Cor. 10: 16—17, 11: 23—29). Jesus’ words at the Last Supper, *“This is my Body,”* and *“This is the Blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many,”* are to be taken literally (Mk 14: 22—24; cf Mt. 26: 26—28.; Luke 22: 19—20.) The Eucharist is Jesus—body and blood, soul and divinity. When the priest repeats those words at the consecration during the Mass, Christ becomes present to us in the Eucharist. The appearances of bread and wine remain after the words of consecration at Mass. But there is no longer bread, no longer wine. It is *“the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1374).

In every Catholic Church, the central position of the altar bears witness today to the Church’s constant faith that the Eucharist is *“the source and summit of the Christian life”* (Lumen Gentium, II). The celebration of the Eucharist is the sacrifice of the Cross made present in our midst; it is the same sacrifice that Jesus made present at the Last Supper. So strong is the Church’s belief in the Real Presence that the Eucharist, reserved in the tabernacle, is worshipped and adored. In fact, the very positioning of the tabernacle in a place of prominence and honor gives witness to our faith that the Eucharist is Jesus truly present among us.

This faith in the Real Presence moves us to a certain awe and reverence when we come to church. We do not gather as a civic community or social event. We are coming into the presence of Our Lord God and Savior. The silence, the choice of proper attire, ... even the putting aside of chewing gum: all these gestures express our deep faith in the Real Presence.

Just as our exterior dress and behavior reflect our reverence for the Real Presence, so also does our interior disposition. ... As St. Paul teaches: *“A man should examine himself first; only then should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup ...”* (1 Cor. 11: 28). In those cases where there is serious sin, we should be reconciled to God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion.

May the Church of Paterson, *“renewed in the rediscovery of the gift and mystery of the Eucharist, extend this inexhaustible richness of life to those near and far, in the urgent work of the new evangelization.”* (John Paul II, Nov. 16, 2004).

Given at the Pastoral Center of the Church of Paterson

+ Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 19, 2018

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, August 25

8:00AM – Dom & Agnes Giordano
req. by their Family

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26

8:00AM – Marion Youngster
req. by her daughter, Victoria Gorfach

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

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,282.00 – Regular Collection – August 12, 2018 +
\$ 246.00 – Online Giving
\$ 184.50 – Missionary Cooperation Plan
\$1,434.00 – Regular Collection- August 13, 2017
\$ 239.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan 2017
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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*

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.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Jozef Sz wajkiewicz at the
Request of John & Maria Babon

MONDAY, August 20

9:00AM – Ray Sorg
req. by Lorraine
-Intentions of Mike Reily
req. by the Gorman Family

TUESDAY, August 21

9:00AM – Joseph Ligamari
req. by Dan & Luisa

WEDNESDAY, August 22

9:00AM – Intentions of the Legion of Mary
req. by the Legion of Mary
-Intentions of Michael Toth
req. by his Mom

THURSDAY, August 23

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 24

9:00AM – Intentions of Tommy Mesker
req. by the Gorman Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, August 25

4:30PM – Ted Rahoche
req. by Fran Whitesell

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26

9:30AM – Kate Olivo
req. by her Family

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,727.00 – Regular Collection – August 12, 2018 +
\$ 368.00 – Online Giving
\$ 744.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan
\$2,248.00 – Regular Collection – August 13, 2017
\$ 331.00 – Missionary Cooperation Plan 2017
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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 31st**. **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.

R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ❖ Are you un-baptized, but recognize a need for spiritually in your life?
- ❖ Are you baptized Catholic, or baptized in another faith tradition and never received any formal religious education?
- ❖ Are you married to a Catholic and go to Mass, but don't know how to become a Catholic?
- ❖ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the R.C.I.A. is the place for you! R.C.I.A. is the process through which the Catholic Church welcomes [initiates] new members. R.C.I.A. guides those who want to be Baptized into the Catholic Church and receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. R.C.I.A. guides those from another faith tradition into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is continually welcoming new members. R.C.I.A. ---an adult faith sharing process is ongoing and waiting to welcome you. Please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004 and your phone call will be returned just as soon as possible.

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 31st.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018**

“Brothers and sisters. Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always...”

The apostle Paul knew his people well. With encouraging words he taught them, corrected them, and warned them. Do I realize that they are also directed to me today?

We are careful about many, many things each day. We fastened our seat belts, placed the infants in their car seats, make sure the smoke alarms are functioning and lock the door securely. We should also show the same care for our spiritual lives. We would promise in the prayer of contrition to 'avoid the near occasion of sin.' In our day and age, as well as that of the Ephesians, it is not easy. We are bombarded from every side, challenged, tempted, yes assaulted by the evil one.

Only through a strong, vibrant prayer life can we both resist evil and not fall at times of temptation. For the gift of grace, we are able to express our thanks.

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.

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 19, 2018

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Aug. 20

Tuesday, Aug. 21

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

Wednesday, Aug. 22

Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, Aug. 23

Friday, Aug. 24

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

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

Saturday, Aug. 25

12 Noon SJC St. James Anniversary

Bar-B-Q & Picnic (till 4p.m.)

Sunday, August 26, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00a.m. STC C.P. R. Course at St. Thomas
(till 2 p.m.)

Next Sunday's Readings: 21st Ord.

1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 34

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21--32

Gospel: John 6: 60--69

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

Recommended by FORMED.org:

Watch: Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic? --by Donald Johnson

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get answers from some of today's most prolific Catholic converts.

Senate and General Assembly Citation.

As we celebrates our 75th year, we have received the following recognition from the State of New Jersey:

Commendations and praise are extended to Saint James the Greater Roman Catholic Church by the citizenry of the 24th New Jersey Legislative District, through their elected representatives, upon the occasion of celebrating its Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

(signed): Stephen V. Oroho, Senator;

F. Parker Space and Harold J. Wirths,

Members of the General Assembly.

Citation is on permanent display in Church Hall

St. James Summer Bar-B-Que. Our 75th

Anniversary celebration continues with an outdoor Bar-Be-Que Picnic on the grounds of St. James. The date is **Saturday, Aug. 25th; 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.

On-Line Giving is now available to parishioners. If you do your banking or ordering on line, we are now set up to accept donations to the Sunday collection in that way, too. Simply reach our website, **saintjamesthomas.org**. You will find the link to on-line giving. Follow it through and it will easily set you up for weekly or monthly contributions. With our thanks.

Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice. Have you ever thought about becoming a hospice volunteer ? The K.A.Q. Hospice is offering six classes for volunteers to learn how to be of support and help to families in terminal situations. Topics will cover the social, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of the dying person and their families. Classes will be from **10 a.m. till 12 Noon on these dates: Sept. 21, 26, 28, Oct. 2, 5, at the Bereavement Center, 5 Plains Rd., Augusta, N. J.** Classes are free of charge. Trained volunteers are of immense help to the dying and their families. For more info call Sue at 973-383-0115 or 800-882-1117.