

# 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](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**

# Saint Pope Paul VI

Last Sunday in Rome, during a Mass attended by tens of thousands, Pope Francis declared seven individuals to be the newest saints of the Catholic Church. Among them are Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador and Pope Paul VI, 262<sup>nd</sup> pope of the Church.

Pope Paul was born Giovanni Battista Montini in northern Italy on Sept. 26, 1897. He was born into a prominent family, his father being a lawyer and the publisher of a Catholic newspaper. He himself had a sharp mind and excelled in his schooling. He attended the Pontifical Gregorian University and was ordained in 1920. Under Pope Pius XI, Fr. Montini was quickly tapped to be the youngest diplomat to represent the State Department of the Vatican in international affairs. In 1923, he was also named as chaplain for Catholic students in Rome. He soon recognized the “illiterate” state of the young people about their faith, and organized retreats and other activities to encourage them to grow and to develop in their faith.

During World War II, Msgr. Montini became the Chief of Staff to Pope Pius XII, and did much to protect Jewish people and others who were the targets of Hitler and Mussolini. During this time he supervised the safety of 15,000 fugitives of the Nazi persecution. In 1954 Msgr. Montini was named Archbishop of Milan, the world’s largest diocese at that time. In this post-war period, known for his organizational skills, he did much to help rebuild the area of Milan, both physically and spiritually. He rekindled the faith of the people of this great northern industrial area, and personally went out and visited as many factory workers and ordinary people as was possible. He became known as “the worker’s archbishop.” In time he built more than 40 new parishes in this territory.

In 1959 an old friend Cardinal Angelo Roncalli became elected as Pope John XXIII. One of his first actions was to make Archbishop Montini a Cardinal. Pope John also called for the convening of the Second Vatican Council, with the intention of bringing the Church into better dialogue with the modern world. After one year, in 1963, Pope John unexpectedly died. Cardinal Montini was elected to succeed him and to continue the work of the Council. He took the name Paul, which set the tone for his papacy: he became the first Pope to travel outside Italy on missionary journeys. During his time he made nine trips, including the Mid-East, the U. S., India and the Philippines. It was in the Philippines in 1970 that he survived an assassination attempt.

In 1968, amid the turbulence of the sexual revolution, Pope Paul published his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* (“Of Human Life”). It affirmed the sacred value of all human life, even from the womb, and taught the intimate and unbreakable connection between marital intimacy and the openness to new life. Widely criticized for condemning artificial contraception, he prophesied that it would lead to unfaithfulness in marriage, divorce, abortion, and instability in the larger society.

Pope Paul died after a heart attack at the papal summer residence, Castel Gandolfo, on August 6, 1978, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Reportedly, his last words were those of St. Paul to Timothy: “I have competed well. I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.” (2 Tim. 4: 7).

Among his most memorable quotes: “*Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.*”(Evangelii Nuntiandi, 41).

**Saint Pope Paul VI, pray for us.**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 21, 2018**

**St. James the Greater**

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

**SATURDAY, October 27**

8:00AM – Thomas & Laura Shea

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 28**

8:00AM – Patricia S. Reyle  
req. by Linda & Michael Spinapolice

11:30AM – Dom & Agnes Giordano  
req. by their Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,039.00 – Regular Collection – October 14, 2018 +**  
**\$ 201.00 – Online Giving**  
**\$ 837.00 – Regular Collection- October 15, 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.**

The 8:00am St. James Coffee Hour takes place the first Sunday of the month except for July, August and September.



**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 Altar & Floral 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 Ralph & Anna Gioielli at the  
Request of their daughter, Ann

**MONDAY, October 22**

9:00AM – Richard Gray  
req. by his wife, Peggy

**TUESDAY, October 23**

9:00AM – Intentions of Michael Toth  
req. by his Mom

**WEDNESDAY, October 24**

9:00AM – Eugene & Rosalie Mauro  
req. by their Family

**THURSDAY, October 25**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, October 26**

9:00AM – Robert & Ann Lamb  
req. by their daughter, Peggy

**SATURDAY, Vigil, October 27**

4:30PM – William Lange  
req. by the Wainwright Family

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 28**

9:30AM – Gerry & Karen Ryan  
req. by Elaine & Carl McDonald  
-Bill Deveraux  
req. by Dawn & Gerry

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,337.00 – Regular Collection – October 14, 2018 +**  
**\$ 393.00 – Online Giving**  
**\$2,365.00 – Regular Collection – October 15, 2017**  
**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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**TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:**

Margaret Accordino, Loretta Bauman, Angela Brittain, James Brittain, Agnes Ciesielski, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Gomez Family, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Mr. Harris, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Doug Kabbash, Betty Lacovara, Bernadette Lang, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Jodi Lupo, Thomas Lynch, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, John Meehan, Robert Morenski, Bill Myers, Kelly Nicole, Richard Nowicki, Robert Organes, Jim Pantelmo, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Nicole Perry, Flo Puccio, Sal, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, John Sikora, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Richard Vergona, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White



### Religious Education Sessions

We are a month into our new catechetical year and are off to a great start! Unfortunately, we are still missing more than 20 of our children and teens and are praying that they re-join us very soon. As we are so blessed with children from so many towns, it can be a little bewildering at starting time! Thank you parents for your cooperation. As you all get out of school at varying times, we appreciate all your efforts in getting your children here as soon as you can. The promise you made at their baptism to raise them in the Catholic faith and bring them to the table of the Lord weekly is the greatest gift you can ever give your child.

**Please Be Reminded** ~ about the *Sacramental Sign-In Book* for our children and teens who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist (**grades 1 & 2**) and Confirmation (**grades 9 & 10**). These Binders (**Red – Conf. Class / White – FE Class**) will be kept in the back of BOTH churches and **must be signed each week**. Joyful participation in the weekly Celebration of the Eucharist as well as on Holydays of Obligation is a requirement for the reception of these sacraments. It is also expected of all faithful Catholics!!!



### Grade 2 Class & Church Tour

Our Second Grade class will meet at **St. Thomas Church on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** from the 9:30AM Mass until 11:30AM for their Class & Church Tour.



### Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM**. There will be **“Trunk or Treating”** for children and the high school teens will help out with games and activities!!! Come and meet our new Youth Minister, Ben Yates. . Bring a friend, new teens are always welcome. Come join us and see what’s going on – you won’t be disappointed!!! **A special thank you to Lentini Farms in Newton, who generously donated 40 pumpkins to our previous Catholic Teens event.**



### Sundaes with the Saints

All children up to Grade 5 are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM** at St. Thomas the Apostle. Just wear a costume of a loved saint (there are some no-sew ideas on catholicicing.com), bring an index card with 3 facts about the saint for everyone to guess who you are and enjoy a Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae. (Middle-school students and High-school teens are encouraged to help out too). We can’t wait to see our Church filled with Holy Saints!!!

### From Children’s Liturgy of the Word

The remaining Sunday of C.L.O.W. for the month of October is the 28<sup>th</sup>. All children K-6 are welcome to join us. Older children with younger brothers and sisters are also welcome. Those who bring the children to Mass are asked to explain how C.L.O.W. will take place and to especially reassure the children that they will be waiting for them after C.L.O.W. You are encouraged to experience C.L.O.W. with the children for their first time. Anyone with C.L.O.W. questions please feel free to contact Pat Hope or Mary Flexer at 973-948-7004. Also, we welcome all the Confirmed to minister at C.L.O.W. It is a wonderful experience of God’s Word alive. Peace. Pat Hope

### Yoga-lates

St. Thomas is offering a fitness class with a mix of Yoga moves (for flexibility and calm mind) and Pilates (for strength and tone especially in your core muscles). The class is on **Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 7:15pm** for 8 weeks and started on **October 16<sup>th</sup>** right here at St. Thomas. **You may join us at any time**. The class is easy to follow but a full body workout. Any questions, please call instructor Chris Dube at 973-948-2329. Bring a mat, hand held weights (1-8lbs.), water and a friend. Join for the session for only \$45.00 or pay per class for \$6.00. Twenty percent of the class money will be going to our St. Thomas Parish. So, please come and try it out!

### NJ Right to Life Raffle

Wonderful news! Our parishes have sold \$600.00 in raffle tickets for the 2019 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV. Thank you to all who donated.

**“SOUP MAKERS WANTED”**...The St. James the Greater “Soup on a Saturday” Committee is soliciting soup makers for the next event on Saturday, January 26, 2019. If you are willing to make and donate from 5 – 20 quarts of soup, please contact Bill Ricciardi @845-341-3686 by text or call. Containers will be supplied. We would love to have some different soups to supplement the past favorites.

### Hold the Date – St. Thomas Annual Bake & Craft Sale

On **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, St. Thomas will be hosting its Annual Bake and Craft Sale and Flea Market. At the present time, we are in need of **CRAFTERS** and **VENDERS**. If you know of someone who would be interested in renting a table or if any of your friends are crafters, please ask them to contact Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. There will be a St. Thomas table containing donated crafts of new or slightly used items. If you have any items you love but no longer use or need and wish to donate, please contact me at the above number. Thank you.

### St. James Christmas Bazaar – December 1

We are now accepting donations of new and like new items for the “Second Time Around” tables. Crafters, bakers and volunteers should also start making plans for their contributions now. If you are a crafter, baker, volunteer or just editing some nice but unwanted pieces from your home, please call Linda Spinapolic at 973-293-7031, Maria Henn at 973-293-3243 or Joan Henn at 973-293-3690. Please mark your calendars and start planning for this exciting fundraiser now.

### 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.

### 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

#### ***Here I Am, Lord!***

Our Diocese is blessed that there has been an increase in the number of seminarians over the years. Let’s continue to pray for these men as they concentrate on their studies and reflect on how they will one day serve our parishes. They deserve all our support, and one way to show this is by giving to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The Appeal helps fund the significant financial costs associated with years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org). May God bless you for your support!

## 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, October 21, 2018

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

### Monday, Oct. 22

#### Feast of Saint Pope John Paul II

7:30 p.m. STC Choir Practice

### Tuesday, Oct. 23

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2

6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

### Wednesday, Oct. 24

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 5

### Thursday, Oct. 25

### Friday, Oct. 26

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

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

### Saturday, Oct. 27

4:30 p.m. STC Mass & Conf. Prep. Gr. 9 & 10

### Sunday, October 28, 2018

#### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. REC Mass & Class Gr. 6, 7, 8

9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.

9:30 a.m. STC 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Parents:

Mass and Tour of Church

6:00 p.m. Teen Group at O.L.Q.P. (Trunk or Treat)

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 30<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 7–9*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 126*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 5: 1--6*

Gospel: *Mark 10: 46--52*

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

**Recommended by FORMED.org:**

*Watch:* "The Jeweller's Shop" (based on the play written by Pope John Paul !!) (Feastday: Oct. 22)

**The Spaghetti Dinner Committee** would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Dinner. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all. We sold 123 adult tickets and 3 child tickets. All food and materials were donated by committee members, so there were no expenses for the dinner. We turned a **profit of \$ 1,870.00** to Father Wayne.

We would like to thank Chef Bill & Valerie Ricciardi, Bill & Joan Henn, Mike & Linda Spinapolic, Art & Maria Henn, Brianne Olenick, Jillian Olenick, Ryan Kowal, Albert Helms, Kathy Space, Dan Meshnick and Dory Hankins for making this great evening possible.

**Open House at Pope John.** Students and families are invited to an Open House at Pope John Regional High School on **Tuesday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** There will be academic presentations by the faculty, visiting with coaches and club moderators, and tours of the facilities. See why Pope John XXIII is a perfect school community for your student. For questions, call Mrs. Anne Kaiser at Admissions, 973-729-6126 or reach [annekaiser@popejohn.org](mailto:annekaiser@popejohn.org).

**"Friendship at Heart."** The Sussex Co. Dep't of Human Resources is looking for volunteers (55 or older) to enter a "Friendly Visitor" program. Volunteers would be paired up with a home-bound elderly or disabled person and spend some time once a week to brighten the lives of the homebound. Volunteers are also needed to make phone calls once a week to check up on the elderly in their "Telephone Reassurance" program. OR, if you know someone who is in need of such services, call Stephanie at 908-303-5664.

### The Jeweller's Shop.

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play." **Run Time:** 1 hr. 31 mins.

See **FORMED.org**