

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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Monday through Friday
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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CRE: Mrs. Mary Flexer
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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

“This poor _____ put in more than all the rest ...”

Mark 12: 43

Today we see how well you were paying attention at Mass, as we take a short Bible quiz based on the Sunday Readings. Simply fill in the blanks:

1. “The fatherless and the _____ He sustains” (Psalm 146: 9)
2. The woman who helped Elijah in today’s First Reading is often called “the _____ of Zarepath.”
3. The woman who put two small coins into the Temple treasury in today’s Gospel was a _____. (Mark 12: 42)

If you answered “widow” to all three questions (and the title), you are right ! From Ruth to Naomi to the old woman in today’s Gospel, widows play an important role in Scripture. Along with orphans, they were considered the most vulnerable of people. And it’s because of how humble, needy and powerless they were that God has a special love for them. It’s also why He commands us, in the Scriptures, to treat them in a special way.

The heroine in today’s Gospel had nothing to offer people. She had no money, no social status, no influence that could help anyone get ahead. She was probably too old to care for children or to do even menial housework. All anyone could do was give to her—care for her, protect her, and treat her with respect and honor.

Jesus Himself seemed to have a special love for widows. He went out of His way to raise the son of a lonely widow from the dead (Luke 7: 11—17). He told a story about a persistent widow to teach us how to pray (Luke 18: 1—8). And He made sure His disciples saw the generosity of the widow in the Temple.

Jesus has commanded us also to have a special concern for widows—along with widowers, orphans, the vulnerable and the needy as well. Some of them are hanging on by a thread, and they need our help. What’s more, caring for God’s beloved poor also has the power to rescue us from selfishness, pride, and self-sufficiency. It teaches us to serve as Jesus does. In the end, it just may be what will save us.

**Lord, help me to love the widow and the orphan,
not just with my thoughts, but with my hands as well.**

--from: *The Word Among Us*
November 2018

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 11, 2018

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, November 17

8:00AM – Thomas & Katherine Shea

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 18

8:00AM – Deceased Columbiettes

req. by the Columbiettes

-Jeanette Meloi

req. by Charlie

11:30AM – Ann & Robert Lamb

req. by their daughter, Peggy

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,458.00 – Regular Collection – November 4, 2018 +

\$ 261.00 – Online Giving

\$2,192.00 – Regular Collection- November 5, 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of Ann Benson at the
Request of her sister, Rosemarie

MONDAY, November 12

9:00AM – Joseph Corcoran

req. by Lou & Dolores Avenatti

-Intentions of Ann Benson

Birthday Celebration

req. by her daughters, Lisa & Laura

TUESDAY, November 13

9:00AM – Brian Doane

req. by Omar & Marie Mendez

WEDNESDAY, November 14

9:00AM – Rose E. Reilly

req. Peggy & Bob Reich

THURSDAY, November 15

No Mass

FRIDAY, November 16

9:00AM – Margaret Barr

req. by her granddaughter, Mary Flexer

-Frank Morgiewicz

req. by Linda Lee

SATURDAY, Vigil, November 17

4:30PM – Mark Habley

req. by Edmund & Nicolina Bush

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 18

9:30AM – Loretta Salokas and Richard Casaletto

req. by Mary Flexer

-Deceased Columbiettes

req. by the Columbiettes

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,659.00 – Regular Collection – November 4, 2018 +

\$ 743.00 – Online Giving

\$3,093.00 – Regular Collection – November 5, 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, 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, Bernadette Lang, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Beth Lucien, 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



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.



A Month of Saints and Souls

We honor all saints, named and not named. Only God knows all the names of the saints, so we here on earth take their feast day, and even the whole month, to recognize and ask all the saints to pray for us. Saints are part of our family in heaven. Here are some we can pray to with specific things:

- ❖ When you've misplaced your homework, call on **St. Anthony**.
- ❖ **St. Therese of Lisieux** lived a simple life taking pleasure in everyday tasks.

This month, we also remember and pray for all the souls of those that we have known and even the souls of those we don't. We ask God to give all those who have died happiness and peace. Here is a beautiful prayer given to St. Gertrude by Jesus to pray this month:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for those in the universal Church, in my own home, and in my family, Amen."

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 16th** 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!

"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.

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.

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

On **Saturday, November 17th**, 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.

The Columbiettes are holding their annual Project Self-Sufficiency Toy Drive which ends the first week of December. All toys need to be new and unwrapped. There is a basket in the Gathering Space for your consideration. Thank you for your generosity.

Wall of Remembrance

If you wish to include a photo of a deceased relative or parishioner, please drop off a photo with their name on the back to the parish office. It will be scanned and returned to you.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Here I Am, Lord!

With the help of funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. These priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a concrete way to acknowledge our priests decades of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

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, November 11, 2018

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass

Monday, Nov. 12

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

7:30 p.m. STC Choir Practice

Tuesday, Nov. 13

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, Nov. 14

8:30 a.m. STC Montague Seniors

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

7:00 p.m. STC Adoration & Rosary with K of C

7:30 p.m. STC K of C Monthly Mtg.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Friday, Nov. 16

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 17

8:30 a.m. SJC St. James Clean-Up Day

10:00a.m. STC St. Thomas Bake & Craft Sale
(till 4 p.m.)

Sunday, November 18, 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

11:00p.m. STC Columbietes Mtg.

Next Sunday's Readings: 33rd Ord.

1st Reading: *Daniel 12: 1 – 3*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 16*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 10: 11--14*

Gospel: *Mark 13: 24 --32*

On-Line Giving is easier than ever. Simply reach our parish website, saintjamestomas.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.

Veterans Day. To pray for all veterans who have died defending our nation, and to honor all living vets, we will be celebrating a special Mass on **Monday, Nov. 12th at 9 a.m.** Join us as we pray for those who have served, and are serving, our nation.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. We will get together with our Christian neighbors of the Minisink Reformed Church and the Delaware Valley United Methodist Church to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the Lord's countless blessings. The Service will be held at **St. Thomas Church, on Monday, Nov. 19th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** All will be asked to bring an item or two of canned or boxed goods for the offering which will be taken up. Afterwards, we will be hosting a **coffee hour** in the Fr. Lewis Center. **Ladies are asked to bring their baked-goods-specialties for the social time.**

St. James Clean-Up. Good exercise and fresh air is your reward if you can help us with our annual Fall St. James Clean-up of the premises. We hope to rake up branches and leaves, trim bushes, sweep up, etc. The date is **Sat., Nov. 17; 8:30 a.m.** or whenever you get there. **Also Sat. Nov. 24, if necessary.** Please bring rakes, trimmers, etc.

The Delaware Valley Choral Society will be offering an Advent/Christmas Concert at St. Thomas. Entitled "*A Family Christmas*" it will be held on **Sat. December 1st at 1:00 p.m.** Featured performances by the Handbell Choir of Milford United Methodist Church and the Dingman-Delaware Children's Choir. Tickets: \$ 15. adults and \$ 10. students and can be obtained by calling 845-856-5696, or at the door.

FORMED.org Free to you as a parishioner; our parish code is: **HCVWQC**. Password is: **formed**. Now even easier: log onto our parish website saintjamestomas.org and scroll down to the **Formed** banner, and register.

The Banquet, a 3-day Retreat, will be held at the **Sacred Heart Center** this Monday eve thru Wednesday, **Nov. 12—14th**. Presenter will be Jim Browne, who will introduce us to a 12-step process to overcome the obsessions and addictions which keep us from getting closer to Jesus. Scripture based. Cost: \$65. (includes lunch on Tues. & Wed.) For more info or to register, call Mary Ann at 973-219-3352.