

# 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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**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**



# Pray for Vocations

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, has traditionally been known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel on this particular Sunday always speaks of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In 1963, Pope

Paul VI designated this day as the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The world-wide Church today recognizes that all Christians have vocations; each of us has a unique calling to live out his or her Baptism throughout our lives.

To know and follow your particular vocation is to find the greatest fulfillment in life. That doesn't mean that there will be no problems. But the Lord promises to give us His grace if we co-operate with Him. Whether it be in Marriage, in the Single Life, in the Religious Life or the Priesthood—the Lord counts on all of us to fulfill our roles to the best of our abilities. All lay vocations somehow add to God's creation—whether as teacher, doctor/nurse, bus driver, accountant, housewife, etc; each in some way serves the needs of the world. Each religious vocation keeps God in touch with His people and assures them of God's covenant (God's promise) to be with His people always.

Offer the prayer below for all the young people you know. Pray that they will find their true vocations. It will be the key to their happiness and success in life.

## *A Prayer for Vocations*

**Gracious God, with grateful hearts we welcome  
the presence of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.**

**We accept the mission of Jesus  
to bring Good News to the world  
by our Baptismal commitment to Gospel living.**

**Bless us with discerning hearts.  
May we have the courage to give our lives  
in loving service through the married life, the single life,  
the consecrated life, or the ordained life.**

**Inspire young men and women to respond generously  
and to embrace the gift of a religious vocation.**

**We unite our prayers with the whole Church,  
with the communion of saints, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit  
in praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

**NCCV Prayer**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 12, 2019**

**St. James the Greater**

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

**SATURDAY, May 18**

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde  
req. by his wife, Carol

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 19**

8:00AM – Harry Bell  
req. by Linda & Mike Spinapolice

11:30AM – Rose Reed  
req. by her Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,220.00 – Regular Collection – May 5, 2019**

**\$ 251.00 – Online Giving**

**\$2,021.00 – Regular Collection – May 6, 2018**

**\$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.**

**PLEASE NOTE** that the **St. James Spring Clean-up** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30AM.

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.

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

Margaret Accordino, Kathy Arnold, Loretta Bauman, James Brittain, Agnes Ciesielski, Peg Coates, Frances Demalderis, Derya Dimertas, Fran Doss, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Bill Fulton, Rachel Gibbs, Gomez Family, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Mr. Harris, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Bernadette Lang, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Joe Lorenzo, Jodi Lupo, Thomas Lynch, Teresa Mantani, Agnes Mantini, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Robert Morenski, Bill Myers, Kelly Nicole, Richard Nowicki, Katie Onofry, Robert Organes, William Pagano, Jim Pantelmo, Tracey Perles, Nicole Perry, Flo Puccio, Sal, Sandberg, Dell SanValentin, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, John Sikora, Shirley Strong, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Richard Vergona, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh, Joan White, Fran Whitesell and Jen Wycalek

**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 Anna Gioielli at the  
Request of her Children

**MONDAY, May 13**

9:00AM – Maria Sousa  
req. by the Sousa Family  
-Intentions of the Legion of Mary  
req. by the Legion of Mary

**TUESDAY, May 14**

9:00AM – Linda Stephens  
req. by her Family

**WEDNESDAY, May 15**

9:00AM – Intentions of Brian Benson  
Birthday Celebration  
req. by his Family

**THURSDAY, May 16**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, May 17**

9:00AM – Intentions of Deacon Wayne & Lyse von Doehren  
req. by Ray & Carol Proulx  
-Intentions of Mike Toth  
req. by his Mom

**SATURDAY, Vigil, May 18**

4:30PM – Earl Edwards  
req. by Elaine Schuster  
-Walter & Theresa Hoffman  
req. by the Wainwright Family

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 19**

9:30AM – Barbara Leppert  
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family  
-Jim Mahon  
req. by his wife, Gerry

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$1,974.00 – Regular Collection – May 5, 2019**

**\$ 768.00 – Online Giving**

**\$ 35.00 – Additional Easter Collection – 2019**

**\$2,284.00 – Regular Collection – May 6, 2018**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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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*



### **SAVE THE DATE – Catholic Summer Camp**

On June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM until noon at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Branchville, Catholic Summer Camp will once again be held for children entering grades K through 5 from the parishes of St. James the Greater, St. Thomas the Apostle and Our Lady Queen of Peace. Online Registration forms are available at our website at [www.olqpbranchville.org](http://www.olqpbranchville.org) under the Religious Education tab or may be obtained at the parish office. For more information, please call Jenn at the parish office at 973-948-3185.

**We are always looking for parents and teens to help make this a great week for the kids!!! Please call Mary at 973-948-7004 if you are able to assist us for all or any of it.**



**THANK YOU –** Our parish communities of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. James the Greater changed lives this Lent, and Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl wants to say **THANK YOU!** **Please return your Rice Bowl to the box in the Gathering Space at each church or the Religious Education Center IMMEDIATELY.**

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

C.L.O.W. is set to resume again in September. While we still have many weeks of Spring and Summer to enjoy, I would respectfully ask that during that time all parishioners prayerfully consider ministering at C.L.O.W. Training is given at the volunteer's convenience. Support is provided during C.L.O.W. We welcome all Confirmed teens to serve as Lector and/or as Hospitality Minister. You will be prepared to serve in these positions. Preparation would be at your convenience. Please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004 for further information and your call will be returned just as soon as possible.

Adult parishioners are welcome to serve as Lector, Hospitality Minister and/or as Lay Leader. You also will be prepared to serve in any of the above mentioned positions at your convenience. Please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004 for further information.

During C.L.O.W., Ministers prepare so that the children will have a positive experience, that the children may come to know and love the Liturgy of the Word, and that they come to understand the Rites and Symbols. Our prayers that the children will grow closer to Jesus with this opportunity of Children's Liturgy.

Prayerfully consider serving the children of the Parishes. All are welcome and needed!

In His Peace, Patricia Hope,

Coordinator for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

**Anyone** can visit the Facebook page for The Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. James the Greater:  
<https://www.facebook.com/JamesThomas/>

The next **St. Thomas Coffee Hour** will be on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:30 AM Mass and the **next Pot Luck** will be on **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:30 PM Mass. Come join us.

### **Altar Linen Ministry - \*Urgent need\***

St. Thomas is in need of help with maintaining the linens used at every Mass. Volunteer(s) pick up, wash, iron & return the altar linens. They are washed, weekly or so, in your own home. If more than one person volunteers, a rotating schedule can be set.

### **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 **Thursday nights from 6:15 to 7:15pm** for 6 weeks and **started on May 9 and will end on June 13** 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 862-266-8418. Bring a mat, hand held weights (1-8lbs.), water and a friend. Join for the 6 week session for only \$30.00 or pay per class for \$6.00 each. Twenty percent of the class money will be going to our St. Thomas Parish. So, please come and try it out!



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 12, 2019**

**“Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.... The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.’”**

Pretend that you are in the audience as Paul spoke, so convincingly. Place yourself in the shoes first of the Israelite and see how well you accept or reject what you hear. You were urged to remain faithful to the grace of God. Now change your shoes and see you too are destined for eternal life and believe.

The magic of Paul and Barnabas is God's grace and we all today, gifted with eternal life and the Holy Spirit, are to live and bring that life to others. We hear and listen and become witnesses as well. One of the encouraging words of Pope Francis is that we speak out 'boldly' of the Christ we know.

## 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 12, 2019**  
**Happy Mother's Day !**

**Monday, May 13**

**Tuesday, May 14**  
11:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

**Wednesday, May 15**

**Thursday, May 16**  
6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

**Friday, May 17**  
10:00a.m. STC Adoration of Bl. Sac. (till Noon)  
10:00a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.

**Saturday, May 18**  
8:30 a.m. SJC Clean-Up Day at St. James

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass  
11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.  
N. J. Catholic Youth Rally  
--at Great Adventure  
3:00 p.m. STC Healing Service

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> Easter

1st Reading: *Acts of Apostles 14: 21--27*  
Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 145*  
2nd Reading: *Revelation 21: 1—5a*  
Gospel: *John 13: 31—33a, 34—35*

**Make St. James Great Again.** All hands are needed on deck as we enter into our **Annual Spring Clean-Up.** We hope to spruce up the grounds and parking lot, mulch and weed flower beds and rake up tree branches and limbs. Your help is greatly needed on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m., or whenever you can come.** Please bring rakes and equipment. Think of it as good exercise in the great outdoors.



**Happy Mother's Day** to all the Moms of our parishes!! That also includes grandmas, godmothers, mothers-to-be, and all who offer that nurturing role so important for their families. We love you and thank you for all that you do for us. We pray that God will bless you in many ways. Have a wonderful day !

**“Jesus Heals” Healing Service.** All are invited to experience the healing powers of Jesus, for their mind, body and spirit. A Healing Service will be held **at St. Thomas next Sun. May 19, beginning at 3 p.m.**

There will be an explanation of Jesus' healing powers along with Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This will be followed by a Sprinkling and Renewing of our Baptismal promises; then prayers for individual healing. Individual counseling will be available (for healing of the emotions) as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation (for healing of the spirit.)

Join us during this Easter Season and receive the healings and blessings that Jesus wishes to offer you.

**FORMED.org** can help you learn more about our faith: lives of the saints, doctrines, history, current issues of our faith. Free to you as a parishioner.

Simply go to our parish website: [saintjamesthomas.org](http://saintjamesthomas.org). At the home page, scroll down to the FORMED banner to register.

### Recommended by FORMED.org.:

Listen: *Marriage and Family*  
Listen: *Real Womanhood*  
Listen: *Feminine Genius*

**Quo Vadis Days.** Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. *“Quo Vadis – Where are you going?”* Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? ‘Quo Vadis Days’ is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 26- 28, 2019** at the **Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey.** There is **no cost.** For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators: Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: [revedgar@patersondiocese.org](mailto:revedgar@patersondiocese.org) or [Dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org](mailto:Dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org)