

# 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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**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**

# Come, Holy Spirit



On this glorious feast day today, we celebrate the moment that Jesus' Spirit—the Holy Spirit—was unleashed upon the earth. That's a good thing. This Holy Spirit would guide the apostles in building the Church that we are a part of today. From now on, the Spirit that guided and moved Jesus would be available to anyone who called upon this Spirit.

We receive the Holy Spirit in its fullness at the time of our Confirmation. As it is conferred, the Bishop offers this beautiful prayer:

*All Powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
By water and the Holy Spirit  
You freed Your sons and daughters from sin  
And gave them new life.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon them  
To be their Helper and Guide.  
Give them the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,  
The Spirit of Right Judgment and Courage,  
The Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence.  
Fill them with the Spirit of Wonder and Awe in Your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

After this sacred prayer, the Bishop anoints each candidate with a special oil, the holy chrism, as a sign that they have been chosen by God to receive the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit brings with Him those gifts expressed above. All who have been confirmed carry those gifts with them at all times. They are a spiritual toolbox which can help us in every situation or problem or decision. How often do you call upon them? Here is a reminder of all that we possess:

**Wisdom:** helps us to learn from our mistakes, to grow in self-confidence and to be open to God's Word

**Understanding:** aids us in seeing all things in the light of God's love and mercy

**Right Judgment (Counsel):** guides us to choose the best path and to make the best decisions

**Courage (Fortitude):** encourages us to be witnesses to the Lord in the midst of an unbelieving society

**Knowledge:** keeps us open to the truth and impels us to continue searching for it

**Reverence (Piety):** helps us to express our love for the Lord and our need for His grace

**Wonder and Awe (Fear of the Lord):** keeps alive our joy in God's awesome, gentle presence in our lives, and instills a fear of offending One who loves us so much

With these Gifts, we have all that we need to serve the Lord capably, and to live our lives to the fullest. Let us rejoice on this Feast Day of Pentecost—the climax of the Easter Season.

God bless you,  
Father Wayne

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
June 9, 2019

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Kate Olivo at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, June 15**

8:00AM – Emily Blickweidel  
req. by her Family

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**June 16**

8:00AM – Linda Swedecki  
req. by her sister, Victoria Gorchach  
-John Klimkiewicz  
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg  
-Fathers of the Parish  
Living & Deceased

11:30AM – Orvil D. Jackson  
req. by his Family  
- Fathers of the Parish  
Living & Deceased

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,243.00 – Regular Collection – June 2, 2019**

**\$ 261.00 – Online Giving**

**\$1,753.00 – Regular Collection – June 3, 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.**

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. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the  
Intentions of Heather Dorsey at the  
Request of her Family

**MONDAY, June 10**

9:00AM – Daniel Barr  
req. by his goddaughter, Mary Flexer  
-Special Intention for generosity bestowed

**TUESDAY, June 11**

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

**WEDNESDAY, June 12**

9:00AM – Intentions of Barbara Guinn  
req. by Chris Lord

**THURSDAY, June 13**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, June 14**

9:00AM – John Bulmer  
req. by Art Heimall & Family

**SATURDAY, Vigil, June 15**

4:30PM – Earl Edwards  
req. by Ann Trovato & Family

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**June 16**

9:30AM – Gregory Farrington  
req. by George Keshish  
-Andrew J. Dachisen  
req. by his grandson, Andrew  
-Fathers of the Parish  
Living & Deceased

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,178.00 – Regular Collection – June 2, 2019**

**\$ 788.00 – Online Giving**

**\$2,443.00 – Regular Collection – June 3, 2018**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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

Agnes Ciesielski, Jen Vaughn, Ricky Wunder and Jen Wycialek

**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 Spinapolic at 973-293-7031.



### Pentecost - The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The mission that Jesus' disciples started on that day remains the mission of the Catholic Church today – and it is our personal mission too. That is why it is so important for all of us – parents and children – to be confirmed. Jesus told His disciples that they must be baptized in water (baptism) and the Holy Spirit (confirmation). Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the greatest witnesses we can give to the truth of the good news of Jesus Christ.

When the Holy Spirit descends on us at our confirmation, we should imagine ourselves back in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, surrounded by the disciples and the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are praying with us and with all the Church that everyone may know the good news of Jesus Christ, and that the kingdom of God may come.

### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – June 10

Added to the Church calendar in 2018, this feast is celebrated the day after Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles records that Mary was with the apostles and other disciples in the Upper Room leading up to the descent of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1:14). Therefore, today we recognize her importance in the founding of the Church.

### Parent Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation

A very important meeting will take place **tomorrow, Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** at St. Thomas the Apostle Church for all parents of students in our Religious Education Program entering grades 7 through 10 in September.



### Catholic Teens – A Night of Fishing

Catholic Teens is a Youth Group for teen parishioners from St. James, St. Thomas and Our Lady Queen of Peace. It is open to **7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders** and will meet again **today, Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM until 8:00PM** at OLQP in Branchville. Please come down to the Youth Group for an evening of fishing, fun and friendship! Hamburgers, Hot dogs and S'mores will be served. **Come join us and see what's going on – you won't be disappointed!!!** For more information, please call Mary Flexer at 862-268-1876.



### Catholic Summer Camp

On June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am 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.

This program will include prayer, crafts, games, skits, music, water fun and a bounce house and is **FREE!!!** To register, go to [www.olqp.org](http://www.olqp.org) and go to the Religious Education page and click Catholic Summer Camp 2019.

**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.**

### 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.

### 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.

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

### 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 which **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!

## 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, June 9, 2019

#### Feast of Pentecost

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

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Youth Group at O.L.Q.P. (Gr. 7—12)  
(Fishing contest)

### Monday, June 10

#### Tuesday, June 11

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

7:00 p.m. STC K of C Meeting

### Wednesday, June 12

#### Thursday, June 13

6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

#### Friday, June 14

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.

7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Pentecost Service at the  
Minisink Reformed Church, River Rd., Montague

### Saturday, June 15

### Sunday, June 16, 2019

#### Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

#### Future Events

Sun. June 30 St. Thomas Parish Picnic

Sat. July 27 St. James Parish Picnic

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#### Next Sunday's Readings: Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22--31

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 8

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1--5

Gospel: John 16: 12—15

**St. Mary's Little Lambs** in Port Jervis is hosting an Open House at St. Mary's Church, 44 Ball St. on Thurs. June 27, 6 p.m.—8 p.m. St. Mary's offers quality, affordable, early childhood education for Pre K 3—Pre K 4. Visit the classrooms and meet the staff. For info, call Eileen at 845-858-4208.

**Ecumenical Pentecost Service.** Join with our Christian neighbors is celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit. There will be a special Service **this Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Minisink Reformed Church** on River Road in Montague. Joining us will be their congregation and Pastor Mike, as well as Pastor Jo-Anne and members of the Delaware Valley United Methodist Church. Light refreshments will follow.

**Next Year's Calendar** is ready to take shape. All who would like to request dates in the new year should pick up a "Calendar of Events" page; fill it out with the events you'd like to schedule; and **return to the Parish Office by Mon. June 17.** We would like to have a meeting to iron out any conflicts **on Mon. July 1 at 7 p.m. at the Fr. Lewis Center.**

**Quo Vadis Days.** Young men ages 15—25 are invited to take part in a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help them explore the Lord's call in their life. The younger priests and seminarians of the Diocese are running this 3-day event. It all takes place **Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center, 230 Mendham Rd., Morristown.** For more info or to register call Fr. Edgar or Fr. David at 973-777-8818. Please note: this Retreat is FREE !

**Secular Franciscans: Info night.** Learn more about this group of men and women of all ages who strive to follow more closely the spirit of Saint Francis. Info night is Wednesday, June 12 from 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton. For more info contact Hugo at 973-579-1430.

**Q. What do you do** when something is lost ?

**A.** You pray to Saint Anthony.

**Q.** What do you do when Saint Anthony is lost ? ...

That's a trick question. At St. Thomas Church, you may have noticed the vacant pedestal where St. Anthony used to be. He didn't disappear or go on holiday. He is out for a complete make-over. He is being restored by a young lady, Rachel Zeberl of the Wood Funeral Home. He is being touched up and will be back to us soon, and looking better than ever. Our K of C is arranging a formal unveiling.