

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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8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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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

Honoring the Body and Blood of Christ: Jesus' Ongoing Gift to the World

Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is actually the celebration of Jesus' giving of Himself to all the world, for our salvation. It is a miracle we commemorate today, a miracle which takes place in our very presence—at each Mass. The Lord allows Himself to become sacramentally present in the bread and wine of the Mass: through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of consecration by the priest. As these come together, we find ourselves at the Last Supper, as if with the eleven disciples, as if hearing those words from the lips of Jesus Himself: "This is my Body ... This is my Blood." These are the words that bring God into the world all over again.

We celebrate with gratitude that the Lord would think so much of us, as to allow us to share His life so intimately. It's the greatest sign of how much He cares for each of us, that He offers Himself weekly—no, daily—in the Eucharist. In fact the word "Eucharist" actually means "thanksgiving." It's our natural attitude: to be grateful and thankful to the Lord for all that He offers us.

And we thank Him best by the way we allow the Eucharist to affect us. Each of us who receives, should consider ourselves to be "other Christs," other disciples who help the world to know Jesus. And we do this by living the way He did, by imitating His example as we find it in the Gospels, and speaking words of encouragement and consolation to others, as He did.

May we be grateful that the Lord has called us to be His disciples today, for what greater vocation can there be? Let us always receive the Eucharist with full awareness of Who it is we receive. May it help us to be the best disciples possible.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

Ten Steps: A Quick Review of How to Receive the Eucharist

1. *At Communion time, mentally consider whether there are any serious sins or barriers to your worthily receiving the Sacrament.*
2. *Join the Eucharistic procession coming up the aisle (in itself a symbol that we are a pilgrim people, passing through this world and heading for the next.)*
3. *As you reach the Priest or Eucharistic Minister, make a sign of reverence and recognition (usually a bow of the head.)*
4. *Put your hand out, as if a plate, for the Priest to place the host on, or: be ready to receive on your tongue.*
5. *Answer "Amen" when the Priest declares: "The Body of Christ."*
6. *Step to the side to place the host in your mouth.*
7. *Proceed to the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister with the chalice.*
8. *Take the chalice in your hands as the Minister declares: "The Blood of Christ." Answer "Amen." Take a sip from the chalice. (If not receiving the Precious Blood, bow to the chalice in recognition of the Sacrament.)*
9. *Return to your seat and meditate in silence on the Lord whom you have just encountered.*
10. *Allow the Lord's presence to enlighten and enliven your life.*

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
June 23, 2019

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Rosemarie Bastian at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, June 29

8:00AM – Kris Ann Blauvelt
req. by Steve & Rosemarie Babey

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 30

8:00AM – Phil Lange
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg

11:30AM – Stephen Casper
req. by his Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 501.00 – Regular Collection – June 16, 2019

\$ 276.00 – Online Giving

\$ 153.00 – Seminarian Education

\$1,147.00 – Regular Collection – June 17, 2018

\$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 Albert L. Dunn at the
Request of his sister, Rosemarie

MONDAY, June 24

9:00AM – Joseph Citarella
req. by Luann & Emrick Seabold

TUESDAY, June 25

9:00AM – Father Joseph Ryan
req. by Mary Flexer
-Intentions of Albert L. Dunn
Birthday Celebration
req. by his Family

WEDNESDAY, June 26

9:00AM – Barbara Kientzler
req. by her son, Charles
-Carol A. Pierson
req. by her Family

THURSDAY, June 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 28

9:00AM – Intentions of the Legion of Mary
req. by the Legion of Mary

SATURDAY, Vigil, June 29

4:30PM – Edward & Marie Hoffman
req. by the Wainwright Family

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 30

9:30AM – Jerry Selecchia
req. by Frances Demalderis

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,077.00 – Regular Collection – June 16, 2019

\$ 448.00 – Online Giving

\$ 489.00 – Seminarian Education

\$2,412.00 – Regular Collection – June 17, 2018

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Lee Ann Ascolese, Agnes Ciesielski, Jen Vaughn and Ricky Wunder

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.

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*



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

After Jesus teaches the large crowd, the apostles worry about how they are going to eat. Jesus gives thanks to God, blesses the bread and fish and gives them to the people. When all had finished eating, there was food left over! Do you remember to pray a blessing prayer before your meals? As a family, write a prayer that you could use at dinner or take turns leading your family in prayer.



Thank you to Mauricio and Mayra Ponce and their son Mauricio, who are representing our parishes at the Diocesan Celebration of First Communicants with Bishop Serratelli today at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. The reason for the celebration is to pray for and honor all those who have just received the Eucharist for the very first time. We congratulate Mauricio and his parents and all the children of our diocese and their parents as well. May they continue to come to the table of the Lord lovingly and reverently always.

Parent Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation

A very important make-up meeting will take place **tomorrow, Monday, June 24th 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. Confirmation registration will be given out that evening.

Registrations for 2019/2020 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children in grades 1 through 6 were mailed out for the upcoming catechetical year and **are due back by July 31st** to avoid the late fee.

Parents of children entering first grade, 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 and First Holy Eucharist 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.

After July 31st, all re-registrations must be brought to the REC. No re-registrations will be taken the week of September 15th (first week of classes). All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Office after September 18th. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Celebrate June

June 29th – Sts. Peter and Paul ~ Peter and Paul were both great evangelists and martyrs. They didn't always see eye to eye, but knew that spreading Jesus' words was more important. In remembrance of these two great saints, do your part to spread Jesus' words!

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/>

Prayer Shawl/Rosary Makers Ministry

Our parishes have an active group of women who knit and crochet prayer shawls, lap robes and scarves for those who need comfort and to feel the warm embrace of our loving community. We also have a group of women who make Rosary Beads. Every year, our First Holy Communicants receive rosary beads as a gift from this parish ministry, as well as the dozens that are taken from the baskets in our Gathering Areas.

This past year, over 100 shawls/lap robes/scarves were blessed by Father Wayne and were given to many veterans and to all who may have been going through an illness or a difficult illness or a difficult time in life.

Baptismal blankets were also made and given to babies on the day of their Baptism to welcome the newest members of our family! Infant blankets were made and distributed to new moms through local hospital maternity wards. There is never a charge for these works of love and we always have them available for whenever they are needed.

Our ministry (and our hands) are resting for the next two months and we will begin again on September 16th. We meet at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center on the first and third Mondays and are always ready to welcome new members!

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.

From the R.C.I.A.

The Catholic Church continually welcomes new members. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults {R.C.I.A.} is the Church's process of welcoming those new adult members.

The R.C.I.A. is the experience through which the Catholic community:

- ❖ Baptizes new adult members.
- ❖ Receives those adults from another faith tradition who want to be members of the Catholic Church.

R.C.I.A. is an adult faith sharing process which begins every September with interviewing, sessions begin in October. To have your questions answered, you are invited to call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, leave your name and number, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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 23, 2019

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

12:30p.m. SJC Short meeting on Parish Picnic

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

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

Wednesday, June 26

Thursday, June 27

Friday, June 28

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

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

Saturday, June 29

8:00 a.m. STC Irish Dance Competition

Sunday, June 30, 2019

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 p.m. STC St. Thomas Parish Picnic

Future Events

Sat. July 27 St. James Parish Picnic

Next Sunday's Readings: 13th Ord.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16b, 19--21

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 16

2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13--18

Gospel: Luke 9: 51--62

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 26th – Friday, June 28th 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!

Congratulations to All Graduates at this time of year: from college, high school and grammar school. We are very proud of you! And we wish you the best as you take the next steps in your life's career. Allow the Lord to guide you in your future choices and important decisions. He will make sure that you make the right choices and help you to find happiness and fulfillment.

The 2019—2020 Calendar of Events is ready to take shape. There will be a meeting on **Mon. July 1st at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas** to present the provisional calendar and to iron out any conflicts. All interested parties should be there. Refreshments will be served.

Fortnight to Freedom is a program sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of the U.S. It is a means of raising consciousness and praying for God's rightful place to be recognized in public life. It is a two-week program of prayers to prepare us for the celebration of Independence Day, July 4th. The program reminds us that our forefathers depended upon God for His guidance in their fight for liberty. May we offer prayers, beginning on Fri., June 21, that we and our fellow citizens will again allow God to guide us in the important issues we face today.

Diocesan-Wide Food Project. All parishes have been asked to help with the Annual Paterson Corpus Christi Food Drive today: **June 22—23, or as soon as possible.** It is a way of assisting the **Food Pantries** operated by Catholic Charities. We have been asked to help supply the following items:

St. Thomas: soups; St. James: coffee & tea. Every other parish has also been asked to supply certain items. If you can help, we ask you to bring those items to church. From here they will be transported forward. And thank you for your help to so many in need.

St. Thomas Bikers' Gang revs up for another season. All men and women are invited to join us as we peddle through our beautiful countryside. Bicycle trips are usually 2 hours or so long, and start at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas, beginning this week. Join us for some exercise and fresh air. We'll start this Tuesday.