

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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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
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



Time to Slow Down

What a great time of year ! School is over and the next term is still some distance away. Vacation plans are coming together, and there's the hope of slowing down for a while. Here is some good advice about how to make the best use of these summer months.

Take Time

Take time to think: it is the source of power.

Take time to read: it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play: it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet: it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to be aware: it is the chance to help others.

Take time to love and be loved: it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh: it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly: it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream: it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray: it is the greatest power on earth.

Author Unknown

May the Lord bless you and be with you this summer. May He give you the time to relax and refresh. May you have the chance to review the past and plan improvements for the future. And may you take the time to see where the Lord is working in your life. In short, may these summer months be a kind of retreat for us all.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 14, 2019

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Lonnie Hawke at the
Request of his Family

SATURDAY, July 20

8:00AM – Kate Olivo
req. by her Family

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 21

8:00AM – Phil Lange
req. by Joan & Bill Henn

11:30AM – Kris Blauvelt
req. by Andre & Gaetane Bordeleau

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,281.00 – Regular Collection – June 30, 2019
\$ 185.00 – South & Latin American Missions & Overseas Relief
\$ 386.00 – Online Giving
\$1,139.00 – Regular Collection – July 7, 2019
\$ 126.00 – Online Giving
\$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 Michael & Nancy Dunn at the
Request of their Family

MONDAY, July 15

9:00AM – Barbara Kientzler
req. by her son, Charles
-Dale R. Briegel
req. by his son, Dale

TUESDAY, July 16

9:00AM – Intentions of the Legion of Mary
req. by the Legion of Mary
-Anne Savacool and George Current
req. by the Flexer Family

WEDNESDAY, July 17

9:00AM – Frederick Plescia
req. by Maggie & Bill Rosanelli
-Intentions of Michael & Nancy Dunn
On their Wedding Anniversary
req. by their Family

THURSDAY, July 18

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 19

9:00AM – Richard Gray
req. by his wife, Peggy
-Intentions of Albert M. Dunn
Birthday Celebration
req. by his daughter, Rosemarie

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 20

4:30PM – Kris Ann Blauvelt
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 21

9:30AM – Stephen Casper and Kris Blauvelt
req. by Omar & Marie Mendez

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,414.00 – Regular Collection – June 30, 2019
\$ 452.00 – South & Latin American Missions & Overseas Relief
\$ 438.00 – Online Giving
\$2,012.00 – Regular Collection – July 7, 2019
\$ 788.00 – Online Giving
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
Consider a gift to St. Thomas Parish in your will.

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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 Spinapolic at 973-293-7031.

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Lee Ann Ascolese, Agnes Ciesielski, Teresa Mantini, Shirley Strong, Jen Vaughn and Ricky Wunder

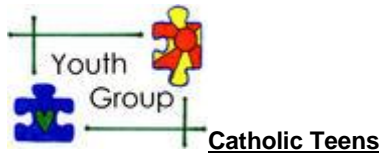


Registrations for 2019/2020 Catechetical Year

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.



Catholic Teens is a Youth Group for teen parishioners from St. James, St. Thomas and Our Lady Queen of Peace. It is open to **7th through 12th graders** and will meet on **Sunday, July 21st from 6:00PM until 8:00PM** at OLQP in Branchville. Please come down to the Youth Group for an evening of fun and friendship! There will be plenty of food, games, music and prayer. **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.

From the R.C.I.A.

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults process will begin again in September. The R.C.I.A. sessions are for adults and are for faith sharing and instruction. The sessions are approximately one to one hour and fifteen minutes to be held at the convenience of all participants. There is no cost for the R.C.I.A. Don't wait any longer to invite others to be Baptized Catholic! Don't wait any longer to become a fully initiated member {Sacraments of: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation} of the Catholic Church! Don't wait any longer to have your questions answered! Call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Our Parishes will again offer preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation of adults beginning in January 2020. These preparation sessions are for adults {18 or over} who are Baptized Catholic and who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and for whatever reason have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those who present themselves for the Sacrament will have an initial interview and then begin sessions to last for 10 sessions, and will be confirmed during the Easter Season. This Program is free of charge. The Program generally meets for sessions at the convenience of the Candidates. The session topics center on the Sacrament of Confirmation and Church teaching.

Parishioners please pass this information on to your family, friends and neighbors.

Please call the Religious Education Center at 973-948-7004 for any questions you might have, leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

May the Peace of Our Lord Be With You,
Patricia Hope and Alex Sousa,
Co-ordinators for the Adult Confirmation Program

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

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, July 14, 2019

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 15

Tuesday, July 16

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

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

Wednesday, July 17

Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19

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

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

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21, 2019

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Catholic Youth Group, meets at
O.L.Q.P., Branchville, till 8 p.m.
“Outdoor Sports Night”

Future Events

Sat . July 27 St. James Parish Picnic

Next Sunday's Readings: 16th Ord.

1st Reading: *Genesis 18:1–10a*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 15*

2nd Reading: *Colossians 1:24--28*

Gospel: *Luke 10: 38–42*

On Line Giving gives you one less thing to think about. Simply reach our parish website, saintjamesthomas.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.

St. James Parish Picnic is coming in two weeks, on **Saturday, July 27th** beginning at 1 p.m. All are invited to this annual event. There will be Bar-B-Q by **Bubba Cue**, music by **Omar, a 50/50**, and **games for the kids**. Ladies are asked to bring their salad or dessert specialties. This is part of our Bell Tower fund-raising, and **Tickets** are:

\$ 15 adults and \$ 8 children 12 and under.

Weekday Mass is a perfect way to start your day. It begins at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas, every day except Thursdays. It includes a song of the day, thought-provoking (?) (and short) homilies, and occasionally refreshments after Mass. Not to mention a friendly community of church-goers.

St. Thomas Bikers' Gang is on the road 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 **each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas**. Join us for some exercise and fresh air.

FORMED.org. We have a subscription to a large and growing library of resources: movies, e-books and c.d.'s, which offer much education and understanding on all topics of our Catholic faith. It is available to all members of St. James and St. Thomas parishes.

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Recommended by FORMED.org.:

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C.D. Feastday: July 14

Listen: *Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God*
C.D. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: July 16

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