

# 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  
210 Route 206 North  
Sandyston, NJ 07826

**Parish Office: 973-948-2296**  
Fax: 973-948-4634  
E-mail address: [stjamesthomas@aol.com](mailto:stjamesthomas@aol.com)  
Website address: [saintjamesthomas.org](http://saintjamesthomas.org)  
**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**



## One small step ... One giant leap ...

Can you remember where you were when the first men walked on the moon? It was July 20<sup>th</sup> almost 11 p.m., and I was transfixed before the T.V., marveling that, on that bright, moon-lit evening—men were actually standing on that same moon. And that I, and 600 million others—were watching it live.

I had always been fascinated by space flight. During all the earlier Mercury and Gemini flights, I would always track the orbits around the earth with string and tape on my globe. And now to see Armstrong and Aldrin walking around on the moon, collecting dust and rock samples, setting up the American flag, and testing the gravity of the moon—all this was just amazing.

Not only was it an incredible feat for men to make it to the moon, but it also spawned reflection about what else humankind could accomplish if they put their God-given minds to work.

There were moments on the moon where humans were expressing the best of humanity. A plaque was left at the landing site—Tranquility Base—which reads: “Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind.”

And Buzz Aldrin, the second human on the moon, said in a broadcast to earth the night before their return: “We feel that this stands as a symbol of the insatiable curiosity of all mankind to explore the unknown. ... Personally, in reflecting on the events of the past several days, a verse from Psalms comes to mind: *“When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the Moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man that Thou art mindful of him.”* (Ps. 8)

Pope Paul VI, our Holy Father during this time, spoke from the Vatican Observatory at Castel Gandolfo. He greeted the astronauts above: “Honor, greetings and blessings to you, conquerors of the moon, pale lamp of our nights and our dreams! Bring to her, with your living presence, the voice of the spirit, a hymn to God, our Creator and our Father. We are close to you, with our good wishes and with our prayers. Together with the whole Catholic Church, Pope Paul VI salutes you.”

I remember the feelings of wonder that were expressed by so many at that time. And the awe about what could be accomplished by working together for a greater cause.

Perhaps this week-end of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great achievement might inspire many to rise above petty, personal concerns—and truly seek to enable our country, and the world, to make other ‘giant leaps’ which will advance the good of all.

God bless you,  
Father Wayne

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
July 21, 2019

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Mavis Kaufman at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, July 27**

8:00AM – Ted Dunn  
req. by his Family

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 28**

8:00AM – Anthony Giannone  
req. by Norma Lange

11:30AM – Linda J. Stephens  
req. by her Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$ 625.00 – Regular Collection – July 14, 2019**

**\$ 251.00 – Online Giving**

**\$1,306.00 – Regular Collection – July 15, 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 in  
Memory of Edmund Campbell at the  
Request of his Children

**MONDAY, July 22**

9:00AM – Intentions of Hannah Sousa  
3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration  
req. by Al Guensch  
-Intentions of Ann R. Dunn  
Birthday Celebration  
req. by her daughter, Rosemarie

**TUESDAY, July 23**

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

**WEDNESDAY, July 24**

9:00AM – Intentions of Mary Bradley & Family  
req. by Toni, Paula & Mike

**THURSDAY, July 25**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, July 26**

9:00AM – Anne & Olindo Rosanelli  
req. by the Rosanelli Family

**SATURDAY, Vigil, July 27**

4:30PM – Tucher DeGroat  
req. by Caleb

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 28**

9:30AM – Earl Edwards  
req. by Ann Trovato & Family

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$1,533.00 – Regular Collection – July 14, 2019**

**\$ 438.00 – Online Giving**

**\$2,009.00 – Regular Collection – July 15, 2018**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

*Consider a gift to St. Thomas Parish in your will.*

\*\*\*\*\*

**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*

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

Lee Ann Ascolese, Agnes Ciesielski, Teresa Mantini, Shirley Strong, 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.

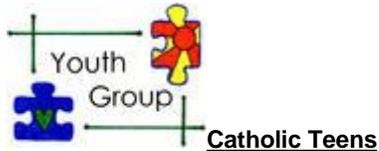


### Registrations for 2019/2020 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children in grades 1 through 6 were mailed out for the upcoming catechetical year and **are due back by July 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 31<sup>st</sup>, all re-registrations must be brought to the REC. No re-registrations will be taken the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> (first week of classes). All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Office after September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 **7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders** and will meet **TODAY, Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Vocation Vacation????

As we joyfully continue to embrace summer, we hopefully will find time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. This is part of what makes summertime fun and believe it or not, still a time for spiritual growth. Our vocation – being called to holiness (when properly understood, is nothing short of healthiness and happiness in their truest sense) – should never be on vacation! Our path to holiness always leads to Jesus Christ through His sacraments. Please make the worship, praise and thanksgiving to God at the Holy Mass part of your weekly summer plans. While you are away visiting or on vacation, take the opportunity to attend Mass at the local parish. It may even become your “second parish” if you travel to the same place each year! It is also a great chance for your children to see the beauty of other churches, but also realize that the Mass is the same everywhere! Remember – God is NEVER on vacation from us – doesn't He deserve the SAME from us?

### 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.

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



### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2019**

**“Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said, ‘Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way...and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.”**

During the hot, hazy, dusty days of summer we find the Genesis story welcome relief. Don't we all seek some help at this time of the year, a gentle breeze, a quiet fan or air conditioning? Imagine how welcome was this encounter with Abraham.

A fundamental principle in the Christian life is found in the virtue of hospitality. Saint Benedict likened it to prayer. Jesus found it in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. We have often experienced it in visits, being welcomed into a new parish community or home. We can offer this gift to others at little cost to ourselves. The first to come to mind are immigrants and refugees.

Jesus fled to Egypt following no acceptance at the inn. Those fleeing the ravages of war, gangs and poverty at our borders, might be the God hidden from recognition in the book of Genesis. Our gift of hospitality reveals the compassion of Jesus Christ to others.

# 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 21, 2019

### 16<sup>th</sup> 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"

## Monday, July 22

## Tuesday, July 23

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

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

## Wednesday, July 24

## Thursday, July 25

## Friday, July 26

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

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

## Saturday, July 27

1:00 p.m. SJC St. James Parish Picnic

## Sunday, July 28, 2019

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*\*\*\*\*

### Next Sunday's Readings: 17<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Genesis 18: 20–32*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 138*

2nd Reading: *Colossians 2: 12--14*

Gospel: *Luke 11: 1–13*

\*\*\*\*\*

**On Line Giving** gives you one less thing to think about. Simply reach our parish website, [saintjamesthomas.org](http://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.

*"To look out at this kind of creation out here and not believe in God is to me impossible, ... It just strengthens my faith. I wish there were words to describe what it's like."* --Astronaut John Glenn

**St. James Parish Picnic** is coming up this **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** 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.**

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the afternoon with parishioners and friends.

**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.

Simply go to our parish website: [saintjamesthomas.org](http://saintjamesthomas.org). At the home page, scroll down to the FORMED banner to register. For easy access after you register, make it one of your 'favorite' sites.

### Recommended by FORMED.org.:

Watch: *The Way of Saint James* (El Camino de Santiago) in Italian & English--English subtitles  
St. James' feastday: July 25

Listen: *How to Keep Your Kids Catholic* C.D.

**FORMED Daily Reflections.** Start your day with clips from the most dynamic and trusted figures in the Church today, sent right to your inbox! Discover the impact that 1 or 2 minutes can have in your life. Sign up at [formed.org/daily](http://formed.org/daily) Consider it to be your daily dose of truth, goodness and beauty.