

# 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**

# ***“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”***

Luke 11: 1

We human beings are big on “how to,” aren’t we ? Search on the Internet, and you will soon learn how to tie a tie, change a flat tire, fix a hole in your sheet rock ceiling. The disciples were no different. They had seen Jesus pray. They had heard Him praise Mary (the sister of Martha) for sitting quietly at His feet and listening to His teaching. And they wanted to know how exactly to pray.

So Jesus gave them what we call the “Our Father.” Though it looks like a five-step instruction, it is so much more. This prayer reveals much about who Jesus is, because it gives us a glimpse into His own prayer life. It also shows who we are, and God’s vision of how we should live. And it explains how Jesus wants us to relate to His Father—with the same mind and heart that He had as He walked the earth.

Who is your Father ? He is perfect, holy, and worthy of adoration. But Jesus doesn’t tell you to say, “Holy Father.” Just “Father.” He makes it clear that your Father is not far away, untouchable, enthroned beyond your reach. He is close to you; eager to breathe His life into you. He hears your voice. He listens when you call, and promises to answer. He gives you daily bread generously—all that you need for life and holiness.

The Father loves you. Always and without exception. He sees your worst sins, and still wants to hold you close. He offers forgiveness lavishly, reconciliation unreservedly, intimacy whole-heartedly. He gives you all the tools and grace you need to become as merciful as He is. And He protects you from the evil one so that you can spread that mercy far and wide.

Jesus gave the disciples so much more than a list of tips for effective prayer. He assured them that they could approach God confidently, knowing that He will always listen, always forgive, always provide and protect. And He, who is holy, will do no less for you.

**Father, I want to know You.  
Help me to grow closer to You  
and more confident in Your love.**

--from *“The Word Among Us”*  
July-August 2019

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
July 28, 2019

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Ralph & Anna Gioielli at the  
Request of their Children

**SATURDAY, August 3**

8:00AM – Cordelia Cafone  
req. by her Family

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 4**

8:00AM – Irma Pagano  
req. by her Children

11:30AM – Kris Blauvelt  
req. by Andre & Suzanne Lacasse

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$ 689.00 – Regular Collection – July 21, 2019**  
**\$ 261.00 – Online Giving**  
**\$ 110.00 – Catholic Communications & the Missions**  
**\$1,188.00 – Regular Collection – July 22, 2018**  
**\$ 188.00 – Catholic Communications & the Missions-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](http://saintjamesthomas.org) Then go to On-Line Giving link.**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the  
Intentions of Matthew Dunn at the  
Request of his Family

**MONDAY, July 29**

9:00AM – Intentions of Al Guensch  
Birthday Celebration

**TUESDAY, July 30**

9:00AM – Theresa Goupil  
req. by Omar & Marie Mendez

**WEDNESDAY, July 31**

9:00AM – Agnes Mantini  
req. by Dan & Luisa Mantini  
-Ralph Gioielli  
req. by his daughter, Ann

**THURSDAY, August 1**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, August 2**

9:00AM – Agnes Mantini  
req. by Dan & Luisa Mantini

**SATURDAY, Vigil, August 3**

4:30PM – Agnes Mantini  
req. by Dan & Luisa Mantini

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 4**

9:30AM – Tom McNamara  
req. by Jim & Diane Campbell

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$1,881.00 – Regular Collection – July 21, 2019**  
**\$ 538.00 – Online Giving**  
**\$ 458.00 – Catholic Communications & the Missions**  
**\$2,969.00 – Regular Collection – July 22, 2018**  
**\$ 346.00 – Catholic Communications & the Missions-2018**  
**\$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*

**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.**



On Saturday, July 13th, the St. Thomas and St. James Altar Servers and their Families attended the Sussex County Miners Baseball Game at Skylands Stadium. There they all enjoyed a warm summer night, an exciting Miners win and a great fireworks show afterwards.

We thank our young parishioners for their reverent and faithful service at the Table of the Lord and look forward to watching them grow in their faith and their love of Jesus and His Church.



### **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?

### **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-Coordinator for the Adult Confirmation Program

### **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/>

## 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 28, 2019*

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

*Monday, July 29*

*Tuesday, July 30*

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

*Wednesday, July 31*

*Thursday, Aug. 1*

*Friday, Aug. 2*

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

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

*Saturday, Aug. 3*

*Sunday, August 4, 2019*

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 18<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21--23*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 90*

2nd Reading: *Colossians 3: 1--5, 9--11*

Gospel: *Luke 12: 13--21*

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**K of C at S.C.F.** Stop by the Food Booth of the **Don Bosco Knights of Columbus** at the 2019 Sussex County Fair: August 2—11.

Visit also the Refreshment Booth of the **Frankford Fire Department** at the same fair on the same dates.

The donations will go to important causes.

**St. James Parish** is currently managing a project to fix the church's bell tower. The last two winters have left it in disrepair. We are currently considering bids for work on this task, and hope to begin soon. Our thanks for your prayers and financial support for this project. We want to preserve our cozy, historic, country church for generations to come.

**Missionary Co-operative Plan.** Each summer our Diocese sponsors this Mission Weekend in which each parish hosts a priest from a mission territory. In two weeks, we will be having a visit by Fr. Robert Kimbalela, of the Diocese of Kayanga, Tanzania. He will report to us on conditions there, and a special collection will be taken up. More info in next week's bulletin.

**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.

**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.:

Listen: *The Four Levels of Happiness* Audio CD  
Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, a highly a renowned philosopher and the founder of the Magis Center, provides a truly enlightening and practical discussion on how to achieve deep and enduring happiness. Referencing the wisdom of the ages, including that of Aristotle and Plato, this talk provides the keys to achieving the universal desire for happiness given to every person by God himself.

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*"The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present wherein to do good."*

--St. Alphonsus Ligouri  
Patron of Vocations; Feast day: Aug.1