

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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Monday through Friday
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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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

Our Lady of the Rosary

October 7th



On Monday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is a day to ponder the importance of the Rosary in our faith, and to be reminded of the great power that is released when praying this devotion.

This feast began with its former name: the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. One great historical example of the power of the intercession of the Blessed Mother, through praying the Rosary, comes from 1500's in Europe. It was a period when the Ottoman Turks were on the rampage, seeking to dominate all of the European continent. They had already conquered Constantinople, (now Istanbul), the center of the Roman Empire at the time. The Holy Land also had been under their control for several centuries, restricting pilgrims from visiting the holy sites of Our Lord's life, death and resurrection. Several Crusades had been organized by western nations, but had failed to liberate the Holy Land.

In 1571, Pope Pius V brought together a coalition of forces from Spain, the Papal States and Venice. Their objective was to stop the advance of the Ottomans through Greece and into central Europe. A crucial naval battle developed off the Gulf of Corinth, with the western forces pitted in a life or death struggle with the Turkish navy. Word got back to Pope Pius, and he encouraged all the faithful to plead for Mary's intercession by praying the Rosary. The Pope even led a large Rosary Procession in Rome.

The outcome was miraculous. After five hours of fierce fighting on the seas, and in spite of being greatly outnumbered by the Turks in men and materiel, the Christian forces were victorious. The Ottomans were decisively defeated at the Battle of Lepanto, and their further advance through Europe was greatly curtailed.

So grateful was Pope Pius that he instituted the Feast of "Our Lady of Victory" as a day to commemorate this event, and to keep the memory of the power of the Rosary alive. Two years later, in 1573, the succeeding pope, Pope Gregory XIII, changed the title of this feast to "Our Lady of the Rosary." In 1716 Pope Clement XI declared that this feast should be celebrated by the Church throughout the world. And in 1913 Pope Pius X fixed the date for this feast at October 7th.

Countless are the blessings, favors and miracles that have been granted to those who pray the Rosary. Perhaps the greatest is the grace to become like Mary, to have the same deep devotion and trust in God that Mary had. With her faith, she successfully brought forth and raised the Savior who has brought us all the gift of salvation. Especially during this month of October, may we pray the Rosary often, and experience the blessings that may be granted through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 6, 2019

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Gene & Rosalie Mauro at the
Request of their Family

SATURDAY, October 12

8:00AM – Donald Martin, Sr.
req. by his Family

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 13

8:00AM – Deceased Members of the Kohol and
Spinapolic Families
req. by Linda & Michael Spinapolic

11:30AM – Susan Sheaffer
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 956.00 – Regular Collection – September 29, 2019
\$ 276.00 – Online Giving
\$ 941.00 – Regular Collection – September 30, 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 Dom & Agnes Giordano at the
Request of their Family

MONDAY, October 7

9:00AM – Intentions of Mike Toth
req. by his Mom
-Intentions of the Legion of Mary
req. by the Legion of Mary

TUESDAY, October 8

9:00AM – Emily Bllickweidel
req. by her Family

WEDNESDAY, October 9

9:00AM – Muriel Kennel
req. by her Family

THURSDAY, October 10

No Mass

FRIDAY, October 11

9:00AM – Charles & Elsie Lorber
req. by their Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, October 12

4:30PM – Marie & John Furtado
req. by their Children

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 13

9:30AM – Kazimiera Szwajkiewicz
req. by John & Maria Babon
-Bill Pagano
req. by Walter & Teri Winkler

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,984.00 – Regular Collection – September 29, 2019
\$ 438.00 – Online Giving
\$2,179.00 – Regular Collection – September 30, 2018
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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.

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:

Agnes Ciesielski, Bill & Teresa Mantini, Shirley Strong, Jen Vaughn and Ricky Wunder

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



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*



What Can I Do For God?

Some saints fought in battles. Others studied and write complex books on our faith. Still others moved to distant places to help care for other people.

These saints were called to make life-changing decisions in order to follow the Lord. But not all people are called to do great things. One of those was St. Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day we celebrated on October 1st.

St. Therese of Lisieux lived an ordinary, simple life. When she was very young, she knew she wanted to serve the Lord, and, after asking more than once, she was allowed to enter the convent. While there, she decided that each day she would do all her chores with great love.

Every day we have a choice to make. Will we do all that we do with love? If we do, we are truly living holy lives. St. Therese of Lisieux's approach to life became known as "The Little Way." Talk with your children (and even think about this for yourself) about ways they can do things with great love – for example doing their chores and homework without complaining.



The Holy Rosary and S'mores

On **Monday, October 7th**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at **4:00PM**, we will be praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary at the Grotto on the Great Lawn of St. Thomas then enjoying S'mores after. Please plan to join us to pray for your family and for world peace!



Sacramental Sign-In Books

The children and teens who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist (**grades 1 & 2**) and Confirmation (**grades 7 – 10**) are asked to sign in at Mass each week. These Binders (**Red – Conf. Class / White –FE Class**) will be kept in the back of BOTH churches. Joyful participation in the weekly Celebration of the Eucharist as well as on Holydays of Obligation is a requirement for the reception of these sacraments. It is also expected of all faithful Catholics!!!



Catholic Zoomers

Catholic Zoomers 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 again on **Sunday, October 13th**

from 6:00PM until 8:00PM at OLQP in Branchville where we will be planning a Trunk or Treat Event with a Haunted House! They will also be having their first fundraiser – "Fr. Phil's Dill's" (pickles which they made at the last gathering) for sale after the Masses that weekend for \$10.00 a quart.

All of our Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to please come down to the Youth Group for an evening of faith, food, fun and friendship! For more information, please call Mary Flexer at 862-268-1876.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawl/Rosary Makers Ministry

We will gather again this month on Monday, October 7th & 21st. We meet at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Center on the first and third Mondays of the month from 11:00AM until 1:00PM and are always ready to welcome new members!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"For I Was Hungry..."

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town – perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! *For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.*

The Columbiettes

are sponsoring a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. All orders must be in by **October 20th** with payment to the **Columbiettes**. There is a table in the gathering space with the ordering folders. Please take one if you would like to order. They make beautiful gifts.

St. James Christmas Bazaar

It is never too early to start thinking about the **December 7, 2019** St. James **Christmas Bazaar!** We will be accepting donations after the **October 19, 2019** St. James **Spaghetti Dinner**. We will be looking for donations of time and talent from bakers, crafters, volunteers and those just editing some nice but unwanted items from their homes. Please mark your calendars and call Linda Spinapolice 973-293-7031, Joan Henn 973-293-3690 or Maria Henn 973-293-3243 for more information.

THE FAMOUS ST. JAMES ANNUAL SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

will be held on **Saturday, October 19th** at 6:00pm. Bring your own drink. Take-outs available. Adults: \$12.00, Children under 12:\$6.00, Children under 6: Free. Tickets will be available after 8:00am and 11:30am Masses on September 22 & 29, October 6 & 13, by calling Mike Spinapolice at 973-293-7031 or by emailing wjr218@optonline.net. Sit-down tickets will be limited to 100.

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 **Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00pm** for 8 weeks **starting on October 9** 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 8 week session for only \$40.00 or pay per class for \$6.00. 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, October 6, 2019

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour (after Mass)
- 9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.
- 9:30 a.m. STC Mass & Faith Sharing--Conf. I
- 9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour (after Mass)
- 10:30a.m. STC R.C.I.A.: Liturgical Year, Rosary

Monday, Oct. 7

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

- 11:00 a.m. REC Prayer Shawl & Ros. Makers Mtg.
- 4:00 p.m. STC Family Rosary & S'mores

Tuesday, Oct. 8

- 10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings
- 4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2
- 7:00 p.m. STC K of C Rosary, B-diction, Mtg.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- 4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 5
- 6:00 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

Thursday, Oct. 10

Friday, Oct. 11

- 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.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Sunday, October 13, 2019

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group at O.L.Q.P.

Next Sunday's Readings: 28th Ord.

- 1st Reading: 2 kings 5: 14--17
- Resp. Psalm: Psalm 98
- 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8--13
- Gospel: Luke 17: 11--19

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."
--St. Jerome, 347--420 A.D.

2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. You are invited to join this Rosary Crusade on **Saturday, October 12** at either of two **locations:**

Port Jervis, N.Y.: A **Rosary Procession** begins at 11:30 a.m. from the St. Mary's parking lot, down Ball St. and up Sussex St. to Orange Square. **Rosary Rally begins at 12 Noon.**

Milford, PA.: The **Public Square Rosary Crusade** begins at **12 Noon** at the **Milford Courthouse**, 410 Broad St. Contact Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 for more info.

Here are two simultaneous opportunities to express our faith. Both ask God to save America through the power of the Rosary.

Port Jervis Area Life Chain. Sunday, October 13, from 1:00 till 2:30 p.m. along East Main St. Witness to the sanctity of human life.

Women's Bible Study at O.L.Q.P. Queen of Peace Church is inviting all ladies to join them in their Bible Study course: "*Unleashed: How to Receive Everything the Holy Spirit Wants to Give You.*" It is a 12-week series based on the book by Sonia Corbitt. Learn how the Spirit speaks through both the positive and painful circumstances of our life, our relationships, and His Word. **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; October thru Dec. 17.** No cost, except purchase of the book. Each session includes a 30 min. DVD presentation by Sonia Corbitt, then discussion, prayer and fellowship. For more info call Maria Albanese, 973-570-7984.

Diocesan Women's Conference. This annual event will be held at St. Paul's Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Ave, Madison. Entitled "*Feminine, Faithful, Fearless,*" the date is Sat. Dec. 7th. For more info: call 973-377-1004.

Silver & Gold Anniversaries. Congratulation Bishop Serratelli will be celebrating a special **Mass for Silver and Gold Couples on Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral, Paterson.** Simply fill out the **application** you will find in Church, and then submit it to our parish office. You will then receive an invitation from the Diocese.