

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

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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.

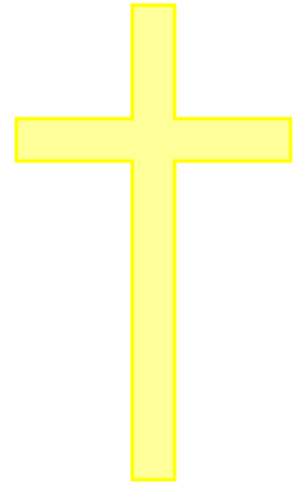
Part of our ministry is to **visit the sick** in hospital or at home. Privacy laws do not allow us to visit or pray publicly for the sick unless permission is given by the individual or their health care proxy. Please inform us of the needs of the sick, and we will be happy to respond as best we can.

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

Faith in the 22nd Century ??



Our Lord's question in today's Gospel has a somber and even haunting tone to it. *"When the Son of man comes, will He find any faith on the earth?"* Our Lord sounds unsure, wondering if His life's work and effort were worth it. And that was 2000 years ago.

Our Lord's question is important for every age because our faith and traditions are passed down from generation to generation. If ever a break were to be made in the transmission of faith from one generation to the next, then faith and knowledge of the Lord, and all His teachings and actions, could be lost. It's a real possibility. The Lord actually trusts us that this won't happen.

But what about our own day? Is the Catholic faith strong, or are there signs that it could be lost by the majority of the population? If the older generation isn't strong in their faith, if the older generation doesn't introduce the faith to the younger, then there is a real danger that all the treasures of our faith could be lost. The truths of our very salvation are at stake.

Parents are the key. The Church teaches that parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. C.C.D. classes can do much in preparing for the sacraments and teaching the facts and details of the Bible and Church history. But parents are the ones in daily contact with their children. And so, parents might consider today: how well are they doing? Are they leading their children to the Lord? Attending Mass each week, prayers before supper and at bedtime, Bible stories and regular Confession are some of the ways of making faith real to the young ones.

It's clear that parents today have so much against them: modern culture, too much of T.V., popular music, and all the influences of the secular world that reach our kids through the internet. Our public schools don't (and individual teachers can't) encourage faith. And don't expect shining examples from our public officials. Parents must be strong and definite in passing on their Catholic faith. Their personal example is always the best witness.

Let us pray today for all parents in their most important task of raising faithful Catholic children in an environment that is clearly hostile to faith. May we all lend the power of our good examples to the young people we know. And may the young see in faithful people—countless examples of joy-filled persons who find that faith fulfills and colors and completes their lives.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 20, 2019

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Larry Belcher at the
Request of his Family

SATURDAY, October 26

8:00AM – Linda J. Stephens
req. by her Family

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27

8:00AM – Clem Petrizzo and Helga Markowski
req. by Suzanne Laggy

11:30AM – Ann & Robert Lamb
req. by their daughter, Peggy

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 930.00 – Regular Collection – October 13, 2019

\$ 161.00 – Online Giving

\$ 195.00 – Diocesan Assessment

\$1,240.00 – Regular Collection – October 14, 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.

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.

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 Spinapolice at 973-293-7031.

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

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



**Pray
for the
Military**

We ask your continued prayers for the following men and women of our parish who are serving our country in the Armed Forces: Brandon Heimall, Nicholas and Karissa Kealy, Joseph Mannion, Hunter Olenick, Christopher & Ana Sarao, Nicole Sarao, Peter Spinks and James Orr.

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. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of William Lange at the
Request of the Wainwright Family

MONDAY, October 21

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

TUESDAY, October 22

9:00AM – Richard Gray
req. by his wife, Peggy

WEDNESDAY, October 23

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

THURSDAY, October 24

No Mass

FRIDAY, October 25

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

SATURDAY, Vigil, October 26

4:30PM – Helen Parichuk Salza
req. by a Friend
-Alice Heimall
req. by the Heimall Family

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27

9:30AM – Rose Fazio
req. by Angela & Michael Eiring
-Joseph Slisz
req. by Dawn Hall & Family

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,844.00 – Regular Collection – October 13, 2019

\$ 443.00 – Online Giving

\$ 584.00 – Diocesan Assessment

\$2,730.00 – Regular Collection – October 14, 2018

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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*

Anyone can visit the Facebook page for The Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. James the Greater:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesThomas/>



Celebrate World Mission Sunday

Each year in October, the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday to acknowledge the call for all Christians to participate in the missionary work of the Church. Through baptism, we are extended an invitation and a mandate to help spread the Good News not just close to home but around the world. This year, Pope Francis has designated today as World Mission Sunday with the theme "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World." Not everyone is called to leave home and travel the world spreading Jesus' love. All of us, however, can participate in the missionary work of the Church by sharing Jesus' love with those around us and those throughout the world by our prayers and our charitable contributions. As a family, discuss ways that you can be a "missionary" and spread the Good News!



Grade 2 Class & Church Tour

Our Second Grade class will meet at **St. Thomas Church today, October 20th** from the 9:30AM Mass until 11:30AM for their Church Tour.



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

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish on **Sunday, October 27th from 6:00PM until 8:00PM**. There will be "**Trunk or Treating**" for children from 6:00-8:00PM. Our youth group teens are asked to bring Halloween items from home to create a Haunted House for the older kids!!! Supper will be served. Also, the commitment form for the trip to NYC must be turned in that day. All of our Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to participate in this Catholic teen group as often as possible.



Information was sent home with your children about **Sundaes with the Saints on Friday, November 1st at the 7:00PM Mass at STC. We are asking all children in grades 1-6 to attend Mass dressed as a Saint.** Immediately following Mass, we will give our parishioners a chance to meet some of the well known and maybe not so well known Saints of the Catholic Church and then enjoy a delicious Ice Cream Sundae. This beautiful feast day is a **Holy Day of Obligation. (Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to help out too for service hours).**

The Columbiettes are presenting the annual Cancer Ribbon Wall which is on display in the gathering space. Please stop by the parish office if you wish to purchase a ribbon in your loved one's honor. A Cancer Research Jar is available for donations.

St. James Christmas Bazaar

It is never too early to start thinking about the **December 7, 2019 St. James Christmas Bazaar!** We are now accepting donations. We are 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 Spinapolic 973-293-7031, Joan Henn 973-293-3690 or Maria Henn 973-293-3243 for more information.

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 and **started 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 20, 2019

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.

9:30 a.m. STC Mass & Faith Sharing--Conf. I

10:30a.m. STC Church Tour Gr. 2 & Parents

10:30a.m. STC R.C.I.A. Topic: Saints, Souls,
Angels (all welcome)

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

Monday, Oct. 21

11:00 a.m. REC Prayer Shawl & Ros. Makers Mtg.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2

Wednesday, Oct. 23

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 5

6:00 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

Thursday, Oct. 24

Friday, Oct. 25

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 26

4:30 p.m. STC *Christians of the Holy Land*

-- Olive wood statues, crosses, objects

Sunday, October 27, 2019

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After All Masses: *Christians of the Holy Land*

-- Olive wood statues, crosses, objects

3:00 p.m. STC 'Jesus Heals' Healing Service

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

Next Sunday's Readings: 30th Ord.

1st Reading: *Sirach 35: 12--14, 16--18*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 34*

2nd Reading: *2 Timothy 4: 6--8, 16--18*

Gospel: *Luke 18: 9--14*

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

--St. Jerome, 347--420 A.D.

"Jesus Heals" Healing Service. All are invited to experience the healing powers of Jesus, for their mind, body and spirit. A Healing Service will be held **next Sunday, October 27th at St. Thomas, at 3 p.m.**

There will be an explanation of Jesus' healing powers along with Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This will be followed by a Sprinkling and Renewing of our Baptismal promises; then prayers for individual healing. Reconciliation (a healing of the spirit) will be available. Join us and receive the healings and blessings that Jesus wishes to offer you.

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 lives, 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.

Medjugorje is a place of great mercy and miracles in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where **the Blessed Mother is said to be appearing daily to six visionaries since June of 1981.** Over 50 million people have visited this holy site In May of this year Pope Francis officially authorized pilgrimages to Medjugorje

A pilgrimage is being planned from our area, for late Sept. or early Oct. 2020. Lodging will be in a modern retreat facility near the home of Ivan Dragicevic, one of the visionaries.

The exact dates for the trip will be provided only to the travelers this October, five days before they are announced to the general public. This offers a much better chance to secure our places on this trip, which typically sells out extremely fast.

Contact Patrice Kealy at 973-534-1722 as soon as possible for more info. and questions. You will be placed on the list of pilgrims to be notified when the exact dates are firmed up.