

# 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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**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**

# NOVEMBER: Month of All Souls

The month of November is traditionally set aside by the Church as a time to remember our loved ones who have passed on. It follows the theme of the season, wherein trees have lost their leaves, plants from the garden are gone, cold winds are beginning to blow and the “dead of winter” is about to set in. It can all be very gloomy, and the loss of our loved ones seems to fit right in.

However, our Church teaches that beyond the grave is a whole new life: a life of happiness, joy and peace, for those who have strived to allow the Lord to guide them throughout their days on earth. We know it as the life of Resurrection, and Jesus has traveled this path already. He, and all the saints, are waiting for us to join them.

Here is an observation that might be entitled:



## *Death from the Other Side*

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts off for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says: “There, she is gone.”*

*“Gone where?”*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me--not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: “There, she is gone!” there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: “Here she comes!”*

*And that is dying.*

--Henry Van Dyke, American poet  
1852--1933

**Henry Jackson Van Dyke** was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, to Henrietta Ashmead and **Henry Jackson Van Dyke**, a respected Presbyterian clergyman. The son was influenced by his father's role as minister, though the boy was not necessarily a model child. As his father said of his two sons, "Paul was born good, but **Henry** was saved by grace."

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 17, 2019**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Kate Olivo at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, November 23**

8:00AM – Charles & Elsie Lorber  
req. by their Family

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**  
**November 24**

8:00AM – Frank & Rose Reed  
req. by their Family

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

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$ 597.00 – Regular Collection – November 10, 2019**

**\$ 161.00 – Online Giving**

**\$ 131.00 – Catholic Home Missions**

**\$1,148.00 – Regular Collection – November 11, 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 in  
Memory of Zofia Babon at the  
Request of John & Maria Babon

**MONDAY, November 18**

9:00AM – Deceased Members of the Flexer, Nardo, Barr and  
Sweeney Families  
req. by Mary & Ray Flexer

**TUESDAY, November 19**

9:00AM – Anne & Olindo Rosanelli  
req. by the Rosanelli Family  
-Joseph Kacmarcik  
req. by his daughter, Laurie

**WEDNESDAY, November 20**

9:00AM – Barbara Kientzler  
req. by her son, Charles

**THURSDAY, November 21**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, November 22**

9:00AM – Cheryl & Scott Nielsen  
req. by their Family  
-Sal Barcia  
req. by his Family  
-Intentions of Members of the Music Ministry

**SATURDAY, Vigil, November 23**

4:30PM – Cécile St-Pierre Bordeleau  
req. by Joe & Theresa Zdeb

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

**November 24**

9:30AM – Joseph Slisz  
req. by the Columbiettes  
-Mary & Yo Cunico  
req. by the Cunico Family

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 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



**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**

**\$1,751.00 – Regular Collection – November 10, 2019**

**\$ 453.00 – Online Giving**

**\$ 456.00 – Catholic Home Missions**

**\$1,832.00 – Regular Collection – November 11, 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/>**



### Keeping holy days holy

Don't look now, but Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas will be here

before you know it. We all want our family holidays to be meaningful, yet we are distracted by a season that's bursting with extra everything.

How can we maintain our resolve to keep the holy days holy – that is, set apart for God – while our to-do lists get longer by the minute? This year, count on three powerful words to keep yourself and your family focused on what truly matters: Eucharist, Maranatha and Emmanuel.

**EUCCHARIST (Thanksgiving)** ~ The word Eucharist derives from the Greek word meaning thanksgiving. As Catholics, we have an incomparable opportunity to praise and thank God whenever we attend Mass. Put the prepping and cooking aside for an hour and take advantage of attending Thanksgiving Day Mass this year. Even if the turkey is dry and the relatives bicker, by attending Mass you've already partaken of the greatest thanksgiving feast in the world!

**Idea to focus on the holy** ~ Emphasize the attitude of thanksgiving during family prayer. Even little ones can find something for which to thank God!

(To be continued...taken from Take Out-Family Faith on the Go)

### Celebrating November Saints

Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she “sang in her heart to the Lord.” Her feast day is celebrated in the Latin Catholic, Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches and in the Anglican Communion. She is one of seven women, in addition to the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Take a moment to pray for and thank our parish music ministers for all they do to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” St. Cecilia, pray for us!



### Catholic Zoomers

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM until 8:00PM**. All of our Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to participate in this Catholic teen group as often as possible.

### 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!

### St. James Christmas Bazaar

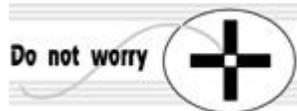
It is never too early to start thinking about the **December 7, 2019 St. James Christmas Bazaar!** We are now accepting donations. We are looking for donations of time and talent from bakers, crafters, volunteers and those just editing some nice but unwanted items from their homes. Please mark your calendars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

### 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal “For I Was Hungry...”

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with almost \$650,000 returned last year to parishes – and over \$2.9 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org).

**The Columbiettes** are collecting new toys to be delivered to Project Self Sufficiency for underprivileged children at Christmas. There is a basket in the gathering space. We will be collecting toys until Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Columbiettes** are sponsoring a campaign for parishioners to offer one million Hail Mary's for the salvation of souls. If you wish to be a part of this, please write down how many Hail Mary's you have said on the sheets of paper provided. Your name is optional. You may also email your tally to [hailmarysforsos@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforsos@gmail.com). Thank you.



### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

#### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2019

**“You know how you must imitate us...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.”**

‘Imitation is the greatest form of flattery’ but often it can lead others astray. The lack of truthfulness in government, lies and deceit in business, use of performance enhancing drugs in sports become the norm, not the exception. ‘Everyone is doing it’ is the response, but does not make it right.

Paul's exhortation and example called and challenged his hearers not to be so easily persuaded to laziness, a capital sin, but to labor intensely for the Lord. What he lived and taught was to remedy what he saw as contrary to a Christian life.

His words are directed to us as a model, an example to follow. Jesus is our leader, Paul our teacher, and we eagerly accept the challenge to be a model for others. Can we say that? ‘Do as I say or do as I do.’

## 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, November 17, 2019**

**33<sup>rd</sup> 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 R.C.I.A. Topic: Season of Advent  
(all welcome)

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

**Monday, Nov. 18**

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 19**

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 20**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 21**

**Friday, Nov. 22**

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

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

**Saturday, Nov. 23**

8:30 a.m. SJC Clean Up Day at St. James

**10:00a.m. STC Bake & Craft Sale & Flea Market**

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

**Feast of Christ the King**

11:00 a.m. STC Homemade Pie Contest

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

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

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**Next Sunday's Readings: Christ the King**

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1--3

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 122

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3--9

Gospel: Luke 17: 11--19

*"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."*

--St. Jerome, 347—420 A.D.

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**Plan to use Advent well: Spend ½ hour each day with a resource from FORMED.org. Our education in faith should never be finished.**

**Pie Tasting Event.** Our Knights of Columbus are hosting this irresistible, first-time event on **Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m.** There will be a "Homemade Pie Contest." We are asking all bakers to enter your homemade pie specialties—two of the same pie: one for tasting, and one that can be purchased. Just in time for Thanksgiving! Pie entry forms are available after Mass, or by calling the Parish Office. Tickets for tasting will be \$ 5.00. Plan to join us for this scrumptious experience!

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service.** Plan to join with our fellow Christians for our Annual Thanksgiving Service. This year the **Minisink Reformed Church** is our host. **The date is Monday, Nov. 25. Service begins at 7:00 p.m.** Pastor Joanne of the Delaware Valley United Methodist Church will deliver the message. You are asked to bring a donation of canned goods for the food pantries of our churches. Refreshments will follow the Service. Join with our Christian neighbors in thanking the Lord for His countless blessings.

**Right to Life March.** This annual march in Washington D.C. to protest the many assaults on life, especially pre-born life, will take place on **Friday, Jan. 24, 2020.** Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Branchville will be running **two buses:** 1) will leave the day before and will be an overnight trip enabling all to attend the Youth Rally for Life and the Special Mass for Life, with numerous Cardinals, Bishops and Priests; 2) will be the traditional one-day trip, leaving early on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup>, to Washington for the March for Life. For more info call O. L. Q. P. parish office at 973-948-3185 ext. 1

**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. 7<sup>th</sup>.** For more info: call 973-377-1004.

**FORMED.org** can help you learn more about our faith: lives of the saints, doctrines, history, current issues of our faith. Free to you as a parishioner. Simply go to our parish website: [saintjamestomas.org](http://saintjamestomas.org). At the home page, scroll down to the FORMED banner to register. Recommended by FORMED: Watch: *"True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation"*