

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

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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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
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.

Welcome -We Are a Tithing Parish

Our Visitor from the Missions

Next week-end, we will take part in the Diocese's annual summer **Missionary Co-op Program**. We will be hosting **Father Jesus Mata, S.V.D.**, a member of the **Divine Word Missionaries**. He will speak of the missionary work they do around the world. The S.V.D.'s are an international Religious Community of missionary Priests and Brothers who serve in more than 70 countries, providing the most basic of life's necessities like drinkable water, food and shelter. They help to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments and spread the Word of God to the most remote of mission communities. There are over 6,000 active missionaries who travel to the far corners of the world, where they build hospitals to care for the sick, educate the poor, teach people the latest farming techniques and build shelters for the homeless. They work to help the neglected and forgotten build better futures while nurturing Catholic communities of faith and spreading the Good News of Jesus around the world.

Your support of the annual Mission Appeal makes you to be a part of this great work. Please be generous when Fr. Jesus Mata asks for our help in the second collection next week-end.

From the Divine Word Missionaries' website:

The **Society of Divine Word** was founded in 1875 by **Saint Arnold Janssen**, a determined German Catholic priest with a dream of bringing the Gospel to places in the world where it had never been preached. Today over 6,000 Divine Word Missionaries in 78 countries continue the work of Saint Arnold by bringing humanitarian services and the Word of God to those in need.

At present, the provinces/regions of the Society are grouped into four zones, namely, the European zone (EUROPA), the Pan-American zone (PANAM), the Asia-Pacific zone (ASPAC), and the Africa-Madagascar zone (AFRAM). The zones may work as geographical sub-zones wherever this seems suitable.

In a world that is divided by cultural, social and religious differences, Divine Word Missionaries are dedicated to encouraging people to open their hearts and share in God's love. "One heart, many faces" was the theme of the canonization of Arnold Janssen and Joseph Freinademetz. It underlines that all people are included in God's plan and their diversity is valued. Our mission statement:

**Divine Word Missionaries are called by the local church
–from all corners of the globe–
to live among the people, listen to their needs
and help everyone hear the voice of God.
Through evangelization, formation, biblical pastoral ministry,
mission animation, communication
and works of justice and peace for the integrity of creation,
Divine Word Missionaries make this vision a reality.**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 7, 2016

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, August 13

8:00AM – Intentions of James & Lisa Donahue
Wedding Anniversary
req. by her Mother and Family

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 14

8:00AM – Jeanette Meloi
req. by her husband, Charlie

11:30AM – Dom & Agnes Giordano
req. by their Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,386.00 – Regular Collection – July 31, 2016
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$1,908.00 – Regular Collection – August 2, 2015
Consider a gift to St. James Parish in your will.

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:

Margaret Accordino, Mary Cunico, Derya Dimertas, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Clara Kane, Jeff Librizzi, Betty Mastrelli, Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, Cathy Moyer, Danielle Parker, Marguerite Phillips, Flo Puccio, Baby Teddy, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner and Thomas Walsh

St. James Rosary & Altar 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of August Eberhardt at the
Request of his Family

MONDAY, August 8

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

TUESDAY, August 9

9:00AM – Cathy Pullis
req. by her Family

WEDNESDAY, August 10

9:00AM – August Eberhardt
req. by his Family

THURSDAY, August 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 12

9:00AM – Mavis Kaufman
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, August 13

4:30PM – Kenneth Lucianin, Sr.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14

9:30AM – Frank Flanagan
req. by Chris Higgins

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,109.00 – Regular Collection – July 31, 2016
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$2,533.00 – Regular Collection – August 2, 2015
Consider a gift to St. Thomas Parish in your will.



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.



Registrations for 2016/2017 Catechetical Year

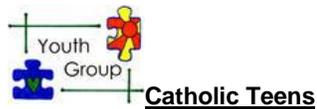
Re-registrations for children in **Grades 2-8**

and **teens in the Confirmation Preparation Program** for the upcoming catechetical year **were due back by July 30th to avoid the late fee. Please return all registrations ASAP!!! Thank you.**

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish, children enrolled in Catholic school or home school who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation 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.

Catechist Formation Series

The Diocesan Catechist Formation Series will take place on Tuesday, August 9th and 16th from 7:30-9:00pm at Morris Catholic High School in Denville. To register, go to www.insidethewalls.org. Please call Mary about carpooling!



Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. James the Greater have formed a new youth group for all teens in High School. **Come join us today, August 7th, from 6:00-8:00pm** for our next meeting in the pavilion at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. There will be plenty of fun, games, music events and prayer. For more information please call Jenn at the office at 973-948-3185.



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

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016**

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, that no thief nor moth can destroy... Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.’”

Think for a moment of the many times in the scriptures it says not to be afraid. We find this advice in the Old Testament. We hear these words again when Gabriel spoke to Mary, Joseph was advised in a dream, and when Peter and his friends were adrift on the sea.

Fear is a very human emotion and response. I can ask myself of what I am afraid?

A child might be afraid of the dark. An adult fears losing his job, family problems or poor health. Many fear death. Jesus offers a remedy we can follow, if we are one with Him. In the long run, we need only be afraid of losing God's friendship, and each person has the power to make sure that does not happen.

Peter asked to whom the parable was directed. I know the answer.

R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ❖ Are you unbaptized, but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- ❖ Are you baptized Catholic or baptized in another faith tradition and never received any formal religious education?
- ❖ Are you married to a Catholic and go to Mass, but don't know how to become a Catholic?
- ❖ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the R.C.I.A. is the place for you! R.C.I.A. is the process through which the Catholic Church welcomes [initiates] new members. R.C.I.A. guides present members who wish to complete their initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. R.C.I.A. guides those who want to be received into the Catholic Church from another faith tradition. The Catholic Church is continually welcoming new members. R.C.I.A. --- an adult faith sharing process is ongoing and waiting to welcome you. Please call the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004 and your phone call will be returned just as soon as possible.

2016: St. Thomas 75th Anniversary Year 1941-2016

Good Deed Journaling. All parishioners are invited to make note of the good deeds they perform during the course of the day. There are little notebooks on the table in the Gathering Space. Please take one and use it as a personal diary to record the good deeds you perform for the Lord each day. You may surprise yourself. These notebooks are for your personal use only, and can be a wonderful offering to the Lord of your time well spent for His honor and glory.

Calling all “Vintage People”

Perhaps you have great memories of the Catholic Church and the America of our youth. We ask if you would like to share a memory or two with all of our parishioners as we celebrate our 75th year. Please pick up a blue sheet of paper in the gathering space.

Senior “Vintage” Memories – Do you remember those long summer days when you and your siblings and friends played outside all day only coming in for lunch or picnic fixing and then went “under the sprinkler” afterwards to cool off? Such fun – then book “quiet” time in the later afternoon. Times so well spent!

St. Thomas History – Father Byron's departure in 1961, supposedly for a short sabbatical leave, brought Rev. Joseph Ferrito as interim administrator. Msgr. Ferrito retains fond memories of his time in this predominantly agricultural area. During his tenure, Interstate 84 was being initiated and brought changes to rural life. Father obtained a direct phone line for the rectory, objecting to the party line as others could listen in.

Vendors Wanted for Flea Market

St. James the Greater Church in Montague is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, **September 10th** from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. Please contact Betsy Gardner at 845-858-7892 or Gardnerabstract@aol.com for questions or to reserve a space.

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, August 7, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

Monday, Aug. 8

Tuesday, Aug. 9

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

7:30 p.m. Catechist Formation, Morris Catholic H.S.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Thursday, Aug. 11

Friday, Aug. 12

9:00 a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after Mass, till 12 Noon

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

Saturday, Aug. 13

11:00a.m. Annual Legion of Mary Day of Prayer, At O.L.Q.P., Branchville

“Back to School” Supply Collection by Columbiettes at all Masses – through Aug. 28

Sunday, August 14, 2016

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

Future Events

Sun. Aug. 28 9:30 a.m. St. T's 75th Anniv. Mass --with Bishop Serratelli

--followed by Anniv Brunch at High Point Country Club

Sat. Sept. 10 St. James Indoor / Outdoor Flea Market

Next Sunday's Readings: 20th Ord.

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 38: 4–6, 8--10*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 40*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 12: 1--4*

Gospel: *Luke 12: 49--53*

Gifts from Bethlehem. The people offering olivewood art and articles from the Holy Land will be with us on Aug. 20—21. More info next week.

**St. Thomas 75th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Serratelli and Brunch

will be celebrated **Sun. Aug. 28.** Mass at 9:30 a.m. Brunch at High Point Golf Club Banquet and Event Center, 342 Shore Drive, Montague. Join us as we celebrate and remember the years that have brought us to this day. Continuous slide show and historical background will be part of the day. Full buffet brunch will be served, with cash bar available. Tickets are on sale after each Mass or through the Parish Office. Tickets: Adults: \$ 22.00; Children 5 – 11: \$ 14.00; children under 5: free. Join us for this central event of our 75th Year !

Legion of Mary Day of Prayer. Join the Legion of Mary in its annual Day of Prayer to be held **this Saturday Aug. 13th** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Branchville. The day begins at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Mass, followed by a Rosary Procession, Adoration and Benediction at 3:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. All are welcome !

Religious Ed through the Computer.

Now everyone can pursue higher religious education in the comfort of their own home, on their own schedule. We have been given the chance to receive **FREE during the month of August**, hundreds of titles of e-books, audio C.D.'s, movies and study programs. I ask you to check out the **FORMED** library of resources. To access, simply do this:

1. Type in: FORMED.org in your web browser, such as Google, Bing, Chrome or Firefox
2. Click on: FORMED
3. Click on: “Login” in the upper right hand corner of the screen
4. Enter the following information into the pop-up screen and click submit:
Email/username: demo@formed.org
Password: Assumption (Case sensitive)
5. Once it loads, you will see programs, movies, audio, and books. Choose one and begin.

Some examples of what's available:

Movie: *God's Doorkeeper*

Lighthouse talks: *Made for Greatness*

E-books: *Finding True Happiness*

Study Programs: *Symbolon: The Cath. Faith Explained.*

By Aug. 31, please let me know if you find these materials helpful. I will then arrange to make them available for the next year.