

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

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With this page, I am happy to announce to you that we have begun an internet subscription for continuous, 24-7-365 religious education for adults, young people and children. It all becomes available to you anytime, anywhere, when you click onto:

FORMED.org

Our Parish Code is: HCVWQC (case sensitive)

The Password is: formed

With this website—whole worlds of 21st century education and understanding of our faith become available. All manner of topics become available, anytime, during this next year. All computers and devices are capable of downloading the audio C.D.'s, Study Programs, Movies and E-books that are offered. And for you it is all **FREE OF CHARGE !**

Our parish has purchased this subscription to the Lighthouse—Augustine Institute website, based on the fact that a number of households have inspected the materials during our trial period in August. Among the materials offered are:

Audio C.D.'s: "From Atheism to Catholicism," "Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled,"
"Real Womanhood"

Study Programs: "Catholicism," by Bishop Robert Barron, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary,"
"Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained"

E-books: "Finding True Happiness," "Not God's Type," "Rome Sweet Home"

Movies: "Mother Teresa" (starring Olivia Hussey), "The Reluctant Saint," "The 13th Day,"
"Religious Mysteries"

Over 300 items are offered. All that is necessary to begin is:

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Click on: = for Programs,

Movies, Audio & Books

I hope that you will make use of these educational and inspirational materials often. We live in a 21st century full of electronic wonders. The Church is striving to use these technologies to spread our faith further. May you find many hours of inspiration and growth in faith through the materials offered here.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 6, 2016

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, November 12

8:00AM – Al Ferrara and Frank McDermott

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13

8:00AM – Joe Urban
req. by Carol Lombaerde

11:30AM – Cordelia Cafone

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,309.00 – Regular Collection – October 30, 2016

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,827.00 – Regular Collection – November 1, 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, Danielle Parker, Marguerite Phillips, Flo Puccio, Alex Sepiol, Baby Teddy, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh, Joan White and Robert Woodcock

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 Spinaplice at 973-293-7031.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Kathryn Walker at the
Request of her Children

MONDAY, November 7

9:00AM – Alma Furletti
req. by Prayer Shawl & Rosary Makers Ministry

TUESDAY, November 8

9:00AM – Clara Martin
req. by her daughter, Grace Reich

WEDNESDAY, November 9

9:00AM – Don Martin
req. by his Family

THURSDAY, November 10

No Mass

FRIDAY, November 11

9:00AM – Intentions of Brother Joseph Donovan
-Intentions of Theresa Lange
Birthday Celebration
req. by the Wainwright Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, November 12

4:30PM – Deloris Spinks
req. by her husband, Russ
-Russell B. Spinks
req. by his Dad

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13

9:30AM – Jim Mahon
req. by his wife, Gerry

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,842.00 – Regular Collection – October 30, 2016

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,498.00 – Regular Collection – November 1, 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.



Keep the Door Open: Home is Where Mercy Starts

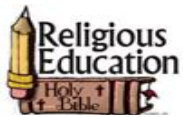
On November 20, 2016, the **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** officially comes to a close, but that doesn't mean that we should abandon our commitment to mercy. Rather, we are called to

continue to grow and strengthen our efforts to bring mercy to the world. We are called to Keep the Door Open!

Ways to Keep the Door Open to Mercy

A Family of Mercy ~ Sometimes the most difficult place to show mercy is at home. There always seems to be something that needs to be done, cleaned, fixed or managed. Shuffling our priorities so that we put our children and spouse at the top of our list is one of the most important things we can do. When we show our children what mercy looks like in our lives, they will carry those values and actions with them as they go out into the world.

(To be continued...taken from Family Faith On The Go)



Faithful Citizenship

Catholics have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of their voting privileges (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2240). Further, the U.S. bishops state that the obligation "to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ" (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* ~ USCCB).

If possible, bring your kids to the local voting station on Election Day so they can experience faithful citizenship firsthand.



Catholic Teens

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 and see what's going on!!!** Our next gathering will take place in the pavilion at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, November 6th from 6:00-8:00pm**. There will be plenty of fun, games, music, events and prayer.

Catholic Men's Prayer Group starting on **November 15th** at 7:00PM at the Religious Education Center. We will use as a spring board for discussion and prayer a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" [Leading Men to the Cross]. Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

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

St. Thomas History – Already serving St. James and St. Thomas longer as pastor than his predecessors, Father Gacquin was elevated to the rank of Reverend Monsignor in 1989. While St. Thomas continued to lack a hall, it used the neighboring firehouse community room for its socials and other events.

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pasta Dinner to be held on **November 26th** from 6:00 – 8:00PM in the Father Lewis Center. The dinner will include pasta, meatballs, salad & bread. Desserts will be provided by the Columbiettes. Tickets are: Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5 and Entire (immediate) Family \$25. Tickets will be available after Masses at St. Thomas and through the church office.

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a **toy drive** for disadvantaged children through Project Self-Sufficiency. The toys should be new and unwrapped. There is a large box in the gathering space for your convenience. The toy drive will finish on November 30th.

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Be Rich in Good Works

Thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence in Chester, is a home to a number of our priests who have served parishioners of our Diocese for decades. At Nazareth Village, the resident priests live in a community and many assist parishes in the area. Your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal is a wonderful acknowledgement and recognition of the years of dedicated service these priests have given to Christ and His Church. Please be as generous as possible to this 2016 Appeal. For your convenience, you can make an on-line gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org.

St. James Christmas Bazaar – December 3

We are now accepting donations of new and like new items for the "Second Time Around" tables. Crafters, bakers and volunteers should also start making plans for their contributions now. If you are a crafter, baker, volunteer or just editing some nice but unwanted pieces from your home, please call Linda Spinaplice 973-293-7031, Maria Henn 973-293-3243 or Joan Henn 973-293-3690. Please mark your calendars and start planning for this exciting fundraiser now.

Hold the Date – St. Thomas Annual Bake & Craft Sale

On **Saturday, November 19th**, St. Thomas will be hosting its Annual Bake & Craft Sale and Flea Market. At the present time, we are in need of CRAFTERS and VENDERS. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in renting a table or if any of your friends know of people who are crafters, please ask them to contact Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. There will be a St. Thomas table containing donated crafts or new or slightly used items. If you have an item you love but no longer use or need and wish to donate it, please contact me at the above number. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to set up on November 17 & 18 for the Bake Sale, Craft Sale & Flea Market scheduled for Nov. 19. Help also needed on the day of the event as well as November 20 to take down. A sign up sheet is in the gathering space or call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. Bakers and those who wish to bring baked goods are also needed. A sign up sheet is also in the gathering 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, November 6, 2016

32nd 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. REC Mass & Class Gr. 6, 7, 8
9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass
11:30 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

Monday, Nov. 7

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

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Election Day

- 10:00 a.m. STC Reflections on Readings
4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2
6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

Wednesday, Nov. 9

- 4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 5
7:00 p.m. STC Adoration & Rosary with K of C
7:30 p.m. STC Knights of Columbus Mtg.

Thursday, Nov. 10

Friday, Nov. 11

- 9:00 a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
after Mass, till 12 Noon
10:00 a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.

Saturday, Nov. 12

- 5:30 p.m. STC Veterans Day Ceremony
--led by Columbiettes

Sunday, November 13, 2016

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:30 a.m. REC Columbiettes Mtg.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

Future Events

- Sat. Nov. 19 St. Thomas Bake & Craft Sale
Mon. Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Next Sunday's Readings: 33rd Ord.

- 1st Reading: *Malachi 3: 19–20a*
Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 17*
2nd Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3: 7–12*
Gospel: *Luke 21: 5--19*

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

*Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and
concerns that confront our city and state and
country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond
as faithful citizens in our community.*

*We pray for discernment so that we may choose
leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and
keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the
steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your
Kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ
and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

“The Genius of Being Women.” Come join the women of our area to learn how St. Pope John Paul II affirmed the dignity of women and reminded them that God needs their unique “feminine genius.” Shifting focus from *what we do* to *who we are in Christ*, women find their true identity. God has called them to share their vibrant gifts in the New Evangelization, the New Springtime of the Church precisely for “*such a time as this.*”

The Speaker is our own **Cindy Costello**, a graduate of the *Theology of the Body Institute's Certification Program*. She is coordinator of the Marriage Ministry of the Diocese of Paterson. This talk will be given at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Branchville, Wed. Nov. 9th, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** The cost will be a free will offering at the door. Ladies, don't miss this opportunity to be reminded of your importance in God's Plan.

75th Anniv. Photo Directory. Our Directory is available for sale after each Mass or through the Parish Office. Cost is \$ 10.

Healing After Abortion. The Sisters of Life offer a ministry for all who are in need of healing after abortion. It may be years afterwards that the tragedy of abortion hits home. The Sisters are available to help. Here is a message from them:

Have you suffered an abortion ? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail at: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org