

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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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
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

Honoring the Body and Blood of Christ: Jesus' Ongoing Gift to the World

Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is actually the celebration of Jesus' giving of Himself to all the world, for our salvation. It is a miracle we commemorate today, a miracle which takes place in our very presence—at each Mass. The Lord allows Himself to become sacramentally present in the bread and wine of the Mass: through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of consecration by the priest. As these come together, we find ourselves at the Last Supper, as if with the eleven disciples, as if hearing those words from the lips of Jesus Himself: "This is my Body ... This is my Blood." These are the words that bring God into the world all over again.

We celebrate with gratitude that the Lord would think so much of us, as to allow us to share His life so intimately. It's the greatest sign of how much He cares for each of us, that He offers Himself weekly—no, daily—in the Eucharist. In fact the word "Eucharist" actually means "thanksgiving." It's our natural attitude: to be grateful and thankful to the Lord for all that He offers us.

And we thank Him best by the way we allow the Eucharist to affect us. Each of us who receives, should consider ourselves to be "other Christs," other disciples who help the world to know Jesus. And we do this by living the way He did, by imitating His example as we find it in the Gospels, and speaking words of encouragement and consolation to others, as He did.

May we be grateful that the Lord has called us to be His disciples today, for what greater vocation can there be? Let us always receive the Eucharist with full awareness of Who it is we receive. May it help us to be the best disciples possible.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

Ten Steps: A Quick Review of How to Receive the Eucharist

1. *At Communion time, mentally consider whether there are any serious sins or barriers to your worthily receiving the Sacrament.*
2. *Join the Eucharistic procession coming up the aisle (in itself a symbol that we are a pilgrim people, passing through this world and heading for the next.)*
3. *As you reach the Priest or Eucharistic Minister, make a sign of reverence and recognition (usually a bow of the head.)*
4. *Put your hand out, as if a plate, for the Priest to place the host on, or: be ready to receive on your tongue.*
5. *Answer "Amen" when the Priest declares: "The Body of Christ."*
6. *Step to the side to place the host in your mouth.*
7. *Proceed to the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister with the chalice.*
8. *Take the chalice in your hands as the Minister declares: "The Blood of Christ." Answer "Amen." Take a sip from the chalice. (If not receiving the Precious Blood, bow to the chalice in recognition of the Sacrament.)*
9. *Return to your seat and meditate in silence on the Lord whom you have just encountered.*
10. *Allow the Lord's presence to enlighten and enliven your life.*

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
June 3, 2018

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Emily Blickweidel at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, June 9

8:00AM – Frank & Jane Varga
req. by their Family

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 10

8:00AM – John Cerra
req. by Joan McKean

11:30AM – Ina Schneider
req. by Dennis & Susan Orr

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,284.00 – Regular Collection – May 27, 2018 +
\$ 145.00 – Online Giving
\$ 109.00 – Peter's Pence
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$1,038.00 – Regular Collection – May 28, 2017

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 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 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.



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*

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Louis & Helen Briegel at the
Request of their Family

MONDAY, June 4

9:00AM – Johnny Brehm
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer
-Robert Fritsch
req. by Margie Mullins

TUESDAY, June 5

9:00AM – Intentions of Rita Wenning
req. by Omar & Marie Mendez

WEDNESDAY, June 6

9:00AM – Matt Carroll
req. by the Gorman Family

THURSDAY, June 7

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 8

9:00AM – Frank Morgiewicz
req. by his sister, Ann Dilger

SATURDAY, Vigil, June 9

4:30PM – Robert Schulz
req. by his Family

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 10

9:30AM – Grace Reich
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,019.00 – Regular Collection – May 27, 2018 +
\$ 328.00 – Online Giving
\$ 385.00 – Peter's Pence
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$2,121.00 – Regular Collection – May 28, 2017

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TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Accordino, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Doug Kabbash, Betty Lacovara, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Jodi Lupo, Thomas Lynch, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, John Meehan, Bill Myers, Kelly Nicole, Robert Organes, Jim Pantelmo, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Flo Puccio, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, Pam Spencer, Joan Strehl, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White



Catholic Teens Corpus Christi Celebration

7th & 8th Graders are also welcome to join our High School Teens **TODAY** Sunday, June 3rd from 6:00PM -8:00 PM for a Fishing Party at the Pond (Bring your own Fishing Pole and Gear). Campfire, Barbeque, Hamburgers & Hotdogs. Lots of Food and Fun.

Catholic Summer Camp



Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville

Date: June 25th – June 29th

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Grades: Children entering K-4

- Morning Prayer – Bounce House – Water Day

- Catholic Skits – Games – Catholic Hymns

- Arts & Crafts – Mass on Friday (Last Day)

Cost: \$25.00 for one child - \$30.00 Family Fee

REGISTRATION: Online Registration forms are available at www.olqpbranchville.org under the Religious Education tab or may be obtained at the OLQP office. For more information, please call Jenn at the OLQP parish office at 973-948-3185.

We are also in need of adult and teen volunteers for this week. If you are interested in assisting us, please call Mary at 973-948-7004.

How to Pray All Day

Starting your day with a family prayer is the perfect way to center your thoughts on God. But why stop there? As the day goes on, even quick prayers help remind us that God is with us ALL day.

Mealtime Prayer ~ Mealtime is a good time to encourage gratitude. Get your kids to think about where the food they eat comes from. Have them talk about the people who helped get the food into their homes. You want your kids to appreciate the gifts and blessings they have received, and food is no different. Encourage them to say a short prayer at lunchtime at school. It's never too early to establish an attitude of gratitude.

(To be continued... Take Out: Family Faith on the Go)

On This Day We Celebrate –

June 9: Immaculate Heart of Mary

Consecrate your family to Mary's care.

The Columbiettes

are looking for new members. Please call Pat Lane if you are interested at 973-300-1954. We look forward to welcoming you.

Reflections on the Readings

Father Wayne will lead us in scripture study each Tuesday morning after Mass in the Father Lewis Center. All are welcome. Please join us.

Columbiettes

Our Seminarian, Tom Costello, Jr., the son of Cindy and Tom Costello, is in preparation for the priesthood. The Columbiettes are sponsoring funding towards his education in this most holy endeavor. There are containers placed in both parishes. We appreciate any donations that are given. We thank all parishioners in advance and especially thank Father Wayne for his encouragement in this endeavor.



FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 03, 2018

“While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is My body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is My blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.’ Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

Although we may remember many moments in the life of Jesus, His words, His teaching, His miracles, His compassion for the needy and the poor, they have greater meaning when we consider what occurred in the upper room. We know the details of the supper recalling the Passover of the people of Israel. But all this changed as the meal drew to a close. Did those gathered understand the significance of taking, blessing, thanking and giving, not just the contents on the plate or in the cup, but the one who was giving Himself?

We who share in the gift of the Eucharist, reflect on His desire to stay with us in such a special way. We are privileged to take the gift as we say ‘Amen’. We approach the gift with reverence, we receive communion with deep faith, offer our own Eucharist, our thanks, and then bring Him with us. When I pass the tabernacle where the sacrament is reserved, I pause and thank Jesus that what He did was for me and all today.

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, June 3, 2018

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

12:30p.m. SJC Focus Group Mtg. – St. James

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

Wednesday, June 6

6:00 p.m. STC Montague Seniors' Dinner

Thursday, June 7

Friday, June 8

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, June 9

Sunday, June 10, 2018

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a. m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass

Next Sunday's Readings: 10th Ord.

1st Reading: *Genesis 3: 9--15*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 130*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1*

Gospel: *Mark 3: 20—35*

FORMED.org Free to you as a parishioner; our parish code is: **HCVWQC**. The password is: **formed**.

Recommended by FORMED.org:

Study: *Footprints of God, Moses: Signs, Sacraments and Salvation*

Study: *Disciple: Sacraments, Session 3: Eucharist*

Listen: *The Body and Blood of Christ*

The New Church Calendar for 2018--19

needs to be set up. All who would like to request dates: please pick up a Calendar Planning Page from Church and fill out. A meeting to resolve any conflicts will be scheduled at the end of June.

Quo Vadis Days: for young men, 15—25.

A great chance for young men to think about their future life's direction. 'Quo Vadis' days (Where are you going?) are a chance to enjoy fellowship, reflection, discussion, recreation and food with other young men of their age. This informal retreat is arranged by the Diocese of Paterson and will take place at the **Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center**, 230 Mendham Road, Morristown. The dates are **Wed. June 27—Fri. June 29**. The cost is **absolutely free**. (This is not a misprint.) The next question: What have you got to lose? Call the Office of Vocations 973-777-8818, x 711 for more information.

Saint James: Our 75th Year. Back in the Day:

A Feb. 4, 1943 column in the *Sussex County Independent* titled "Catholic Services Increased in County," related that Sunday Mass would now be celebrated regularly at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Staudt, (at the S-curve on River Road,) and that religious instructions would be held there on Thursdays, at 3:45 p.m. for the grammar school children.

Notice from the Diocese of Paterson.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248."

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.