

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
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



The **Fortnight for Freedom** is a two-week period initiated by the Catholic bishops of the United States. During this time Catholics are called upon to pray and to re-dedicate themselves to preserving our precious First Amendment right to practice our Catholic faith freely.

“[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”
- Pope Francis

A PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

O God our Creator, from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ, through the power and the working of Your Holy Spirit. You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us the courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O Heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 1, 2018

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, July 7

8:00AM – Intentions of James R. Donahue

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 8

8:00AM – Helen Kowinsky
req. by Art & Maria Henn

11:30AM – Rosemarie Bastian
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 736.00 – Regular Collection – June 24, 2018 +
\$ 235.00 – Online Giving
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$ 965.00 – Regular Collection – June 25, 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.



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. 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 Ted Rahoche at the
Request of Jim & Diane Campbell

MONDAY, July 2

9:00AM – With thanks to St. Joseph
req. by Dan & Luisa

TUESDAY, July 3

9:00AM – People of St. James Parish
Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, July 4

9:00AM – Deceased Flexer & Nardo Families
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

THURSDAY, July 5

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 6

9:00AM – With thanks to St. Joseph
req. by Dan & Luisa
-Intentions of Michael Toth
req. by his Mom

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 7

4:30PM – Maria Sousa
req. by the Sousa Family

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 8

9:30AM – Deceased Members of the
Nolan & Campbell Families
req. by the Campbell Family

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,733.00 – Regular Collection – June 24, 2018 +
\$ 328.00 – Online Giving
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$2,370.00 – Regular Collection – June 25, 2017

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TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Accordino, Loretta Bauman, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Gomez Family, 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, Sal, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White



Registrations for 2018/2019 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children and teens for the upcoming catechetical year were mailed out. **Please return by July 31st** to avoid the late fee.

Parents of children entering first grade (unless they have a sibling here and can be included on the mailed out registration form), new children to the parish or 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.



Vocation Vacation ????

As we joyfully welcome summer (especially after this winter!!!), we hopefully will find time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. This is part of what makes summertime fun and, believe it or not, still a time for spiritual growth. Continue to check the bulletin for parish events, especially our Feast Day Picnics and Celebrations. Our vocation – being called to holiness (when properly understood, is nothing short of healthiness and happiness in their truest sense) – should never be on vacation! Our path to holiness always leads to Jesus Christ through His sacraments. Please make the worship, praise and thanksgiving to God at the Holy Mass part of your weekly summer plans. While you are away visiting or on vacation, take the opportunity to attend Mass at the local parish. It may even become your “second parish” if you travel to the same place each year! It is also a great chance for your children to see the beauty of other churches, but also realize that the Mass is the same everywhere! Remember – God is NEVER on vacation from us – doesn't He deserve the SAME from us?

From the R.C.I.A.:

The Catholic Church continually welcomes new members. The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (R.C.I.A.) is the Church's process of welcoming new adult members. The R.C.I.A. is the experience through which the Catholic community:

- ❖ Baptizes new adult members.
- ❖ Receives those adults from another faith tradition who want to be members of the Catholic Church.

R.C.I.A. is an adult faith sharing process which begins every October. To have your questions answered, you are invited to call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and leave your name and number for a return phone call.

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be no 8:00 AM Coffee Hour at St. James for the months of July, August and September. We will resume in October. Have a nice summer.



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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2018

“But God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it...He took the child by the hand and said to her... ‘Little girl, I say to you arise!’ The girl a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At this they were utterly amazed.”

We have been told from the first book of the bible that we are made in the image and likeness of God. We have been offered the gift of life and we strive to preserve life in all its forms. The late Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago called us to have a ‘consistent ethic of life.’ He teaches us as Catholics that we are opposed to abortion, capital punishment, nuclear war and euthanasia. Were he alive today, I am sure he would include immigration. Why?

These are signs today of the envy of the devil who introduced death into our world. Respect for life is respect for rights. The denial of these rights is the work of the devil. As we admire the compassion of Jesus for the little girl of twelve, so we are called to defend the rights of the unborn, victims of injustice and the elderly.

Only when we respond to the evils around us will we return to live in the image of his own nature. Now is the time.

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, July 1, 2018

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00 p.m. STC St. Thomas Parish Picnic
--on the Great Lawn

Monday, July 2

9:00 a.m. STC Sussex Co. Senior Services

Tuesday, July 3

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

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day

9:00 a .m. STC Special Mass for Our Nation

Thursday, July 5

Friday, July 6

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

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

Saturday, July 7

Sunday, July 8, 2018

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday's Readings: 14th Ord.

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 2: 2--5*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 123*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 12: 7--10*

Gospel: *Mark 6: 1--6a*

Two Quotes from our First President:

"It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor." -- George Washington

"Religion and morality are the essential pillars of society." --George Washington

St. Thomas Parish Picnic Today ! Plan to join us for our annual picnic on the Lawn this afternoon. There will be food, music, games for the kids, and a nice relaxing afternoon for all. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like. It all begins at 1 p.m. Plan to join us !

Mass for Independence Day. As we celebrate the beginnings of our great nation this week, we should also pray for our leaders and people. There is so much antagonism and division at this moment in our history, that our society itself is suffering. Join us in praying for a new chapter and a renewal of unity and understanding within our nation. Our Mass on Wednesday the Fourth will be at St. Thomas, at 9:00 a.m.

Saint James: Our 75th Year. Our 75th Anniv. Mass and Luncheon will take place on **Sunday, July 22nd**. Mass will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by Luncheon at High Point Golf Club Banquet Center at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for Luncheon are \$ 18 each or two for \$ 35. Tickets are available after Masses or through the Parish Office.

Back in the Day: From a letter of Fr. John Hewetson, founding Pastor: "The Mission of St. James the Apostle, located in the Township of Montague, New Jersey (Sussex County) was inaugurated under the direction of the Most Rev. Thos. H. McLaughlin, S.T.D., the Bishop of Paterson, at the very beginning of the year 1943."

St. Thomas Bikers' Gang starts up its 5th season of leisurely bike rides throughout the area. It is a great way to get some exercise and to see the sights. Open to all, we meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Come out and join us.

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

Recommended by FORMED.org for Independence Day:

Study: *The Wild Goose, Segment 12: The Spirit's Freedom*

Listen: *Put Not Your Trust in Princes*