

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
210 Route 206 North
Sandyston, NJ 07826

Parish Office: 973-948-2296
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E-mail address: stjamesthomas@aol.com
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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.

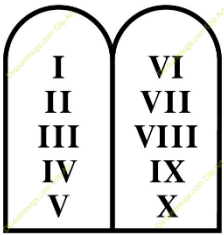
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass providing that liturgical norms do not dictate otherwise. Please contact the office to schedule a Baptism and to make arrangements for preparations especially for first time parents. Baptisms may be scheduled at other times if extenuating conditions 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.

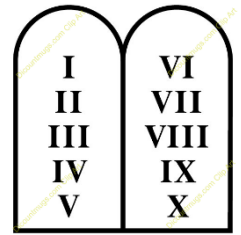
Pregnancy Assistance
Call 1-800-395-HELP or Tri-State Pregnancy 570-491-5151
Good Counsel: 1.800.723.8331 for pregnant mothers in need anytime, anyplace.
www.goodcounselhomes.org
Post Abortion Healing:
Project Rachel 973-777-8818, ext. 272
Lumina: Hope and Healing After Abortion: 1.877.LUMINA1 (877.586.4621)
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 Ten Commandments



As promised in last week's Bulletin, listed below are the Ten Commandments--given to Moses by God over 3000 years ago. Although some today are trying to erase all memory of them from public buildings, courts of law, and town squares, they are considered basic to the legal traditions of western civilization. And they remain as a personal guide to justice and holiness for us today. They should be in the mind and heart of every Catholic and Christian and Jew. Observing them may save our civilization from chaos and moral disaster.

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. You shall keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

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For your convenience, also included are the six traditional precepts of the Catholic Church. They too give us further counsel about true Catholic living:

The Six Precepts of the Church

1. To assist at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on days appointed.
3. To go to Confession at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion at least once a year,
during the Easter Season.
5. To contribute to the support of the Church.
6. To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.
7. *To take part in the missionary work of the Church (a new precept).*

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 9, 2018

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Ray Sorg at the
Request of Lorraine

SATURDAY, September 15

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 16

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

11:30AM – Terry Naletko
req. by his Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,580.00 – Regular Collection – September 2, 2018 +
\$ 131.00 – Online Giving
\$1,279.00 – Regular Collection- September 3, 2017
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Richard W. Pullis at the
Request of his wife, Ann

MONDAY, September 10

9:00AM – Joanne Diven and John Nacinovich
req. by Dan & Luisa

TUESDAY, September 11

9:00AM – Roy Tarnowski
req. by Deacon Wayne

WEDNESDAY, September 12

9:00AM – Angela M. Nilan
req. by her Friend

THURSDAY, September 13

No Mass

FRIDAY, September 14

9:00AM – Special Intention
req. by Thomas Sheerin

SATURDAY, Vigil, September 15

4:30PM – Ted Rahoche
req. by Charlie Paul
-Intentions of the Catechists

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 16

9:30AM – Kazimiera Szwajkiewicz
req. by John & Maria Babon
-Intentions of the Catechists

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,504.00 – Regular Collection – September 2, 2018 +
\$ 806.00 – Online Giving
\$2,621.00 – Regular Collection – September 3, 2017
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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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, Bernadette Lang, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Jodi Lupo, Thomas Lynch, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, John Meehan, Bill Myers, Kelly Nicole, Richard Nowicki, Robert Organes, Jim Pantelmo, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Nicole Perry, Flo Puccio, Sal, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, John Sikora, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Richard Vergona, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White



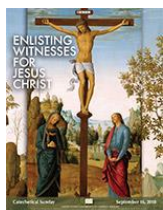
Registrations for 2018/2019 Catechetical Year

All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Center ASAP. No re-registrations will be taken the first week of classes (Sept. 15-19). Please call 973-948-7004 if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **TODAY, Sunday, September 9th, from 6:00-8:00PM. As we lost some of our high school seniors to college, we are looking for many new freshmen to join our other high school students for an evening of fun and friendship!** There will be plenty of fun, games, music and prayer. **Come join us and see what's going on – you won't be disappointed!!!**



Catechetical Sunday – Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

Next Saturday and Sunday, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and will honor those who share in the evangelization mission of the Church through a special Rite of Commissioning and Blessing. We ask your prayer and support for the following men and women of our parishes who selflessly devote themselves to the ministry of catechesis and share the faith of the Catholic Church with the adults, families, teens and children of our parishes: Rita Straka, Marie Mendez, Patrice Kealy, Chris Higgins, Stephanie Pierson, Cathy McNanna, Mike Bussow, John Lucadamo, Sharon Falchetta, Dan and Lucy O'Keefe, Alex Sousa and Patricia Hope. Also, our teen aides: Jake Hickey, Maggie Nicole and Emilia VanderPloog. Thank you all for showing us how to live our faith!

Father Wayne will be blessing both catechists and all parents too! Here we will recognize the very important role both they and you have in forming your children in the Catholic faith.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel, and it is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

From the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

All adult parishioners are welcome to gather twice a month with the R.C.I.A., where we examine our understanding of how our religion and our faith in God is part of our lives. During these sessions, we break open the upcoming Sunday Readings to be used as our basis for sharing. We also reflect on our understanding of how the Scriptures can affect us on our journeys in faith. In upcoming bulletins, you will find the outline of topics for our sessions. These sessions are no-pressure--- 'Come and See'. We invite you at no obligation to discover what the Church and our faith is all about. Please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be promptly returned.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

C.L.O.W. will resume on Sunday, September 23rd at the 9:30am Mass at St. Thomas Church. All children from both St. Thomas and St. James Parishes K-6 (and older children with younger siblings) are welcome to participate in C.L.O.W. The Liturgy for children is God's sacred Word in language the children can better understand---thus leading them into a closer relationship with Jesus and a stronger faith life.

C.L.O.W. celebration begins after the Opening Prayer when Father calls the children forward to receive a special blessing. The children, along with their adult leaders, process out of the Church proper into the Father Lewis Center when the Liturgy of the Word is celebrated with the children's participation.

All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in Children's Liturgy Of the Word for the experience of it. All adult parishioners are welcome and encouraged to prayerfully consider ministering to the children at C.L.O.W. as Lectors and/or Hospitality Ministers. Please feel free to all the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004 with any questions you might have, and your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

The St. James Altar and Floral Society will hold their annual Mum sale after Masses on **Sunday, September 23rd.**

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.

The Columbiettes are collecting school supplies at both churches until August 31st.

The Columbiettes are again sponsoring the Cancer Ribbon Wall. We ask that anyone who wishes to remember a cancer patient, whether living or deceased, share the name and type of cancer with the parish office. The wall will be from August 26th to September 29th.

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, September 9, 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Group Mtg. at O.L.Q.P., B-ville
(till 8 p.m.)

Monday, Sept. 10

Tuesday, Sept. 11

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

Wednesday, Sept. 12

7:00 p.m. STC Adoration & Rosary with K of C

7:30 p.m. STC K of C Monthly Mtg.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Friday, Sept. 14

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, Sept. 15

Sunday, September 16, 2018

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

Next Sunday's Readings: 24th Ord.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4c—9a

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 116

2nd Reading: James 2: 14—18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27—35

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Recommended by FORMED.org:

Watch: *Father Pio: Between Heaven and Earth*
(In English)

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk. Beautifully filmed on location in Italy, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk.

The Relics of Padre Pio will be visiting our diocese this month. Two parishes of our area will be hosting the relics:

Thurs. Sept. 20 St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany, from 8:30 a.m. till 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 14 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville, from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

"The tradition of honoring the relics of the saints is a rich part of our Catholic heritage. While we ask for their powerful intercession, there have been many blessings and conversions that have come through devotion to these saints. Those who attend are encouraged to bring articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, pictures of loved ones, etc.) which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer." Bishop Serratelli

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniv. Mass.

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993 ? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist** in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant on this joyous occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.** Arrangements can be made by filling out the **Anniversary Form** and returning it to the Parish Office. The deadline for registering is Mon. Oct. 15. You will receive a formal invitation and additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion.*

Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice. Have you ever thought about becoming a hospice volunteer ? The K.A.Q. Hospice is offering six classes for volunteers to learn how to be of support and help to families in terminal situations. Topics will cover the social, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of the dying person and their families. Classes will be from **10 a.m. till 12 Noon on these dates: Sept. 21, 26, 28, Oct. 2, 5, at the Bereavement Center, 5 Plains Rd., Augusta, N. J.** Classes are free of charge. Trained volunteers are of immense help to the dying and their families. For more info call Sue at 973-383-0115 or 800-882-1117.

A Family of our parish is in desperate need of a car or minivan. Theirs is in need of too many repairs and is actually undependable to drive. If you know anyone who could possibly donate a car, please call the parish office. We could supply a statement for tax purposes.