

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

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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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



October—Month of the Holy Rosary

October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast day serves as an anchor for the whole month—as we consider the importance of the Rosary in nourishing our faith.

Catholic tradition has it that the Rosary was popularized by Saint Dominic in the 13th century, as a way of helping believers grow in their faith.

The Rosary has its origins in the Church's Liturgy of the Hours. This is the official prayer of the Church, and is based upon the 150 psalms found in the Book of Psalms. They were written at different time periods in the Old Testament days—many by King David—and they express the hopes and fears and troubles and joys of people of all ages. The Liturgy of the Hours was prayed by monks in their monasteries, at various hours throughout the day. And it probably took all day!

Saint Dominic wished to offer something similar to the average lay people to whom he was preaching. He recommended that 150 “Hail Mary’s” be prayed—one in honor of each psalm. Later, these became broken down into three groups of 50—the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Each group of mysteries was further broken down into five brackets (or decades) and each decade was assigned an event in our Lord’s life. The Joyful Mysteries, for example, included: 1) the Annunciation, 2) the Visitation, 3) the Birth of our Lord, 4) the Presentation in the Temple, and 5) the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. These gave the pray-ers something to meditate on as they prayed the Rosary, and kept the knowledge of our Lord’s life alive in the minds of the people.

The Rosary is a living, developing prayer. Several years ago, Pope John Paul added a new set of mysteries: the Luminous Mysteries. They further dwell on the events of our Lord’s ministry while on earth. They consider: 1) the Baptism of Jesus by John, 2) the Wedding Feast of Cana, 3) Jesus’ Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, 4) the Transfiguration, and 5) the Institution of the Eucharist.

The Rosary might be the most popular of Catholic devotions—after the Mass. Countless millions are united in praying the Rosary each day. These prayers surely please our Blessed Mother, and she surely returns the favor by interceding powerfully with her Son for our needs.

May we allow the beauty and the power of the Rosary to assist us, and to assist the needs of the world. May the Blessed Mother’s example—offered through the mysteries of the Rosary—inspire us to be ever more devoted to her Son.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 7, 2018

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, October 13

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde
req. by his wife, Carol

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 14

8:00AM – Deceased Members of the Kohol Family
req. by Linda & Michael Spinapolice
-William & Irma Pagano
req. by their Children

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

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 810.00 – Regular Collection – September 30, 2018 +
\$ 131.00 – Online Giving
\$2,463.00 – Regular Collection- October 1, 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 Spinapolice at 973-293-7031.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Kazimiera Szwajkiewicz at the
Request of John & Maria Babon

MONDAY, October 8

9:00AM – Linda J. Stephens
req. by her Family

TUESDAY, October 9

9:00AM – Kathleen Norman

WEDNESDAY, October 10

9:00AM – Michael Reich
req. by Peggy & Bob Reich

THURSDAY, October 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, October 12

9:00AM – Robert Hope
req. by his Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, October 13

4:30PM – Rose Rhode
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer
-Michael & Grace Reich
req. by Lori Reich

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 14

9:30AM – Barbara K. Kientzler
req. by her son, Charles
-Kazimiera Szwajkiewicz
req. by John & Maria Babon

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,835.00 – Regular Collection – September 30, 2018 +
\$ 343.00 – Online Giving
\$2,461.00 – Regular Collection – October 1, 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, Agnes Ciesielski, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Gomez Family, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Mr. Harris, 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



Parents Night Thank You

Thank you to those who attended our recent Parents Night. Special thanks to Lucy and Jason VanderPloog who shared some of their tips on Catholic family life. Here are a few of the topics that were shared that evening:

Catholic Families Worship Together ~ The Eucharist is the source of the deep love that Catholic families are called to live out. To celebrate this, Catholic families attend Mass together on Saturday evenings/Sundays and holy days and actively participate in sacramental life of the Church. In addition, recognizing that we sometimes struggle to love one another as we should, Catholic families should regularly go to confession to seek God's healing, grace and inspiration to love better.

Catholic Families Pray Together ~ Catholic families are called to love with the love that flows from God's own heart. We can only do this if we ask God to teach us what this means. In addition to both our individual prayer life and our worship with our parish community, we gather together for family prayer each and every day.

Catholic Families Put Family First ~ Because our family relationships are the primary means God uses to help us become the people He created us to be, we treat family life as the most important activity in our week. We protect family rituals like family dinners, time for prayer and worship, weekly game nights and family days as an important part of our week.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. One of the ways we honor Mary's faithfulness to God is through a prayer called the Rosary. The Rosary uses prayers that we all know – the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be in a special arrangement. While saying these prayers, we think about the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious events in Jesus' life. Take some time each week of this month and pray the Rosary – your family will be blessed by this prayer time together!

From Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Sundays that are C.L.O.W. for the month of October are: 14, 21 & 28. All children K-6 are welcome to join us. Older children with younger brothers and sisters are also welcome. Those who bring the children to Mass are asked to explain how C.L.O.W. will take place and to especially reassure the children that they will be waiting for them after C.L.O.W. You are encouraged to experience C.L.O.W. with the children for their first time. Anyone with C.L.O.W. questions please feel free to contact Pat Hope or Mary Flexer at 973-948-7004. Also, we welcome all the Confirmed to minister at C.L.O.W. It is a wonderful experience of God's Word alive. Peace. Pat Hope

Yoga-lates

St. Thomas is offering a fitness class with a mix of Yoga moves (for flexibility and calm mind) and Pilates (for strength and tone especially in your core muscles). The class is on **Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 7:15pm** for 8 weeks and starts on **October 16th** right here at St. Thomas. **You may join us at any time.** The class is easy to follow but a full body workout. Any questions, please call instructor Chris Dube at 973-948-2329. Bring a mat, hand held weights (1-8lbs.), water and a friend. Join for the session for only \$45.00 or pay per class for \$6.00. Twenty percent of the class money will be going to our St. Thomas Parish. So, please come and try it out!

St. Thomas Coffee Hour

The next St. Thomas Coffee Hour is scheduled for **Sunday, October 14th** after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome to join us and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner

A great big thank you to all who helped set-up, clean-up or otherwise assisted at our last Pot Luck Dinner. We had more than 30 people who attended, and a good time was had by all. Our **next** Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, October 20th** after the 4:30pm Mass. Please join us for an evening of friendship and camaraderie.

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

On **Saturday, November 17th**, St. Thomas will be hosting its Annual Bake and Craft Sale and Flea Market. At the present time, we are in need of CRAFTERS and VENDERS. If you know of someone who would be interested in renting a table or if any of your friends 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 any items you love but no longer use or need and wish to donate, please contact me at the above number. Thank you.

The St. James Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 13th at 6:00PM**. Bring your own drink. Take outs are available. Adults: \$12.00, Children under 12: \$6.00 and Children under 6: Free. Tickets are available by calling or texting Bill Ricciardi at 845-341-3686 or by emailing to wjr218@optonline.net. Sit-down tickets will be limited to 100.

Men's Prayer Group

All men of our parishes are invited to come together for a special hour of prayer and reflection. Our **Men's Prayer Group** meets monthly, on the **third Tuesday, from 7:00pm till 8:30pm at the Religious Education Center**. It is a time to get away from the regular distractions and cares of life, and to reflect upon where the Lord is in our lives. This special time can help to deepen our commitment to the Lord and to our families and responsibilities. Try it once. And see if you don't leave—more at peace and assured of God's love for you.

St. James Christmas Bazaar – December 1

We will be accepting donations **after October 13th** 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 Spinapolic at 973-293-7031, Maria Henn at 973-293-3243 or Joan Henn at 973-293-3690. Please mark your calendars and start planning for this exciting fundraiser now.

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.

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, October 7, 2018

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Right to Life Raffle: at all Masses

8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

Monday, Oct. 8

Tuesday, Oct. 9

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2

Wednesday, Oct. 10

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 K of C Monthly Mtg.

Thursday, Oct. 11

Friday, Oct. 12

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, Oct. 13

4:30 p.m. STC Mass & Conf. Prep. Gr. 9 & 10

Sunday, October 14, 2018

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. REC Mass & Class Gr. 6, 7, 8

9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.

9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass

1:00 p.m. Port Jervis Area Life Chain

Next Sunday's Readings: 28th Ord.

1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7--11

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 90

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12--13

Gospel: Mark 10: 17--30

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

Recommended by FORMED.org:

Watch: Praying the Rosary Like Never Before

Right to Life Month Raffle. The R.T.L. Committee of New Jersey is again sponsoring a major raffle to raise funds to finance its activities promoting the respect for all human life--from conception to natural death. Theirs is the task to fight against the abortion mentality that is rampant in our nation. **Raffles will be sold this weekend only.** There will be **four major prizes** to win:

1st prize: 2019 Volvo SUV valued at \$41,200

2nd prize: \$1,000. ShopRite Gift Card

3rd prize: \$ 750. ShopRite Gift Card

4th prize: \$ 500. ShopRite Gift Card.

Raffle Tickets are \$ 10. Each. Please support this cause for life.

Port Jervis Area Life Chain. You are invited to witness to the sacredness of life by joining fellow Christians along East Main St., Port Jervis **next Sunday, Oct. 14. From 1 p.m. till 2:30 p.m.** members of the many Christian church of the area will be holding signs and standing in witness to God's gift of life. Join us for part of all of the time. Parking should be available at Gray-Parker funeral Home.

A Family Rosary Rally Procession, honoring the Blessed Mother and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place **next Sun. Oct. 14th at Holy Face Monastery, 1697 State Route 3, in Clifton.** Rosary and prayers begin at **3:00 p.m.**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to attend this Rally in honor of our Blessed Mother. Car pooling possible.

Saint Anthony of Padua is paying a visit to our area. Relics of this powerful saint will be available for veneration **next Sunday, Oct. 14th at Queen of Peace Church in Branchville.** The hours are limited: only **8 a.m. till 1 p.m.** Call upon St. Anthony to help you to follow his example of faith and trust in the Lord.

Wisdom from St. Anthony: "The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross."

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak."