

# 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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**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](http://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](http://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**

# Saint Oscar Romero

*“ ... with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.”*

Mark 10: 30

Today in Rome, Pope Francis will canonize Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, along with Pope Paul VI.

Selected as Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977, Romero served during a time of intense political turbulence and religious persecution. Through his homilies, radio sermons and newspaper articles, Romero became the voice of his country's conscience. Constantly referring to the message of the Gospel, he condemned the violence and corruption that plagued his country.

Countless threats against his life didn't deter Romero. In one homily he said, “You can tell the people that if they succeed in killing me, I forgive and bless those who do it. Hopefully they will realize they are wasting their time. A bishop will die, but the Church of God, which is the people, will never perish.” On March 24, 1980, as he was celebrating Mass, a lone gunman stood at the door of the chapel and fired. Romero, who was standing at the altar, was shot in the heart and died on the spot.

In his letter announcing Romero's canonization, Pope Francis wrote: “In the beautiful land of Central America, bathed by the Pacific Ocean, the Lord granted His Church a zealous bishop who, loving God and serving brothers and sisters, became the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. In times of difficult co-existence, Archbishop Romero knew how to lead, defend and protect his flock ... And at the moment of his death, while he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of love and reconciliation, he received the grace to identify himself fully with the One who gave His life for His sheep.”

Oscar Romero lived out today's Readings. He chose God's wisdom over wealth and the comfort of the world. He proclaimed the Word of God in a way that cut people to the heart. And he gave everything to the poor of El Salvador. May his witness move all of us to answer the cry of the poor and downtrodden.

**St. Oscar Romero, pray for us.**

--from *The Word Among us*

October 2018

(More about newly canonized Saint Pope Paul VI next week.)

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 14, 2018

### St. James the Greater

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

#### SATURDAY, October 20

8:00AM – Intentions of Theresa Fuller

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 21

8:00AM – Pearle Kohol  
req. by Linda & Michael Spinapolice

11:30AM – Josephine Yarosz  
req. by her Family

#### ST. JAMES THE GREATER

**\$1,550.00 – Regular Collection – October 7, 2018 +  
\$ 251.00 – Online Giving  
\$1,870.00 – Regular Collection- October 8, 2017  
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

*Consider a gift to St. James Parish in your will.*

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**For On-Line Giving: log onto our website:  
saintjamesthomas.org Then go to On-Line Giving link.**

The 8:00am St. James Coffee Hour takes place the first Sunday of the month except for July, August and September.



**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 Kenneth R. Benson at the  
Request of his Family

#### MONDAY, October 15

9:00AM – Father Gerald Lewis  
req. by Mary Flexer

#### TUESDAY, October 16

9:00AM – Intentions of Tim & Alana Batko  
Wedding Anniversary  
req. by their Parents

#### WEDNESDAY, October 17

9:00AM – Kathy Sweeney  
req. by the Barr Family

#### THURSDAY, October 18

No Mass

#### FRIDAY, October 19

9:00AM – Kenneth R. Benson  
req. by his Family

#### SATURDAY, Vigil, October 20

4:30PM – Mark Habley  
req. by Edmund & Nicolina Bush  
-Joseph Dunleavy  
req. by Harry & Mary Dunleavy

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 21

9:30AM – Stephen M. Macko  
req. by his Family

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**\$1,873.00 – Regular Collection – October 7, 2018 +  
\$ 368.00 – Online Giving  
\$2,737.00 – Regular Collection – October 8, 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, Robert Moreski, 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



### Sacramental Preparation Parents Session

Our Parent Session for all who have children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist next Spring (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will take place on Monday, October 15 at 7:00PM in the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center. Our pastor, Father Wayne, along with our catechist, Marie Mendez, will be speaking to you regarding this very important year for your child. It is imperative that at least one parent be present at this meeting.



### Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **TODAY, Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM**. There will be Pumpkin Carving and Painting, a Campfire, Food, Music and Prayer. **This is an event where all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are also invited!!!** Come and meet our new Youth Minister, Ben Yates. Bring a friend, new teens are always welcome.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>** 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!

### Columbiettes

We are grateful to Rita Straka and Mary Flexer for creating an impressive Cancer Ribbon Wall display. There is a Cancer Research donation container in the Gathering Space for your consideration.

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

On **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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 of 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.

### 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 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 Spinapolice 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.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:30pm Mass. Please join us for an evening of friendship and camaraderie.

# 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 14, 2018

### 28<sup>th</sup> 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
- 6:00 p.m. Teen Group at O.L.Q.P.

## Monday, Oct. 15

- 11:00 a.m. STC Prayer Shawl & Ros. Makers Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. REC 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents' Mtg
- 7:30 p.m. STC Choir Practice

## Tuesday, Oct. 16

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

## Wednesday, Oct. 17

- 4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 5

## Thursday, Oct. 18

## Friday, Oct. 19

- 10:00a.m. STC Adoration of Bl. Sac. (till Noon)
- 10:00a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.

## Saturday, Oct. 20

- 5:30 p.m. STC Pot Luck Dinner

## Sunday, October 21, 2018

### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.
- 11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 29<sup>th</sup> Ord.

- 1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10--11
- Resp. Psalm: Psalm 90
- 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14--16
- Gospel: Mark 10: 35--45

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

**Recommended by FORMED.org:**

*Listen:* St. Teresa of Avila: *The 3 Stages of the Interior Life* (Feastday: Oct. 15)

**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 **today, 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, is taking place **today, Sun. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**One-Day Pilgrimage.** A trip to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, N. Y.** is being planned by Queen of Peace Church, Branchville. The date is **this Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.** Bus leaves from O.L.Q.P. at 7:00 a.m. Time of return: about 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$ 40.00 per person (children 12 and under are free). For more info or to register, call Jenn at 973-948-2296.

**First Thursday Retreats at Sacred Heart Center.** "Holiness is for Everyone" is the theme for this year's First Thursday Retreats at the **Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton.** Each day begins at 9:00 a.m. with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass and a light lunch. Each day concludes at 1:30 p.m. Suggested offering: \$ 15. For more info, visit their website at [sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org](http://sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org) or call 973-3823-2620. Next session: Thurs. Nov. 1.

**"Friendship at Heart."** The Sussex Co. Dep't of Human Resources is looking for volunteers (55 or older) to enter a "Friendly Visitor" program. Volunteers would be paired up with a home-bound elderly or disabled person and spend some time once a week to brighten the lives of the homebound. Volunteers are also needed to make phone calls once a week to check up on the elderly.in their "Telephone Reassurance" program. OR, if you know someone who is in need of such services, call Stephanie at 908-303-5664.