

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



Advice for a Happy Thanksgiving

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to ?

Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you a chance to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength of character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those
who also are thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.

--Anonymous

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 18, 2018

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, November 24

8:00AM – Deceased Pastors and Parishioners

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 25

8:00AM – Linda Swedecki
req. by her Sister

11:30AM – John Morgiewicz
req. by Linda Lee

-Intentions of Father Richard Carton
25th Anniversary of Ordination

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 987.00 – Regular Collection – November 11, 2018 +

\$ 161.00 – Online Giving

\$ 205.00 – Catholic Home Missions

\$1,637.00 – Regular Collection- November 12, 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of Ann R. Dunn at the
Request of her daughter, Rosemarie

MONDAY, November 19

9:00AM – Madeline Cimusz
req. by the Seabold Family

TUESDAY, November 20

9:00AM – Robert Hagerman
req. by his mom, Grace

WEDNESDAY, November 21

9:00AM – Margaret Barr
req. her granddaughter, Mary Flexer
-Frank Duff
req. by the Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, November 22

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00AM – Cordelia Cafone

FRIDAY, November 23

9:00AM – Maria Apuzzo
req. by the Seabold & DiPalma Families

SATURDAY, Vigil, November 24

4:30PM – Marie & John Furtado
req. by their Children
-Intentions of Terry Lange
Birthday Celebration
req. by the Wainwright Family

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 25

9:30AM – Louise Flexer
req. by her Family
-Intentions of Father Richard Carton
25th Anniversary of Ordination

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,439.00 – Regular Collection – November 11, 2018 +

\$ 393.00 – Online Giving

\$ 482.00 – Catholic Home Missions

\$2,253.00 – Regular Collection – November 12, 2017

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

Consider a gift to St. Thomas Parish in your will.

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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, Bernadette Lang, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Beth Lucien, Jodi Lupo, Thomas Lynch, Agnes Mantini, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, John Meehan, Robert Morenski, 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

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.



A Month of Saints and Souls

We honor all saints, named and not named. Only God knows all the names of the saints, so we here on earth take their feast day, and even the whole month, to recognize and ask all the saints to pray for us. Saints are part of our family in heaven. Here are some we can pray to with specific things:

- ❖ Do you love animals? **St. Francis of Assisi** is the patron saint of animals.
- ❖ Pray to **St. Thomas Aquinas** before your next big test.
- ❖ Need courage? Pray to **St. Maria Goretti**.

This month, we also remember and pray for all the souls of those that we have known and even the souls of those we don't. We ask God to give all those who have died happiness and peace. Here is a beautiful prayer given to St. Gertrude by Jesus to pray this month:

“Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for those in the universal Church, in my own home, and in my family, Amen.”

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 started 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!

“SOUP MAKERS WANTED”...The St. James the Greater “Soup on a Saturday” Committee is soliciting soup makers for the next event on Saturday, January 26, 2019. If you are willing to make and donate from 5 – 20 quarts of soup, please contact Bill Ricciardi @845-341-3686 by text or call. Containers will be supplied. We would love to have some different soups to supplement the past favorites.

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.

The Columbiettes are holding their annual Project Self-Sufficiency Toy Drive which ends the first week of December. All toys need to be new and unwrapped. There is a basket in the Gathering Space for your consideration. Thank you for your generosity.

Wall of Remembrance

If you wish to include a photo of a deceased relative or parishioner, please drop off a photo with their name on the back to the parish office. It will be scanned and returned to you.

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Here I Am, Lord!

This time of year, as we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal as a way to give thanks for our many blessings. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a pledge to our Bishop’s Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

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, November 18, 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

Monday, Nov. 19

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

7:00 p.m. STC Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Tuesday, Nov. 20

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

6:15 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

7:00 p.m. REC Men's Prayer Group Mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Thursday, Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. STC Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, Nov. 23

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

Saturday, Nov. 24

8:30 a.m. SJC St. James Clean-Up Day (# 2)

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Next Sunday's Readings: *Christ the King*

1st Reading: *Daniel 7: 13 – 14*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 93*

2nd Reading: *Revelation 1: 5--8*

Gospel: *John 18: 33b --37*

On-Line Giving is easier than ever. Simply reach our parish website, saintjamesthomas.org. You will find the link to 'on-line giving.' Follow it through and it will easily set you up for weekly or monthly contributions. With our thanks.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service.

Tomorrow evening, Mon. Nov. 19th, we will get together with our Christian neighbors of the Minisink Reformed Church and the Delaware Valley United Methodist Church to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the Lord's countless blessings. The Service will be held at **St. Thomas Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** All will be asked to bring an item or two of canned or boxed goods for the offering which will be taken up. Afterwards, we will be hosting a **coffee hour** in the Fr. Lewis Center. **Ladies are asked to bring their baked-goods-specialties for the social time.**

Thanksgiving Day Mass. How can we ever thank the Lord for all the blessings He continually bestows upon us ? The best way is to come together for the Mass (the Eucharist.) "Eucharist" in Greek actually means "thanksgiving." Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Thomas at 9 a.m.** Let us show the Lord our appreciation for all His gifts, by being at Mass on this day.

The Delaware Valley Choral Society will be offering an Advent/Christmas Concert at St. Thomas. Entitled "*A Family Christmas*" it will be held on **Sat. December 1st at 1:00 p.m.** Featured performances by the Handbell Choir of Milford United Methodist Church and the Dingman-Delaware Children's Choir. Tickets: \$ 15. adults and \$ 10. students and can be obtained by calling 845-856-5696, or at the door.

Christmas C D Offer. Members of the Paterson Diocese have collaborated to create a CD of d19 freshly recorded sacred Christmas hymns, with singers from both Broadway and the opera. All proceeds from the CD will be devoted to helping the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson area. Songs include: *Silent Night, Ave Maria* and *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*. Cost: \$ 15.75 each. Check should be made out to: 'Cathedral of St. John the Baptist' and mailed to: Christmas Album, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, N. J. 07438. For more info, see article at Pastoral140@earthlink.net.