

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

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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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 Secret of the Universe Revealed Here



With this Mass, the Church's current Liturgical Year comes to an end. Or rather, we should say that we bring the year to its *climax*, with the **Feast of Jesus Christ—King of the Universe**. *"Through Him all things were made"* we proclaim each Sunday in the Profession of Faith. The Lord whom we know through the Gospels and through the Sacraments—is the Center of this whole universe.

One thing about Jesus in the Gospels—He never flouted His greatness, or His authority, or His power. Incredibly, He came to earth as a helpless baby, and grew up to live the life of a servant. Instead of demanding respect from others—He showed respect to them first. Rather than expecting people to take care of Him—He served them: by healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, taking great risks in approaching lepers and the possessed. If Jesus is the Center of the universe—then we know that at the center of everything is **Love**. As St. John tells us: *"God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."*

And along with **Love** is **Truth**. To be in line with any statement of truth—is to stand secure. The truth does not change. And it is always compatible with every other bit of truth. All truth is One. All truth is everlasting. What is really true today—will be true ten thousand years from now. To be in the presence of truth—is to have some insight into the wisdom that is God Himself.

Jesus shows us the way to Truth, and the way to Love. It begins with faith in Him. To be His follower, to take His words to heart and act upon them—is to possess something of God and of eternity.

When we make it to heaven (hopefully), we will know the endless beauty of Love and Truth. We will experience these things in their overwhelming fullness. We will be enfolded in what makes the universe tick.

And we will discover again and again that Truth and Love have a name and a face: it is Jesus Christ. All this we celebrate today as we honor **Jesus, King of the Universe**.

The next time you receive the Eucharist, recognize that you have the key to this entire universe right in your hand.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
November 25, 2018

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, December 1

8:00AM – Kate Olivo
req. by her Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2

8:00AM – Ariana Lee
req. by the Rivera Family

11:30AM – Deceased Gray & Lamb Families
req. by Janice Cerra

ST. JAMES THE GREATER
Collections will be reported next week.

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 Rosemarie Bastian at the
Request of her husband, Andy

MONDAY, November 26

9:00AM – Deceased Pastors & Parishioners

TUESDAY, November 27

9:00AM – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
req. by the Legion of Mary
-Louise Flexer
req. by the Columbiettes

WEDNESDAY, November 28

9:00AM – Louise Flexer
req. Fran Whitesell

THURSDAY, November 29

No Mass

FRIDAY, November 30

9:00AM – Louise Flexer
req. by Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, Vigil, December 1

4:30PM – Betty Lacovara
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2

9:30AM – Loretta Salokas
req. by Mary Flexer
-Deceased Parishioners

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Collections will be reported next week.

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



Feast of Christ the King

On the last Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Jesus is king of all because He has conquered sin and death. He came to lead us into His kingdom, the kingdom of God.

Jesus is not like the ordinary kings we've heard of. He doesn't rule over just one country or kingdom. He rules over every person, every family, every nation and the whole universe. Jesus rules over all of us with love and mercy, and His kingdom will last forever!



An **Advent Prayer Evening** for Grades 6-10, Parents and Catechists will take place on Friday, December 7th at 7:00PM at St. Thomas Church. Refreshments will follow.



Children's Christmas Pageant ~ As has

been a long-standing tradition here at St. Thomas and St. James for many years, we would like to once again present a Children's Christmas Pageant. This is only possible with the help of many Children, Parents and Teens (Confirmation Service Hours). We would like to plan this on **Sunday, December 16th at 3:00PM at St. Thomas. Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 8th following the 9:00am Feast of the Immaculate Conception holy day Mass from 10:30am until Noon.**

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!

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.

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 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.

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.

"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.

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

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals – with a total of over \$700,000 being returned to parishes last year alone! Please help your neighbors in need and our parish by making a gift 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 25, 2018

Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday, Nov. 26

Tuesday, Nov. 27

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, Nov. 28

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

Thursday, Nov. 29

Friday, Nov. 30

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 1

9:00 a.m. SJC St. James Christmas Bazaar

(till 3 p.m.)

1:00 p.m. STC Delaware Valley Choral Society:
Advent/Christmas Concert

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

Sunday, December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

1:00 p.m. STC Focus Session for St. J & St. T.

Next Sunday's Readings: *1st Advent*

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 25*

2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3: 12–4: 2*

Gospel: *Luke 21: 25 –28, 34--36*

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.

St. James Annual Christmas Bazaar takes place **this Sat., Dec. 1, from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Church Hall.**

The Delaware Valley Choral Society will be offering an Advent/Christmas Concert at St. Thomas. Entitled "*A Family Christmas*" it will be held **this 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.

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

*Now even easier: log onto our parish website saintjamesthomas.org and scroll down to the **Formed** banner, and register.*

Recommended by Formed: Watch:

Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy

Christmas C D Offer. Members of the Paterson Diocese have collaborated to create a CD of 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.

A Prayer to Christ the King

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.