

# 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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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.

**Welcome -We Are a Tithing Parish**

# ***Saint Mother of Teresa of Calcutta***

Our Gospel parable of the poor beggar Lazarus today seems a perfect opportunity to offer a short biography of our recently declared saint: Mother Teresa. It is to people exactly like Lazarus that she had dedicated her life.

Mother Teresa was born on August 26, 1910 as Gonxha Agnes Bojaxhiu; born in Skoje, Albania, in the Balkans of south-eastern Europe. She received her First Holy Communion at age 5, and was Confirmed at age 6. At this young age she began to experience a deep love of souls. Her father's sudden death when she was eight years old brought on great hardship for her mother and the \_\_\_ children. Their Catholic faith was an important part of family life, and helped them through difficult times.

At age 18 in 1928 she felt the call to become a missionary, and through the Sisters of Loretto, she became a sister-teacher and was assigned to teach at the St. Mary's School for Girls outside of Calcutta. In 1944 she became the school's principal. In her 20 years there, Mother Teresa became known for her charity, unselfishness, courage and love for her students. She had a capacity for hard work, talent in organization and lived out her vocation with faithfulness and joy.

On Sept. 10, 1946 she received her "*inspiration.*" She began to experience 'Jesus' own thirst for souls,' and this became the driving force of the rest of her life. She had a vision of Jesus asking her: "*Come, be My Light.*" She thus started her ministry to the 'poorest of the poor:' the sick, the outcasts, those dying right on the streets of Calcutta. One at a time she visited families, treated the wounds of children, cared for an old man lying on the side of the road. She began to see the face of Jesus in these unwanted, unloved, uncared for people. For those dying, she offered them a few last moments of loving care.

This work would continue for the rest of her life. Some of her former students sought to join her, and thus the Order of the Missionaries of Charity was born. Eventually Missionary houses were established throughout India, throughout Europe and in South, Central and North America.

Mother Teresa had received numerous recognitions for her work, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She has spoken before the General Assembly of the United Nations--emphasizing the dignity and value of every human life. By 1997 Mother Teresa's sisters numbered 4000 and were established in 123 countries throughout the world.

Mother Teresa died on Sept. 5, 1997 at the age of 87. She was given the honor of a state funeral in India, and her burial place has become a place of pilgrimage and prayer for peoples of all faiths.

Her Feast Day is September 5. *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.*

God bless you,  
Father Wayne

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 25, 2016**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Kate Olivo at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, October 1**

8:00AM – Helen Briegel  
req. by her Family

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 2**

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

11:30AM – Don Martin  
req. by his Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,081.00 – Regular Collection – September 18, 2016**

**\$ 376.00 – Diocesan Assessment**

**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$1,318.00 – Regular Collection – September 20, 2015**

**\$ 418.00 – Diocesan Assessment September, 2015**

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

**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*

**TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:**

Margaret Accordino, Mary Cunico, Derya Dimertas, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Clara Kane, Jeff Librizzi, Betty Mastrelli, Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, Cathy Moyer, Danielle Parker, Marguerite Phillips, Flo Puccio, Baby Teddy, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner and Thomas Walsh

**St. James Rosary & Altar Society** If any ladies in the parish are interested in joining, please call Joan Henn at 973-293-3690 or Linda Spinaplice at 973-293-7031.

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Dom & Agnes Giordano at the  
Request of their Family

**MONDAY, September 26**

9:00AM – Jerry Demalderis  
req. by his wife, Frances

**TUESDAY, September 27**

9:00AM – Intentions of Mary & Mike Kerrigan & Family  
req. by Kathleen Gorman

**WEDNESDAY, September 28**

9:00AM – Holy Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, September 29**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, September 30**

9:00AM – Michael Demalderis  
req. by his sister-in-law, Frances

**SATURDAY, Vigil, October 1**

4:30PM – Sam Lotorto  
req. by his wife, Helen

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 2**

9:30AM – Zofia Babon  
req. by John & Maria Babon

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,014.00 – Regular Collection – September 18, 2016**

**\$ 514.00 – Diocesan Assessment**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$2,294.00 – Regular Collection – September 20, 2015**

**\$ 865.00 – Diocesan Assessment September, 2015**

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



**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.



### Welcome Back

We began our classes for the new catechetical year last weekend and mid-week. It was so wonderful to see everyone again, and we hope your children and teens had a great return. If they were not able to join us for the first week, please contact Mary ASAP to pick up their materials and calendar before their next session. Thank you.

### Registrations for 2016/2017 Catechetical Year

**We are still waiting for several Re-registrations!!! Please return your registrations ASAP!!! All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Office. Please call to schedule an appointment.**

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish, 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.

### Confirmation Preparation Program

On **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, beginning with the 4:30PM Mass, our **Orientation Session for Parents** will take place at St. Thomas Church while the teens are in class there also. It will be a chance for you to meet our new Catechists, and Father Wayne will be speaking to parents as well. We will serve a light meal and finish up at 7:30PM.

### Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist Sacramental Preparation Program

On **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00PM in the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center, we have scheduled our first Sacramental Preparation Meeting for parents of children in our **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class**. Our pastor, Father Wayne, as well as the catechists, Karen Steinert and Marie Mendez, will be speaking to you regarding this very important year for your child. It is imperative that at least one parent from each family be present at this meeting.



### Catholic Teens

Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. James the Greater have formed a new youth group for all teens in High School. **Come join us and see what's going on!!!** Our next meeting will take place in the pavilion at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm**. There will be plenty of fun, games, music events and prayer. For more information please call Jenn at the office at 973-948-3185.



### Catholic Teens Harvest Swing Dance

All High School Students are invited to a Swing Dance on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:00-9:30PM at the Religious Education Center. NO Dance experience necessary – Instructors to teach you! Cost is only \$5.00 and a non-perishable donation to the Food Pantry. Come out and enjoy the company of old and new friends for what we know will be a **GREAT TIME** again!!! Please RSVP to [maggien13@centurylink.net](mailto:maggien13@centurylink.net) by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayer Shawl/Rosary Makers Ministry

We began our ministry again. We meet at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Center on the first and third Mondays of the month from 11:00AM until 1:00PM and are always ready to welcome new members! Next meeting is on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### 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 the core muscles). The class will be on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:15pm for 8 weeks and starts on **October 11<sup>th</sup>**. The class is easy to follow but a full body workout. Bring a mat, hand held weights (1-8lbs.), water and a friend. Join for the session for only \$40.00 or pay \$6.00 per class. Twenty percent of the class money will be going to St. Thomas parish. So, please try it out and do something for yourself. Any questions, please call Chris Dube at 973-948-2329.

### Save the Date

The famous St. James Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm. Bring your own drink. Takeout meals available. Adults: \$12.00, Children under 12: \$6.00 and Children under 6 are free. Tickets will be available after the 8:00am and 11:30am Masses **TODAY**, September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. You may also call Mike Spinapolice at 973-293-7031 or email [wjr218@optonline.net](mailto:wjr218@optonline.net). Sit down tickets are limited to 100.

### St. James Christmas Bazaar – December 3

We will soon be 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 973-293-7031, Maria Henn 973-293-3243 or Joan Henn 973-293-3690. Please mark your calendars and start planning for this exciting fundraiser now.

### 2016: St. Thomas 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year 1941-2016

**St. Thomas History** – From 1960-70, many changes occurred in the Catholic Church: more participation of the faithful in the prayers, the use of English in place of Latin, and being able to fulfill one's Sunday or Holy Day Mass obligation by attending evening Mass the day prior to. Later changes were from receiving communion only while kneeling and on the tongue to standing and receiving in the hand, plus involvement of the laity as lectors and ministers.

**First Saturday Mass** will be celebrated at St. James Church on **Saturday morning, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8am**. Our Lady of Fatima promised to assist with the graces needed for salvation at the hour of death, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation.

### Right to Life

First Saturday prayer vigil held monthly at 10AM at 8 Moran Street across from Planned Parenthood. Next vigil will be on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## 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 25, 2016

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

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

9:30 a.m. STC R.C.I.A. (after Mass)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

### Monday, Sept. 26

### Tuesday, Sept. 27

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

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

### Wednesday, Sept. 28

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

### Thursday, Sept. 29

9:30 a.m. STC Moms & Tots Playgroup

### Friday, Sept. 30

9:00 a.m. STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
after Mass, till 12 Noon

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

### Saturday, Oct. 1

At all Masses in October:

Cancer Ribbon Wall Display

4:30 p.m. STC: Conf. Prep after Mass

4:30 p.m. STC: Conf. Parents & Sponsor  
Orientation

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

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

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

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

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

9:30 a.m. STC R.C.I.A. (after Mass)

11:30a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 27<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Habakkuk 1: 2—3; 2: 2--4*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 95*

2nd Reading: *2 Timothy 1: 6—8, 13--14*

Gospel: *Luke 17: 5--10*

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**“Crossing the Goal: Leading Men to the Cross.”** Our Diocese will be holding its first **Men’s Conference on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison.** Join us from 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for the opportunity to enhance men’s spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Speakers include: former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit [insidethewalls.org](http://insidethewalls.org) for more details and to register.

All men of our parishes are strongly encouraged to attend. A car pool can be arranged: call Parish Office.

**National Life Chain** will take place on **Respect Life Sunday**, next Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 p.m. till 3:30 p.m. at the Newton Green in Newton. Join with other groups throughout the country in a prayerful witness to life. Signs will be provided. Bring a chair if needed.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Photo Directory.** Our Directory is available for sale after each Mass or through the Parish Office. Cost is \$ 10.

**NORWESCAP**, the Volunteer Resource Center of Sussex County, is announcing a new **Friendly Volunteer and Telephone Reassurance Program.** Especially for isolated seniors or disabled persons, they provide much needed friendship and support to fight depression, disorientation, and loneliness.

Seniors and disabled persons are matched with a friendly visitor who will visit them about once a week; they can also receive a daily phone call from a “telephone reassurance” volunteer. These services are free through the county.

If you know of someone who could use this help, please contact **Nicole Friedberg at 973-579-0555, ext. 1293.** Perhaps you might like to consider volunteering for this generous service to others: NORWESCAP will train you. Call the same number for more information.

**San Damiano Fraternity of the Order of Franciscans Secular** is holding an Information Night at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton. Date:

Wed. Oct. 12. Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. For more  
Info: call 973-579-1430.