

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
210 Route 206 North
Sandyston, NJ 07826

Parish Office: 973-948-2296
Fax: 973-948-4634
E-mail address: stjamesthomas@aol.com
Website address: saintjamesthomas.org
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
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.

Welcome -We Are a Tithing Parish

Faith in the 22nd Century ??

Our Lord's last words in the Gospel today seem to have a somber and even sad ring to them. "*When the Son of Man comes, will He find any faith on the earth ?*" Our Lord sounds unsure, wondering if His life's work and effort were worth it. And that was 2000 years ago.

Our Lord's question is important for every age because the living faith is only passed down from generation to generation. If ever a break were to be made in the link of faith from one generation to the next, then faith and knowledge of the Lord, and all His teachings and actions, could be lost. It's a real possibility. The Lord trusts us that this won't happen.

But what about our own day ? Is the Catholic faith strong, or are there signs that it could be lost by the majority of the population ? If the older generation isn't strong in their faith, if the older generation doesn't introduce the younger to faith, then there is a real danger that all the treasures of our faith could be lost.

Parents are the key. The Church teaches that parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. C.C.D. classes can do much in preparing for sacraments and teaching the facts and details of the Bible and Church history. But parents are the ones in daily contact with their children. And so parents might consider today: how well are they doing ? Are they leading their children to the Lord ? Attending Mass each week, prayers before supper and at bedtime, and regular Confession are some of the ways of making faith real to the young ones.

Parents today have so much against them: modern culture, much of T.V., popular music, and all the influences of a secular world. Our public schools don't (or can't) encourage faith. And don't expect shining examples from our public officials. Parents must be strong and definite in passing on their Catholic faith. Their personal example is always the best witness.

Let us pray today for all parents in their task of raising faithful Catholic children in an environment that is clearly hostile to faith. May we all lend the power of our good example to the young people we know. And may the young see in faithful people, countless examples of joy-filled persons who find that faith fulfills and colors and completes their lives.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 16, 2016

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Arthur & Elsie Bastian at the
Request of their Family

SATURDAY, October 22

8:00AM – Intentions of Father Kevin Lieberman and
Father Joseph Biliyock

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 23

8:00AM – John & Anna Onuschak
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg

11:30AM – Helen Briegel
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,005.00 – Regular Collection – October 9, 2016
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$1,126.00 – Regular Collection – October 11, 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 Spinapolice at 973-293-7031.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Joseph Wolf at the
Request of Marion & Dave

MONDAY, October 17

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

TUESDAY, October 18

9:00AM – Intentions of Richard Stoklosa
req. by his sister, Julia Jensen

WEDNESDAY, October 19

9:00AM – Frank Senerano
req. by Josephine Yarosz

THURSDAY, October 20

No Mass

FRIDAY, October 21

9:00AM – Horace Judd
req. by Dolores Wojciechowski

SATURDAY, Vigil, October 22

4:30PM – Joseph Wolf
req. by Marion & Dave

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 23

9:30AM – Jim Mahon
req. by his wife, Gerry

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,977.00 – Regular Collection – October 9, 2016
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$2,349.00 – Regular Collection – October 11, 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.



Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

All students in Grades 6 through 10 will visit our Diocesan Holy Door at Holy Rosary Church/Shrine of Saint John Paul II in Passaic on **Sunday, October 23rd**. We will be traveling to Passaic with Stocker Bus at a cost of \$10.00 per person. We will be leaving St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 12:30PM, attending the 2:30PM Mass at Holy Rosary, then a tour of the church, shrine and Holy Door. We expect to depart Passaic by 5:00PM. **Students must turn in their Permission Slip and Fee by October 15th/16th**.

Our catechists will be accompanying our students on the bus. Due to the fact that the bus should be full, we may not have room for parents. However, you are more than welcome to join us that day by putting your name on your child's form, by calling 973-948-7004 or following us down in your car.

On This Day We Celebrate...October 18: St. Luke

St. Luke was a doctor. Pray for your family doctor and all physicians today!



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, October 16th from 6:00-8:00pm**. There will be plenty of fun, games, music events and prayer. **Coming events for Youth Group: Oct. 22 – Swing Dance at REC; Oct. 23 – Pumpkin Carving; October. 30 – Trunk or Treat.**



Catholic Teens Harvest Swing Dance

All High School Students are invited to a Swing Dance on **Saturday, October 22nd** 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 TODAY.

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 is on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:15pm for 8 weeks and started on October 11th. You may join us at any time. 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.

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 75th Anniversary Year 1941-2016

St. Thomas History – Father Michota welcomed the Salesians from Don Bosco College in Newton (now the site of Sussex County Community College) for teaching religious education and often took the children there.

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a toy drive for disadvantaged children through Project Self-Sufficiency. The toys should be new and unwrapped. There is a large box in the gathering space for your convenience. The toy drive will finish on November 30th.

