

# 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

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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**

# *Our Lady of Fatima*

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary's Appearances*

*The Fifth Apparition, September 13, 1917*

*(as described by E.W.T.N.)*



Despite the ridicule and jokes of the secular, atheistic press, more than 30,000 people gathered in the Cova for the September apparition. Whether drawn by devotion or curiosity, they prayed the rosary while awaiting the arrival of the visionaries and their vision.

When at last the time came they could hear Lucia say:

"What do you want of me?"

**Continue the Rosary, my children. Say it every day that the war may end. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world.**

**God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to wear the cords to bed. Keep them on during the day.**

"I have the petitions of many for your help. Will you assist a little girl who is deaf and dumb?"

**She will improve within the year.**

"And the conversions that some have asked to have brought about? The cures of the sick ones?"

**Some I will cure, and some I will not. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.**

With these last words still ringing in their ears, the Lady rose and disappeared in the heavens, as Lucia called to the crowd, "If you wish to see her --- Look! Look!"

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 10, 2017**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Muriel Kennel at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, September 16**

8:00AM – Intentions of Josephine Yarosz

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 17**

8:00AM – Burt Meshnick  
req. by Helen Neumann

11:30AM – Emerich Faupl  
req. by Emmy Masset

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$1,199.00 – Regular Collection – September 3, 2017 +**

**\$ 80.00 - Online Giving**

**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$1,753.00 – Regular Collection – September 4, 2016**

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

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**For On-Line Giving: log onto our website:**

**[saintjamesthomas.org](http://saintjamesthomas.org) Then go to On-Line Giving link.**

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

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

Margaret Accordino, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertias, Judy Dressie, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, David Koehler, Betty Lacovara, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Joseph Ligammari, Miriam Ligammari, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, John Meehan, Brian McKenna, Bill Myers, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Flo Puccio, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Lorraine Verga, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh, Joan White and Robert Woodcock

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Richard W. Pullis at the  
Request of his daughters, Lisa & Laura

**MONDAY, September 11**

9:00AM – Michael Bailo  
req. by his Family

**TUESDAY, September 12**

9:00AM – Deceased Members of the Iovino Family  
req. by Dan & Luisa

**WEDNESDAY, September 13**

9:00AM – Richard W. Pullis  
req. by his wife, Ann  
-Hurricane Victims  
req. by the Decker Family

**THURSDAY, September 14**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, September 15**

9:00AM – Intentions of Sal Brucculeri  
req. by Dan & Luisa

**SATURDAY, Vigil, September 16**

4:30PM – Olindo & Anne Rosanelli  
req. by the Rosanelli Family  
-Intentions of the Catechists

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 17**

9:30AM – Robert Leppert  
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family  
-Intentions of the Catechists

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,140.00 – Regular Collection – September 3, 2017 +**

**\$ 481.00 - Online Giving**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$2,366.00 – Regular Collection – September 4, 2016**

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**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.



## Registrations for 2017/2018 Catechetical Year

**Re-registrations must be received immediately in order for your child or teen to begin class.**

**No re-registrations will be taken the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> (first week of classes). All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Office the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call to schedule an appointment.**

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

### Religious Education Classes Begin as Follows:

Grs. 9 & 10–Sat., Sept. 16 & 30– 4:30pm Mass-7:15pm  
Grs. 6,7&8–Sun., Sept.17 & Oct.1 - 9:30am Mass-12:30pm  
Grs. 1 & 2 – Tues., Sept. 19 & 26 – 4:00pm – 5:15pm  
Grs. 3, 4 & 5 – Wed., Sept. 20 & 27 – 4:00pm – 5:15pm



### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2017

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and will honor those who share in the evangelization mission of the Church through a special Rite of Commissioning and Blessing. We ask your prayer and support for the following men and women of our parishes who selflessly devote themselves to the ministry of catechesis and share the faith of the Catholic Church with the adults, families, youth and children of our parishes: Rita Straka, Karen Steinert, Marie Mendez, Patrice Kealy, Chris Higgins, Stephanie Pierson, Cathy McNanna, Maggie Nicole, Emilia VanderPloog, Mike Bussow, Sharon Falchetta, John Lucadamo, Dan and Lucy O'Keefe, Alex Sousa and Patricia Hope. Thank you all for showing us how to live our faith! Father Wayne will be blessing both catechists and all parents too! Here we will recognize the very important role both they and you have in forming your children in the Catholic faith.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel and it is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### Prayer Shawl/Rosary Makers Ministry

We will begin our ministry again on September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**The Columbiettes** will be sponsoring a Cancer Ribbon Wall. We are asking for names to be remembered. Please call or leave names at the office.

### From the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

All adult parishioners are welcome to gather twice a month with the R.C.I.A., where we examine our understanding of how our religion and our faith in God is part of our lives. During these sessions, we break open the upcoming Sunday Readings to be used as our basis for sharing. We also reflect on our understanding of how the Scriptures can affect us on our journeys in faith. In upcoming bulletins, you will find the outline of topics for our sessions. These sessions are no-pressure--- 'Come and See'. We invite you at no obligation to discover what the Church and our faith is all about. Please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be promptly returned.

### Children's Liturgy Of the Word:

We celebrate C.L.O.W. the September Sundays of 10 and 17. We ask that the children listen actively for the Celebrant's invitation to come forward to be blessed as quickly as possible so that the Mass may continue reverently and smoothly. All adult parishioner are welcome to experience the Word with the children. Should you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

### History of St. James & St. Thomas

Does anyone have recollections to share of the Rosary Society at St. James or the former one at St. Thomas? If there had been a Holy Name Society at either parish - when ?

### St. Thomas Coffee Hour

**Please note** that Coffee Hour will be on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:30am Mass.



### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly**

#### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2017**

**"Amen, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

How wonderful when we find several people gathered in prayer. It may be before a statue or shrine, at table in a family home, or before the Blessed Sacrament. Maybe beads pass through gnarled fingers, hands raised in praise, or a simple profound bow, people turning to a loving God. His grace and their faith allow this stirring moment to happen.

Our prayer may be for our personal needs, may be prayer of intercession for someone who is ill or in difficult circumstances, or an expression of deep gratitude for favors granted. On each occasion may we acknowledge the words of the gospel that the Lord is truly present in such gatherings. He invites us to prayer, we invite Him to participate with us.

## 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 10, 2017

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

At all Masses: Kick-off for Bishop's Annual Appeal  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

### Monday, Sept. 11

9:00 a.m. STC 9 / 11 Remembrance Mass

7:00 p.m. STC Finance Council Mtgs.

7 p.m.-St. James; 7:45 p.m.—St. Thomas

### Tuesday, Sept. 12

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

### Wednesday, Sept. 13

### Thursday, Sept. 14

### Friday, Sept. 15

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

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

10:00a.m. STC Moms & Tots Play Group

### Saturday, Sept. 16

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

### Sunday, September 17, 2017

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

#### Catechetical Sunday

9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass

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

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes' Mtg.

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

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 24<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Sirach 27: 30—28: 7*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 103*

2nd Reading: *Romans 14: 7--9*

Gospel: *Matthew 18: 21--35*

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“Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.”

—President Obama in a 2011 radio address

## The Day that Changed Everything.

Monday marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year since the shocking attacks on our nation, known as ‘September 11<sup>th</sup>.’ We will be praying especially for those who died, and their families, and the responders at a **special Mass at St. Thomas at 9 a.m.** Please join us, and pray for an outbreak of God’s peace within our nation and throughout the world.

**Hurricane Harvey Help.** A basket will be placed at the back of both our churches for the next few weeks. You are invited to make a donation towards the relief of the victims of the recent destructive storm in Texas and beyond. We will make sure that your donations get to an authorized Catholic organization for use where most needed.

**Pizza Night for Women.** Bishop Serratelli invites all high school and college aged young women to come together for an evening in which to think about their future. What are the Lord’s plans for you? How can you discern a vocation that will be fulfilling and satisfying and will make a difference? Join with Bishop Serratelli for **Pizza Night for Women.** It will be held at **Pope John XXIII High School, 28 Andover Rd. in Sparta.** The date: **Mon. Sept. 25; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** For more info, call the Office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818, ext. 207 or contact: [kerry@patersondiocese.org](mailto:kerry@patersondiocese.org).

**Adult Ed.** A fascinating educational series is planned for the fall. It will be based around **Bishop Robert Barron’s** acclaimed series: ***Catholicism: a Study of Our Faith.*** With stunning photography from around the world, and insights which give deeper understandings of our religion, Bishop Barron teaches about our Catholic faith in unforgettable ways. The series will be presented at the **Religious Ed Center**, opposite the Sandyston Town Hall. It will be held on the **five Sundays of October, beginning at 1 p.m.** till 2:30 p.m. each time. Questions and discussion will follow the CD presentation. Plan to attend these first five sessions. The last five will take place in the spring.

**The Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center** will host an Interfaith Memorial Service to honor loved ones who have died. It will be held **Mon. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Newton**, on High St., Newton. For info call 973-948-2283.