

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

PASTOR: Father Wayne Varga
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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

The Blessing (or Curse) of Money

Considering today's Gospel, here are two examples of what to do with a good "harvest."

John D. Rockefeller (1839—1937) was known world-wide for his reputation as a brilliant businessman and an astute industrialist. From the time he was a child, he believed that it was his purpose in life to first make as much money as possible, and then to use it wisely to improve the lot of humankind. In 1862 he founded the Standard Oil Company and eventually became the world's richest man and the first billionaire. During the last forty years of his life he used his good business sense to set up foundations to fund projects to advance medicine, education and scientific research. The results of his philanthropy continue today.

You might remember Liberace, the famous pianist and entertainer. (Younger people can Google him.) He was born in 1919 and rose to become the highest paid performer in the world. At the height of his career, in the '50's and '60's, he earned five million dollars a year. He spent it lavishly on dazzling clothes, flashy cars and even a re-creation of the Sistine Chapel ceiling in his bedroom. When he died he left behind eight overloaded warehouses full of items that did not fit into any of his five fully furnished mansions.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us—not about money—but about greed. The rich man in the parable had such a good crop that he had to build a larger barn to house it. He was sure he "had it made." But actually he gained nothing from it. He died that night.

We are called to use our talents and abilities to make a living for ourselves and our families. But we are called to balance this with the needs of others. May we always be ready to share our resources—for in the sharing is our pathway to salvation and peace.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 31, 2016

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Irma Pagano at the
Request of her husband, Bill

SATURDAY, August 6

8:00AM – Raymond Shea
req. by his Family

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7

8:00AM – Arthur & Elsie Bastian
req. by their Family

11:30AM – Robert & Ann Lamb
req. by Peggy & Richard Gray

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 972.00 – Regular Collection – July 24, 2016

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$ 867.00 – Regular Collection – July 26, 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 Spinapolic at 973-293-7031.

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Don Martin at the
Request of his Family

MONDAY, August 1

9:00AM – For the success of the “Formed” religious education program worldwide

TUESDAY, August 2

9:00AM – Martha Finn
req. by Tony & Alicia Batko

WEDNESDAY, August 3

9:00AM – Barbara Gioielli
req. by her Family

THURSDAY, August 4

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 5

9:00AM – Rosemarie Bastian
req. by her Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, August 6

4:30PM – Harry & Sophie Wainwright
req. by the Wainwright Family

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7

9:30AM – Ella Laracuente
req. by Andree & James Campbell

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,666.00 – Regular Collection – July 24, 2016

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,116.00 – Regular Collection – July 26, 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.



Registrations for 2016/2017 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children in **Grades 2-8** and **teens in the Confirmation Preparation Program** for the upcoming catechetical year **were due back by July 30th to avoid the late fee. Please return all registrations ASAP!!! Thank you.**

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.

Catechist Formation Series

The Diocesan Catechist Formation Series will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd, 9th and 16th from 7:30-9:00pm at Morris Catholic High School in Denville. To register, go to www.insidethewalls.org. Please call Mary about carpooling!



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 today, July 31st, from 6:00-8:00pm** for our next meeting in the pavilion at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. There will be plenty of fun, games, music events and prayer. For more information please call Jenn at the office at 973-948-3185.

Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

We would like to invite the children of the parish to sing the Meditation Hymn on Sunday, August 14th at the 9:30am Mass. To do that, there will be 2 practices (each under an hour) on Sundays, July 31st and August 7th immediately following Mass. If you have any questions or are interested, please email Sarah Mannion at sarah.anne.mannion@gmail.com

FIRST SATURDAY MASS REMINDER

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at St. James Church on **Saturday morning, August 6th, 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 in Newton. Next vigil will be on **August 6th.**

From the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the joy-filled responsibility of the entire faith community. As a community of faith, we are called to encourage others to become fully initiated Catholics. Each of us, as followers of Jesus, is called to be both a hearer of the Word and a doer of the Word. Get involved in spreading the message of God's Word! Exercise your faith! Now is your opportunity. Be a motivator of another on their journey of faith. As a doer of the Word, you will become more aware of how God is present and active in your life each day.

Have those you motivate call the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be returned.

2016: St. Thomas 75th Anniversary Year 1941-2016

Good Deed Journaling. All parishioners are invited to make note of the good deeds they perform during the course of the day. There are little notebooks on the table in the Gathering Space. Please take one and use it as a personal diary to record the good deeds you perform for the Lord each day. You may surprise yourself. These notebooks are for your personal use only, and can be a wonderful offering to the Lord of your time well spent for His honor and glory.

Calling all "Vintage People"

Perhaps you have great memories of the Catholic Church and the America of our youth. We ask if you would like to share a memory or two with all of our parishioners as we celebrate our 75th year. Please pick up a blue sheet of paper in the gathering space.

Senior "Vintage" Memories – Recently, at the 75th anniversary Mass of our first parish Mass, Fr. Wayne used Latin for the dismissal Rite –“Ite Missa Est” (“Go you are dismissed”. The congregation responded with “Deo Gratias” (“thanks be to God”). Father was pleasantly surprised that all sixty of us attending answered him with the training in Latin we had received so many years ago, and only stopped replying thus since Vatican II.

St. Thomas History – In 1954, Athens born Rev. Peter Byron was assigned as pastor. Some still speak of him as “the Greek”. He was the youngest candidate to the priesthood when ordained in 1933 at the Cathedral of St. John Lateran in Rome. Fr. Peter is recalled for an avid use of tape or record players, a love of opera music and his preaching attracting many.

Vendors Wanted for Flea Market

St. James the Greater Church in Montague is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, **September 10th** from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. Please contact Betsy Gardner at 845-858-7892 or Gardnerabstract@aol.com for questions or to reserve a space.

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, July 31, 2016

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Aug. 1

Tuesday, Aug. 2

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

7:30 p.m. Catechist Formation, Morris Catholic H.S.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Thursday, Aug. 4

Friday, Aug. 5

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

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

Saturday, Aug. 6

“Back to School” Supply Collection by

Columbiettes at all Masses – through Aug. 28

Sunday, August 7, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Future Events

Sun. Aug. 28 9:30 a.m. St. T’s 75th Anniv. Mass

--with Bishop Serratelli

--followed by Anniv Brunch at High Point
Country Club

Sat. Sept. 10 St. James Indoor / Outdoor Flea
Market

Next Sunday’s Readings: 19th Ord.

1st Reading: *Wisdom 18: 6--9*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 33*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 11: 1--2, 8--19*

Gospel: *Luke 12: 32--48*

“The greatest honor we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love.”

--Julian of Norwich, 1342—1416, an English mystic and an anchoress—a woman who had set herself apart for God and lived isolated in a cell. She is noted as a philosopher and theologian, due to her writings and quotes which survive.

All High School Young People are invited to join together with the youth of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Branchville, for some time together. There will be games, sports, talk, food and prayer, all under the Pavilion at O.L.Q.P. It **begins at 6 p.m. and continues till 8 p.m.** We hope to hold these get-togethers every Sunday evening. Hope to see you there tonight!

****St. Thomas 75th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Serratelli and Brunch**

will be celebrated **Sun. Aug. 28.** Mass at 9:30 a.m. Brunch at High Point Golf Club Banquet and Event Center, 342 Shore Drive, Montague. Join us as we celebrate and remember the years that have brought us to this day. Continuous slide show and historical background will be part of the day. Full buffet brunch will be served, with cash bar available. Tickets are on sale after each Mass or through the Parish Office. Tickets: Adults: \$ 22.00; Children 5 – 11: \$ 14.00; children under 5: free. Join us for this central event of our 75th Year !

“Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” is a P.B.S. Frontline film, to be followed by questions and discussion, sponsored by the Pastoral Care Dep’t of Newton Medical Center. The film delves into the hopes of patients facing terminal illness--and their families. It explores the needs of patients, and how families can best help them. Dr. Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H., and author, will guide the discussion and lend his expertise. He will give advice on how to have “end-of-life” discussions ahead of a medical crisis. **The evening is free. The Date is Tuesday, August 16th.** It will be held at the **First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton.** The complete schedule is as follows:

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner

6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Presentation: *Being Mortal* followed by discussion. To attend, simply register by calling 1-800-247-9580.

Become a Hospice Volunteer. The Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center, 61 Spring St., Newton is offering a free training course on the Wed. and Fri. mornings of September, from 10 a.m. till 12 Noon. Upon completion, participants are Certified Hospice Volunteers. For more information, call Sue Dougherty at 973-383-0115 or visit: www.KarenAnnQuinlanHospice.org