

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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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

Gratitude Deepens Faith

“I will no longer offer sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord.”

2 Kings 5: 17

Naaman, the leper from Syria in our First Reading, is reluctant to dip into the Jordan River seven times, as he was commanded by Elisha the Prophet. But he did it anyway. He found that, as he did so, each dip into the river brought him greater and greater healing. Yes, his flesh was healed. But far greater was the healing of his heart as he came to believe in the Lord.

Similarly, ten lepers approached Jesus, and all He asked them to do was show themselves to the priests. Off they all went, but for one of them, each step loosened the grip of doubt and loneliness a little more. A magnificent healing took place in his body, but a greater healing took place in his heart as he came to see Jesus in a new light.

We all have areas in our lives where we need healing: perhaps in our bodies, our relationships, or our inner thoughts. Yes, the Lord wants to bring restoration. But He also wants to help us come to know Him in a deeper way. He wants to take us from *knowing* about His love to *being embraced* by it. He wants to take us from *knowing* about His power to *experiencing* it.

So as you bring your needs to the Lord, bring Him your heart as well. Each dip in the Jordan was a conscious choice that opened Naaman to God’s blessings. Each step towards the priests helped that former leper to see Jesus as Lord. What steps is God asking you to take? Whatever they are, decide to say yes, and God will respond with His life-saving grace.

May we never give up or change course, but continue to listen and obey. May we all take each step in faith and grow in trusting Him. Our hearts will grow in trust and worship because we will be convinced that “there is no God in all the earth” like our God (2 Kings 5: 15). He is faithful.

**“Jesus, I want to receive all that You have for me.
Show me what steps You want me to take.
You are my hope and my strength.”**

--taken from: *The Word Among Us*
October 2016

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 9, 2016

St. James the Greater

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

SATURDAY, October 15

8:00AM – Terry Naletko
req. by his Family

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 16

8:00AM – Timothy Yarosz
req. by his wife, Josephine

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

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,261.00 – Regular Collection – October 2, 2016

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,514.00 – Regular Collection – October 4, 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 Kazimira Szwajkiewicz at the
Request of John & Maria Babon

MONDAY, October 10

9:00AM – Barbara Kientzler
req. by her son, Charles
- Timothy Yarosz
req. by his wife, Josephine & Family

TUESDAY, October 11

9:00AM – Timothy Yarosz
req. by his wife, Josephine & Family

WEDNESDAY, October 12

9:00AM – Kazimira Szwajkiewicz
req. by John & Maria Babon
- Timothy Yarosz
req. by his wife, Josephine & Family

THURSDAY, October 13

No Mass

FRIDAY, October 14

9:00AM – Timothy Yarosz
req. by his wife, Josephine & Family
- Bill Wagner
req. by his daughter, Tarra

SATURDAY, Vigil, October 15

4:30PM – Alma Furletti
req. by Mary Ann & Chet Poch
- William Lange
req. by the Wainwright Family

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 16

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,397.00 – Regular Collection – October 2, 2016

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,775.00 – Regular Collection – October 4, 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.



Why do Catholics Pray the Rosary?

What a perfect question for October, the Month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary as we know it was developed in the Middle Ages. It evolved out of an ancient practice in which people who could not read Scripture recited 150 Our Fathers for the 150 Psalms. Strings of beads were used to keep track of the prayers. Over time, this practice merged with the scriptural greeting to Mary ("Hail Mary, full of grace") and with meditations on the lives of Jesus Christ and Mary, His Mother.

Try to commit to pray the Rosary as a family at least once a week during this month. In your family, one person can say the first part of each prayer, while the others respond with the second half. The Rosary is, at its heart, a biblical prayer, which is why Scripture verses are often used for meditation with each mystery.

On This Day We Celebrate...October 13: St. Edward the Confessor

Take the opportunity to go to Confession.

Grade 2 Church Tour

Our Second Grade Class and their Parents will meet at St. Thomas Church on **Sunday, October 16th following the 9:30AM Mass.**

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.

Save the Date

The famous St. James Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 15th** 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**, October 9th. You may also call Mike Spinapolice at 973-293-7031 or email wjr218@optonline.net. Sit down tickets are limited to 100.



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 9th 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 will be on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:15pm for 8 weeks and starts on **October 11th**. 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 – About 1973, after the floor buckled, a new one was installed. Robert Pollara and William Strong, Sr. were serving as trustees. Bishop Casey held the first Confirmation in the expanded church in 1974. First Communion, weddings and funerals were often still held at St. James since that church had a restroom and parish hall.

New Jersey Right to Life is the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please show support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. 1st Prize: 2017 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$42,000, 2nd Prize: \$1,000 Shop Rite Gift Card, 3rd Prize: \$750 Shop Rite Gift Card, 4th Prize: \$500 Shop Rite Gift Card. Tickets will be sold at all Masses this weekend, October 8th and 9th.

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, October 9, 2016

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, Oct. 10

Tuesday, Oct. 11

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, Oct. 12

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

7:00 p.m. STC Adoration & Rosary with K of C

7:30 p.m. STC Knights of Columbus Mtg.

Thursday, Oct. 13

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

Friday, Oct. 14

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 15

8:30 a.m. Men's Conference: *Crossing the Goal*
-- at St. Paul's Inside the Walls, Madison

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

6:00 p.m. SJC: Annual St. James Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 16, 2016

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg

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

Future Events

**Sat. Oct. 22 Catholic Teens Harvest Swing
Dance at REC 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Next Sunday's Readings: 29th Ord.

1st Reading: *Exodus 17: 8--13*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 121*

2nd Reading: *2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 2*

Gospel: *Luke 18: 1--8*

“Crossing the Goal: Leading Men to the Cross.” Our Diocese will be holding its first **Men's Conference next 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 for more details and to register.

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

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991 ? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with other couples of the Diocese of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant of a special Anniversary Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, corner Route 46 and Baldwin Rd., Parsippany. The date is Sunday, Nov. 6th at 4:00 p.m.

To register, simply fill out the Reg. Form you'll find at the back of Church and return to the Parish Office by Oct. 24th. And, Congratulations !!

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is underway. This Appeal funds the many works of our Diocese which are done through the various Agencies of Catholic Charities. Please help us to meet our parish commitments by supporting this important Appeal.

Our Parish Goals are: **St. Thomas: \$ 8,500**
St. James \$ 7,700

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

Pope John XXIII Regional High School:

1) *Open House for Incoming 9th Grade* Tues. Oct 11 7:30 p.m. 2) *Be a Lion for a Day*, Tues, Oct. 18 8:30 a.m.—12 Noon Questions: contact Anne Kaiser, Admissions Office 973-729-6125 x 255

A Sincere Prayer. A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am !”