

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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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.

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

FORMED.ORG

Our parish continues with its first subscription to FORMED.org. It is an internet opportunity for continuous, 24-7-365 religious education for adults, young people and children. It all is available to you anytime, anywhere, when you click onto:

FORMED.org

Our Parish Code is: HCVWQC (case sensitive)

The Password is: formed

With this website—whole worlds of 21st century education and understanding of our faith become available. All manner of topics are available, anytime. All computers and devices are capable of downloading the audio C.D.'s, Study Programs, Movies and E-books that are offered. And for you it is all **FREE OF CHARGE !**

Our parish has purchased this first subscription to the Lighthouse—Augustine Institute website during this past year. Among the materials offered are:

Audio C.D.'s: "From Atheism to Catholicism," "Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled,"
"Real Womanhood"

Study Programs: "Catholicism," by Bishop Robert Barron, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary,"
"Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained"

E-books: "Finding True Happiness," "Not God's Type," "Rome Sweet Home"

Movies: "Mother Teresa" (starring Olivia Hussey), "The Reluctant Saint," "The 13th Day,"
"Religious Mysteries"

Over 300 items are offered. All that is necessary to begin is:

On the Internet type in: FORMED.org

Choose: Formed

Choose: Register (the first time)

Type in Parish Code (above)

Fill in your E-mail address to register

Hit: Go and go to any item available.

Thereafter: Go to Login

Click on: = (menu) for Programs, Movies, Audio & Books

I hope that you will make use of these educational and inspirational materials often. We live in a 21st century full of electronic wonders. The Church is striving to use these technologies to spread our faith further. May you find many hours of inspiration and growth in faith through the materials offered here.

God bless you,
Father Wayne

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 16, 2017

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of Happy & Ann Dunn at the
Request of their Children

SATURDAY, July 22

8:00AM – Intentions of Gregory Kelly

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23

8:00AM – Emily Blickweidel
req. by her Family

11:30AM – Mavis Kaufman
req. by her Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,240.00 – Regular Collection – July 2, 2017 +

\$ 170.00 - Online Giving

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,189.00 – Regular Collection – July 3, 2016

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

For On-Line Giving: log onto our website:

saintjamesthomas.org Then go to On-Line Giving link.



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.

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, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, 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, Teri Winkler and Robert Woodcock

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Cathy Pullis at the
Request of her nieces, Lisa & Laura

MONDAY, July 17

9:00AM – John Morgiewicz
req. by his Family

-Intentions of Michael & Nancy Dunn
On their Wedding Anniversary
req. by their Family

TUESDAY, July 18

9:00AM – Brad Applegate
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

WEDNESDAY, July 19

9:00AM – Cordelia Cafone

THURSDAY, July 20

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 21

9:00AM – Charles Lorber
req. by his Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, July 22

4:30PM – Edmund Campbell
req. by his Children
-Marie & Edward Hoffman
req. by the Wainwright Family

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23

9:30AM – Barbara K. Kientzler
req. by her son, Charles

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,204.00 – Regular Collection – July 2, 2017 +

\$ 378.00 - Online Giving

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,060.00 – Regular Collection – July 3, 2016

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

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saintjamesthomas.org Then go to On-Line Giving link.

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.



Registrations for 2017/2018
Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children in Grades 2-8 for the upcoming catechetical year **were due back by July 15th** (yesterday) to avoid the late fee. **If you have not sent your re-registration back yet, please do so immediately.**

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.



Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, Sunday, July 16th from 6:00-8:00PM.** There will be plenty of fun, games, music and prayer. Come join us and see what's going on!!! **Incoming Freshman are now welcome to join Catholic Teens.** Also, special thanks to the teens of our parish who recently gave of their time and talent at the Face-painting Booth at the OLQP Carnival. We had lots of fun and look forward to our next event.

From the R.C.I.A.

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults process will begin again in October. The R.C.I.A. sessions are for adults for faith sharing and instruction. The sessions are approximately one to one hour and fifteen minutes to be held at the convenience of all participants. There is no cost for the R.C.I.A. Don't wait any longer to invite others to be Baptized Catholic! Don't wait any longer to become a fully initiated member {Sacraments of: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation} of the Catholic Church! Don't wait any longer to have your questions answered! Call the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004, and your call will be returned.

History of Western Sussex Missions

In 1966, under Fr. Tully's tenure, Masses were held at 8:30 am in Walpack, 10:30 am in Hainesville and at Noon in Montague - with 8 am Weekday Masses at the Rectory. Catechism instruction was held 3:15 pm on Fridays at the Firehouse in Hainesville, and a Sacred Heart Novena 7:30 pm at St. James.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017

“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it.”

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate.

The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place today.

Moms and Tots Playgroup will continue to meet most Fridays from 10:00am to 11:30am through the summer. If weather permits, we will be meeting at local parks also. Please check our Facebook page “Sandyston Tot Group” to find us each week.

The Columbiettes are collecting school supplies in July and August. A basket is in the gathering 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 16, 2017

15th Sunday in Ord. Time

Monday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Catholic Summer Day Camp begins
at O.L.Q.P., Branchville (Mon—Fri)

Tuesday, July 18

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

7:00 a.m. REC Men’s Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 19

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21

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, July 22

11:30a.m. STC “Shoppers’ Coupons: Advice and
Hints on Saving”

Sunday, July 23, 2017

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Future Events

Sat. Aug. 5 St. James Parish Picnic. Begins 1 p.m.

Next Sunday’s Readings: 16th Ord

1st Reading: *Wisdom 12: 13, 16--19*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 86*

2nd Reading: *Romans 8: 26--27*

Gospel: *Matthew 13: 24--43*

Get FORMED for the summer:

www.Formed.org Parish Code: HCVWQC

Suggestion: “Forgiven: The transforming power
of Confession” Explores the grace and healing
offered in this Sacrament.

Consider Weekday Mass. Start your day in
the best way possible. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9
a.m. at St. Thomas. Sat. 8 a.m. at St. James.

Home Schooling Conference. The *IHM*
New York Homeschool Conference will be held at
Ramapo College—at the Student Center, 505
Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, N. J. The dates are:
Friday, July 28th (12 Noon – 6 p.m.) and Saturday,
July 29th (9:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.) Admission is
FREE and pre-registration is not required. For
more info please visit www.ihmconference.org

Learn the Secrets. Each time our parishioner
Anna Marie Macari walks out of a store, the
cashiers are rushing to hand her dollars to take with
her. How does she do it? With her expertise in
‘coupon shopping.’ It is a science, she says, and
she is anxious to share her knowledge and skills
with the rest of us. She will be holding an
informal class on Coupon Savings at **St. Thomas
on Sat. July 22nd, at 11:00 a.m.** Come down and
learn some hints on smart shopping. (Scissors
optional).

St. Thomas Bikers Gang. Join us on the
Tuesdays of summer, right after 9 a.m. Mass.
We’ll be riding along the back roads as far as
Peter’s Valley or Walpack. We plan to be back
around Noon each time. All men & women
invited to join us.

Loved the Wedding. Invite Me to the Marriage. Love, God

A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** can help
you do that. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours away
from jobs, kids, chores, phones—where married
couples can finally focus on each other. If you’d
like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your
relationship, you’ll like the difference that a
Marriage Encounter Weekend can make. For more
info, contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016
or go to the website: www.nnjwwme.org.

Two Questions:

1. How much time do you spend on Facebook each day?
2. How much time do you spend in the Bible each day?

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when we have removed their only firm basis, a
conviction in the minds of the people that these
liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to
be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble
for my country when I reflect that God is Just; that
His justice cannot sleep forever.”--Thomas
Jefferson