

# 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**  
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 Fourth Apparition, August 19, 1917*

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

Under the pretext of providing his personal automobile, so that the children could travel safely through the crowds pressing around their homes, the Civil Administrator (Mayor) of the district in which Fátima was located, arrived in Aljustrel on the morning of August 13th. A previous attempt on August 11th to obtain the "truth" from the children having been unsuccessful, Artur Santos, an apostate Catholic and high Mason, had devised a scheme by which he would take them into custody and force them to reveal all. With a show of good will he now offered to take the three and their parents to see the parish priest, whom he claimed wished to see them, and then to the Cova. At the parish house he abandoned this ruse--and the parents--taking the children alone from there to the district headquarters in Vila Nova de Ourem, some 9 miles away. Here he tried bribes, threats of death and locking them in a cell with other "criminals" in order to get them to recant their story. It was to no avail. Despite their ages, their belief in the Lady and their courage was unshakeable.

Meanwhile, in the Cova at noon on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the characteristic external signs of the Apparition appeared for the benefit of the crowd, the greatest crowd to that time. But the children had not arrived, being detained by the authorities. As the day ended the crowd dispersed, as yet unaware of the trickery of the government.

The "trial" of the children, however, continued for two days, to the consternation of their families. Finally, on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, the Administrator had them driven back to Fátima and deposited on the steps of the rectory. Here they were finally seen as the people, who had just come from Mass, were trying to determine from Ti Marto, their father, where the children were. The peoples' anger was poured out on the driver, and on the Mayor when he arrived a little later, both of whom were no doubt glad to be rid of their little charges and to escape unscathed. It would effectively be the only serious effort of the civil authorities to interfere with the Lady of Fátima.

As it was, the Lady's plans were delayed slightly. On Sunday the 19th Lucia, her brother John, and Francisco, were grazing the sheep at a place known as Valinhos. It was located on the side of the same hill opposite Aljustrel where the angel appeared twice, though a little farther north. At about 4 o'clock, sensing that Our Lady was about to appear, Lucia tried unsuccessfully to get John to fetch Jacinta, until she offered him a couple pennies for the errand. As she and Francisco waited, they saw the characteristic light. The moment Jacinta arrived the Lady appeared.

"What do you want of me?"

**Come again to the Cova da Iria on the thirteenth of next month, my child, and continue to say the Rosary every day. In the last month I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.**

"What are we to do with the offerings of money that people leave at the Cova da Iria?"

**I want you to have two ardors [litters to carry statues] made, for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. I want you and Jacinta to carry one of them with two other girls. You will both dress in white. And then I want Francisco, with three boys helping him, to carry the other one. The boys, too, will be dressed in white. What is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel that is to be built here.**

Lucia then asked for the cure of some sick people.

**Some I will cure during the year.**

Looking sadly at them she said: **Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice.**

Having said that she departed as she had on the other occasions.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
August 13, 2017**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Terry Naletko at the  
Request of his Family

**TUESDAY, August 15**  
**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

8:00AM – Jeanette Meloi  
req. by her husband, Charlie

**SATURDAY, August 19**  
8:00AM – Intentions of Teresa Glindmeier

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 20**

8:00AM – Gene & Rosalie Mauro  
req. by their Family  
11:30AM – Dom & Agnes Giordano  
req. by their Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$ 966.00 – Regular Collection – August 6, 2017 +**  
**\$ 80.00 - Online Giving**  
**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**  
**\$1,703.00 – Regular Collection – August 7, 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.**



**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 and Robert Woodcock

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the  
Intentions of Nick & Lisa Dispoto at the  
Request of their Family

**MONDAY, August 14**  
9:00AM – Robert Leppert  
req. by Grace Reich

**TUESDAY, August 15**  
**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

9:00AM – Intentions of the Legion of Mary  
req. by the Legion of Mary  
- Joan Spoolstra  
7:00PM – Clair Byrne  
req. by Dave Ovejero

**WEDNESDAY, August 16**  
9:00AM – Edwin Healy  
req. by his granddaughter, Mary Flexer  
-Intentions of Nick & Lisa Dispoto  
On their Wedding Anniversary  
req. by their Family

**THURSDAY, August 17**  
No Mass

**FRIDAY, August 18**  
9:00AM – Intentions of Christine Lord

**SATURDAY, Vigil, August 19**  
4:30PM – William & Mary Hoffman  
req. by the Wainwright Family  
-Carl & Ronnie Ferriere

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 20**

9:30AM – Jim Mahon  
req. by his wife, Gerry  
-Intentions of Barbara Urvovitch  
req. by her son, Ken

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$3,223.00 – Regular Collection – August 6, 2017 +**  
**\$ 461.00 - Online Giving**  
**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**  
**\$2,848.00 – Regular Collection – August 7, 2016**  
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**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 Spinaplice 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **History of Western Sussex Missions**

In May, 1966, the Rosary Society of St. Matthew and St. Thomas said the Rosary at St. Thomas and then held a combined meeting at the Community Hall in Hainesville with President Rose Dwane presiding. It was decided to have a Memorial Day food sale at the Layton Store.

**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.

## **R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

- ❖ Are you un-baptized, but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- ❖ Are you baptized Catholic, or baptized in another faith tradition, and never received any formal religious education?
- ❖ Are you married to a Catholic and go to Mass, but don't know how to become a Catholic?
- ❖ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the R.C.I.A. is the place for you! R.C.I.A. is the process through which the Catholic Church welcomes [initiates] new members. R.C.I.A. guides those who want to be Baptized into the Catholic Church and receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. R.C.I.A. guides those from another faith tradition into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is continually welcoming new members. R.C.I.A.---an adult faith sharing process, is ongoing and waiting to welcome you. Please call the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004 and your phone call will be returned just as soon as possible.

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



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

## **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2017**

**"Then the Lord said to him. 'Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord, the Lord will be passing by.' A strong heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord – but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire – but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak...' 'Lord, if it is you command me to come to you on the water'. He said 'Come.'"**

Last week we were Peter, James and John for the Transfiguration. We return to the mountain today with Elijah. The Lord wishes to reveal himself to us again. Where shall we find Him. The natural disasters of hurricane's, earthquakes and wild fires show power and cause great devastation. Perhaps such events force us to call out to the Lord in desperation.

God's presence was revealed in the tiny whispering sound, teaching us to listen closely, sense His presence and like Peter ask – if it is you bid me to come. The call of the Lord is constant and consistent. We need to seek a quiet silence to hear him. The noises of blasting car radios, or construction equipment become a hindrance for us to hear Him speak. The psalmist urges us 'Be still and know that I am God.' Do you hear Him speaking?

**Dear St. Thomas and St. James Family,**

**Tom and I and our family would like to thank you all for the outpouring of love this past Sunday. This love was shown to us since the first day we walked through the doors to pray and worship the Lord with you. We feel this parish is a unique place in its sense of community, welcome, and warmth. We feel overwhelmingly blessed in sharing our lives and our faith with you, and know that we are bringing all those blessings into the places God has us going next. We will miss everyone so much, we thank you with all our hearts, and we promise our prayers for God to continue to send many graces to you all...who will always be our family.**

**Sincerely, Cindy and Tom Costello**

## 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, August 13, 2017**

*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Monday, Aug. 14**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15**

*Feast of the Assumption of Mary*

8:00 a.m. SJC Mass

9:00 a.m. STC Mass

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

7:00 p.m. STC Mass

**Wednesday, Aug. 16**

**Thursday, Aug. 17**

**Friday, Aug. 18**

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, Aug. 19**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1:00 p.m. SJC Lectors' Up-date Mtg.

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 20<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Isaiah 56: 1, 6--7*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 67*

2nd Reading: *Romans 11: 13--15, 29--32*

Gospel: *Matthew 15: 21--28*

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**Healing Retreat.** Queen of Peace Church in Branchville is sponsoring this time of reflection and prayer for our area. The location is the **Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton.** The dates are **Fri. Sept. 8—Sun. Sept. 10.** The cost is \$ 175 and includes all meals and lodging.

**Fr. Ed Rama** will be conducting this weekend healing retreat, and offering the talks. Retreat includes a Healing Service on Sat. evening.

Come away with the Lord and experience His Peace and Healing Power. Call the O.L.Q.P. office to register: 973-948-3185 and speak to Jenn.

**The Feast of the Assumption of Mary** takes place this week, on **Tues. August 15<sup>th</sup>.** It celebrates the understanding that Mary's body did not experience the physical corruption of death. Rather, on her last day on earth, because of her extraordinary life, she was transported, body and soul, into the Kingdom of Heaven. This was God's special gift to her. This doctrine, declared in 1950, is the only use of 'infallibility of the pope' ever made. It signals that this is truth to be taken as part of our faith. The Church declares this day a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be on Tuesday:

8:00 a.m. at St. James; 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas and 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas.

**Marian Pilgrimage.** Every three years our Diocese gears up to make a pilgrimage to the *National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* in Washington D.C. It continues a long tradition in the Church of making spiritual journeys to sacred shrines and places to seek graces from the Lord and to honor the saints.

Our up-coming pilgrimage will include a Mass with Bishop Serratelli, catechetical presentations, devotional time and a chance for Confession.

There are two options: 1) the one-day pilgrimage: \$ 49. and 2) the overnight option: Fri. to Sat. \$259. The date will be: **Sat. October 21.**

For more info, contact our Pilgrimage Coordinator, Chris Higgins at 201-738-9968.

**Become a Hospice Volunteer.** The **Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice Center** is offering classes to assist volunteers in helping those in the last stages of this life. The training is free. Topics to be covered include explaining the social, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of the dying person and their family; also covered will be strategies for helping others (and ourselves) when faced with a terminal illness. Classes will take place at their new location:

**5 Plains Road, Augusta. Dates and times: Tuesdays and Fridays: Sept. 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon** each time. For more info call Sue Dougherty at 973-383-0115.

**Get FORMED for the summer:**

[www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) Unlock spiritual treasures with our Parish Code: HCVWQC

**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.