

# 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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Sandyston, NJ 07826

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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 Sixth Apparition, October 13, 1917*

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

During the night of 12-13 October it had rained throughout, soaking the ground and the pilgrims who make their way to Fátima from all directions by the thousands. By foot, by cart and even by car they came, entering the bowl of the Cova from the Fátima-Leiria road, which today still passes in front of the large square of the Basilica. From there they made their way down the gentle slope to the place where a trestle had been erected over the little holm oak tree of the apparitions. Today on the site is the modern glass and steel Capelhina (little chapel), enclosing the first chapel built there, and the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima where the holm oak had stood.

As for the children, they made their way to the Cova amid the adulation and skepticism which had followed them since May. When they arrived they found critics who questioned their veracity and the punctuality of the Lady, who had promised to arrive at noon. It was well passed noon by the official time of the country. However, when the sun arrived at its zenith the Lady appeared as she had said she would.

"What do you want of me?" asked Lucia.

**I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.**

"Yes. Yes."

"Will you tell me your name?"

**I am the Lady of the Rosary.**

"I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?"

**Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended !**

"And is that all you have to ask?"

**There is nothing more.**

As the Lady of the Rosary rises toward the east she turns the palms of her hands toward the dark sky. While the rain had stopped, dark clouds continued to obscure the sun, which suddenly bursts through them and is seen to be a soft spinning disk of silver.

"Look at the sun!"

From this point two distinct apparitions were seen, that of the phenomenon of the sun seen by the 70,000 or so spectators, and that beheld by the children alone. Lucia describes the latter in her memoirs: "After our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus seemed to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Sorrows (Dolors). Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel." [Only Lucia would see the latter, presaging her entrance into Carmel some years later.]

This would be the last of the apparitions of Fátima for Jacinta and Francisco. However, for Lucia Our Lady would return a seventh time, in 1920, as she had promised the previous May. At that time Lucia would be praying in the Cova before leaving Fátima for a girls' boarding school. The Lady would come to urge her to dedicate herself wholly to God.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 8, 2017**

**St. James the Greater**

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Kate Olivo at the  
Request of her Family

**SATURDAY, October 14**

8:00AM – Ron Schliesman

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 15**

8:00AM – Burt Meshnick

req. by Pat & Wayne Long & Family

11:30AM – Irene & Frank Tanzariello

req. by their Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$2,338.00 – Regular Collection – October 1, 2017 +**

**\$ 125.00 - Online Giving**

**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$1,261.00 – Regular Collection – October 2, 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 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, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, Pam Spencer, Joan Strehl, 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 Helen Briegel at the  
Request of her Family

**MONDAY, October 9**

9:00AM – Carol Pierson

req. by her Family

**TUESDAY, October 10**

9:00AM – Don Martin

req. by his Family

**WEDNESDAY, October 11**

9:00AM – Gus Eberhardt

req. by his Family

**THURSDAY, October 12**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, October 13**

9:00AM – Ken Benson

req. by his Family

**SATURDAY, Vigil, October 14**

4:30PM – Sam Lotorto

req. by his wife, Helen

-Joseph & Helen Urban

req. by the Wainwright Family

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 15**

9:30AM – Father Gerald Lewis

req. by Mary Flexer

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$2,050.00 – Regular Collection – October 1, 2017 +**

**\$ 411.00 - Online Giving**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

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

All late re-registrations must be brought to the Religious Education Office this week in order for your child(ren)/teens to begin their class. 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.



### Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, Sunday, October 8<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!**



### October ~ The Month of the Holy Rosary

In this month of the Holy Rosary, set aside time to pray the Rosary together as a family. This traditional, meditative prayer is a wonderful way to find calm before bedtime or to start your day. The Rosary is, at its heart, a biblical prayer, which is why Scripture verses are used for meditation with each mystery. (Taken from

Take Out ~ Family Faith On The Go. To download the prayers of the Holy Rosary, visit [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com). For one free copy of their pamphlet "The Holy Rosary for Children" email [takeout@osv.com](mailto:takeout@osv.com).)



### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

As we now have begun our new Catechetical year, we will also begin with our first Family Faith Formation Gathering. All Families (Grades 1-10) and Parishioners are asked to join us on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

for the praying of the Rosary and Fatima Prayers as we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sixth and Last Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three shepherd children at the Cova de Iria near Fatima, Portugal. Please bring a rosary. Light Refreshments will follow in the Father Lewis Center.

### Prayer Shawl/Rosary Makers Ministry

We recently began our ministry again. 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. Our next gathering is on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and are always ready to welcome new members.

### Save the date

The famous **St. James Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Bring your own drink. Take-outs available. Adults \$12.00, Children under 12 \$6.00 and Children under 6 are Free. Tickets will be available after 8:00am and 11:30am Masses **today**, October 8<sup>th</sup> or by calling Mike Spinapolicce at 973-293-7031 or by sending an email to [wjr218@optonline.net](mailto:wjr218@optonline.net). Sit down tickets are limited to 100.

### St. James Christmas Bazaar – December 2

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 Spinapolicce 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.

The Columbiettes will be sponsoring a bus trip and tour of the Knights of Columbus Museum and St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT on Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$30 per person. Bring a bag lunch, drink & snacks to eat. We will make a short stop going and coming. We will leave St. Thomas at 7:00am and return around 7:00pm. There is limited seating, so make your reservation ASAP by calling Grace Hagerman 973-948-4360, Pat Lane 973-948-5644 or the parish office.

### Hold the Date – St. Thomas Annual Bake & Craft Sale and Flea Market on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

At the present time, we are in need of CRAFTERS and VENDERS. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in renting a table or is a crafter, please ask them to contact Deirdre at 973-948-6092. There will be a table containing donated crafts or new and slightly used items. If you have an item you love but no longer use or need and wish to donate, please contact Deirdre at the above number. Thank you.

Columbiettes will be sponsoring a new toy drive for Project Self-Sufficiency from Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a basket in the gathering space. Thank you.

### Columbiettes

Tab tops from canned drinks are always welcomed.

### Yoga-lates

St. Thomas is offering an Autumn fitness class with a mix of Yoga moves (for flexibility and calm mind) and Pilates (for strength and tone especially in your core muscles). The class will be on **Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:15pm for 6 weeks starting on October 24<sup>th</sup>**. You may join us at any time. 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 \$30.00 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.

### Parents' Night Out

Our Mom & Tot Group is currently in the planning stages of organizing a *Parents' Night Out* for parents of young children. You will have the opportunity to get together at a local restaurant with other parents while childcare (including dinner) is provided at St. Thomas Church. We are planning for a Saturday after Mass in October or November (5:30pm-7:30pm). We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the childcare, especially those with the appropriate safety clearances. Please contact the parish office or Mandi Sousa at 973-632-5536 if you are interested. If you are a parent looking for more information or to sign up, please contact Mandi at the above number.

## 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 8, 2017

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

Columbiettes' Toy Drive begins; till Nov. 26

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

2:00 p.m. REC "Catholicism" series (till 3:30 p.m.)

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

### Monday, Oct. 9

### Tuesday, Oct. 10

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2

### Wednesday, Oct. 11

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. 12

### Friday, Oct. 13

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

1:00 p.m. STC Montague Seniors Mtg.

7:00 p.m. STC Family Faith Formation Night

### Saturday, Oct. 14

4:30 p.m. STC Mass & Confirmation Prep.

6:00 p.m. SJC St. James Annual Spaghetti &  
Meatball Dinner (in Church Hall)

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

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

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

9:30 a.m. STC 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Parents: Church Tour

2:00 p.m. REC "Catholicism" series (till 3:30 p.m.)

11:00 a.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: 28<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6—10a*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 23*

2nd Reading: *Philippians 4: 12—14, 19--20*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 1—14*

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## Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass.

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992 ? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with other couples of the Diocese of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant of a special **Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**, corner Main Ave and Grand St., Paterson. The date is **Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup>. And, Congratulations !!

## Our Liturgy Needs You !

"Liturgy" (from the Greek) means "*the work of the people.*" It is our worship of the Lord as a community. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Musicians and Altar Servers take an active lead in offering our worship to the Lord. Consider helping us in one of these ways at St. Thomas and St. James. Speak to an active minister or to the parish staff about coming on board.

## Adult Ed.

Our DVD educational series continues on the Sundays of October. It is 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 is presented at the **Religious Ed Center**, beginning at **2 p.m.** each Sunday. Questions and discussion will follow until 3:30 p.m. Plan to attend these first five sessions. The last five will take place in the spring.

## St. James Parish is celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary next year !

One of our projects will be to assemble a **2018 Anniversary Calendar**. To accomplish this, we are requesting photographs—old and more recent—to help tell the story of our parish. We are asking all to search through their photo albums and lend to us any photos which will help to recall our history. All photos will be scanned and then returned promptly. Photos of yourself and your family would be great !

## Latin Mass.

The Liturgy of the Church is rich in its diversity and its history. To offer the opportunity to experience this, a Pontifical High Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated by Bishop Serratelli on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. All are welcome to attend.