

# 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**

# **A Problem or a Gift ?**

*You shall not ... oppress an alien.”* (Exodus 22: 20, First Reading)

From Pope Francis' address for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, August 5, 2013:

*“Not infrequently, the arrival of immigrants, displaced persons, asylum-seekers and refugees gives rise to suspicion and hostility. There is a fear that society will become less secure, that identity and culture will be lost, that competition for jobs will become stiffer, and even that criminal activity will increase. ...”*

*“A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization—all typical of a throwaway culture—towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world....”*

*“Every human being is a child of God ! He or she bears the image of Christ ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society ... a more fraternal world, and a more open and evangelical Christian community.”*

*“Migration can offer possibilities for a new evangelization, open vistas for the growth of a new humanity foreshadowed in the Paschal Mystery: a humanity for which every foreign country is a homeland, and every homeland is a foreign country.”*

We are *all* children of God. So let's pray for every marginalized and displaced person who is searching for a more secure future. May God protect them from all the dangers that surround them !

**“Thank you, Lord, for hearing the cry of the poor,  
the refugee, and the outsider !”**

--from: The Word Among Us  
October 2017

P.S. I recently had the chance to visit Ellis Island. I recalled that all four of my grandparents came to America as immigrants to this new land, nervous but hopeful, determined to 'make it,' but not sure how to proceed. One hundred years later, immigrants still come to our land—the vast majority having the same determination to make a better life. Yes, borders must be protected and security measures need to be devised to confront today's realities. But still, as dictated by our faith, newcomers must be afforded a Christian welcome, and equal justice, so that they can have a chance to make their contributions to American life.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
October 29, 2017

**St. James the Greater**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 1**

**All Saints**

8:00AM – Ann Jaros  
req. by Joan & Bill Henn

**SATURDAY, November 4**

8:00AM – Paul Domino  
req. by Dave Ovejero

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 5**

8:00AM – Pearle Kohol  
req. by the Cerra Family  
-John & Marcjanna Klimkiewicz  
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg

11:30AM – Rosemarie Bastian  
req. by her Family

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER**

**\$ 955.00 – Regular Collection – October 22, 2017 +**

**\$ 235.00 - Online Giving**

**\$ 133.00 – World Missions**

**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$1,344.00 – Regular Collection – October 23, 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 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.

**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 Dale R. Briegel at the  
Request of his wife, Rosemarie

**MONDAY, October 30**

9:00AM – Grace Reich  
req. by Josephine Yarosz  
-Michael Abboud  
req. by the Mendez Family

**TUESDAY, October 31**

9:00AM – Stephen McGoonan  
req. by Mary Burkhardt

**WEDNESDAY, November 1**

**All Saints**

9:00AM – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary  
req. by the Legion of Mary  
-Deceased Members of the Reich & Martin  
Families  
req. by Grace Reich

7:00PM – Nunzio Joseph Barone  
req. by his cousin, Steve

**THURSDAY, November 2**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, November 3**

9:00AM – Bernie Reich  
req. by his wife Grace

**SATURDAY, Vigil, November 4**

4:30PM – Marie & John Furtado  
req. by their Children  
-Grace Reich  
req. by Pete & Pat Lane

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 5**

9:30AM – Richard Gray  
req. by Ray & Mary Flexer

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**\$1,330.00 – Regular Collection – October 22, 2017 +**

**\$ 494.00 - Online Giving**

**\$ 493.00 – World Missions**

**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**

**\$1,828.00 – Regular Collection – October 23, 2016**

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**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*



**Spaghetti with the Saints “Knight”**  
Our celebration will take place on  
**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in**

**the Father Lewis Center.** We are asking all of our children in grades 1 through 6 to dress up like a saint and bring along a small index card with some information about that saint to share with others that night. We are asking our pre-teens and teens in grades 7 through 10 to also dress up if they would like or to assist us with the children, with the set-up or with the clean-up. In order to be properly prepared, please fill out the RSVP (**return or call by Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**) that was handed out to your children and return by bringing it to class, by mail or by calling 973-948-7004. **We look forward to a full house of holy men, women and children!!!**



**Catholic Teens Special Event –Trunk or Treat**

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **today, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00PM.** All **High School Teens** are invited to OLQP to decorate Father Brian’s truck and hand out candy and to help out with games for the children. Please come down by 5:00PM, if possible, to help set up. **A very special thank you to Tom and Jeanie Eberhardt of Fresh Pickins** for their generous donation of pumpkins for our Catholic Teens Youth Group and our First Grade!

**The Great Cloud of Witnesses**

*“What is the Church if not the assembly of all saints? The communion of saints is the Church.” ~ Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 946*

**All Saints Day (Nov. 1)** is a holy day of obligation and an opportunity to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Remembering and celebrating our saints has been a Christian tradition since the fourth century.

**All Souls Day (Nov. 2)** commemorates all of the faithful departed – our relatives, friends, parishioners and community members. We remember and pray for the souls of the people in purgatory and also pray that we may one day join Christ and all of the saints in heaven.

**(NOTE: There will be NO RED. ED. On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – All Hallows Eve.)**



**St. Thomas is still in need of someone to wash weekly altar cloths used at Masses. If interested, see Father Wayne or Mary.**

**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 **Saturday after Mass on November 4<sup>th</sup> (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.

**From the R.C.I.A. and Adult Confirmation**

Sadly, our Parishes for 2017-2018 do not at present have any Catechumens (adult unbaptized) for the R.C.I.A. process. We do; however, have 1 adult Candidate coming from another faith tradition and 1 adult for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To that end, the Parishes will offer, beginning January 2018, a 10 session workshop to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be received during the Easter Season. The Confirmation workshops will also be combined with the R.C.I.A. process where/when possible. All adult parishioners are welcome to be present and/or contribute to both R.C.I.A. and adult Confirmation.

**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** are sponsoring a new toy drive for Project Self-Sufficiency until Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a basket in the gathering space. Thank you.

**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. We started on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please note: There will be no class on October 31<sup>st</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.

**All Saints, Sauce, Spaghetti Knight**

The Knights of Columbus, Mary Flexer and our Religious Education Program wish to invite you to a first time event here at St. Thomas scheduled for **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.** This event is designed to join together our Parish in a fun yet competitive event. The event is the All Saints Sauce Spaghetti Knight...The children of our Religious Ed program will be dressing as their favorite Saint to be presented at a Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Competition component involves a Spaghetti Sauce Contest. We are looking for many of you to enter your homemade sauce into our contest. The evening will feature our Sainly children and a spaghetti dinner served with our contestants’ sauces. Tickets and Sauce entry forms will be available in the Parish office. The cost is only \$5 per ticket. Please join us for our First Annual Saints, Sauce, Spaghetti Knight.

**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 Spinapolic 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.

## 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 29, 2017

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

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

### Tuesday, Oct. 31

- 10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings  
6:15 p.m. STC No Yoga-lates tonight ! (Boo !)

### Wednesday, Nov. 1

#### All Saints’ Day

- 8:00 a.m. SJC All Saints’ Day Mass  
9:00 a.m. STC All Saints’ Day Mass  
9:00 a.m. STC Senior Serv.—Medicare till 3 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 3, 4 & 5  
7:00 p.m. STC All Saints’ Day Mass

### Thursday, Nov. 2

### Friday, Nov. 3

- 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  
6:30p.m. FLC Spaghetti with the Saints “Knight”

### Saturday, Nov. 4

- 4:30 p.m. REC: Conf. Prep after Mass  
5:30 p.m. STC Parents’ Night Out  
(children at Fr. Lewis Center)

### Sunday, November 5, 2017

#### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 p.m. SJC Coffee Hour (after Mass)  
9:30 a.m. REC Mass & Class Gr. 6, 7, 8  
11:30a.m. SJC Coffee Hour (after Mass)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (at O.L.Q.P. till 8 p.m.)

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### Next Sunday’s Readings: 31<sup>st</sup> Ord.

- 1st Reading: *Malachi 1: 14b—2: 2b, 8--10*  
Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 13*  
2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2: 7b—9, 13*  
Gospel: *Matthew 23: 1--12*

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**All Saints’ Day.** How loud will the cheering be if the Dodgers or the Astros win the World Series in their home stadium ? How wild will the fans be when their team wins the Superbowl ? Whatever the volume, it will be tame compared to the celebration that goes on in heaven each time a soul makes it to its final destination. More joyous than a ticker tape parade, each new saint is presented before God to hear those words: “*Well done, good and faithful servant.*”

We share their joy as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints on **Wednesday, Nov. 1.** Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be: **8 a.m. St. James; 9 a.m. St. Thomas; 7 p.m. St. Thomas.**

Hopefully, we are celebrating our own relatives as we honor all the saints.

**All Souls Day** follows on Nov. 2. Although there will not be Mass on Thursday, we will offer the **Mass for All Souls** on Friday, Nov. 3. In fact, the whole month of November is known as the ‘Month of All Souls.’ We have the chance to help all those not yet in God’s presence to gain heaven by our prayers and sacrifices. Each Mass in November will be offered for all those named on the All Souls envelopes placed on the altar.

**Adult Ed.** Our DVD series “*Catholicism*” concludes today for the Fall Season. on the Sundays of October. Today’s topic: “*The Blessed Virgin Mary: Humanity’s Solitary Boast.*” Produced by Professor (now **Bishop**) **Robert Barron**, it contains many valuable insights into our faith. Presented at the **Religious Ed Center**, beginning at **2 p.m.** Questions and discussion follow until 3:30 p.m. Plan to attend these remaining sessions. The last five will take place in the spring.

### St. James Parish: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year !

We are still accepting photographs, old and new, of parishioners and events of the last 75 years. They will tell the story of our parish in a unique **2018 Anniversary Calendar.** All photos will be scanned and then returned promptly. Photos of yourself and your family would be perfect !

### Get FORMED for the fall:

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

*“God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners.”*

– Soren Kierkegaard, Philosopher, 1813--1855