

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
210 Route 206 North
Sandyston, NJ 07826

Parish Office: 973-948-2296
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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.

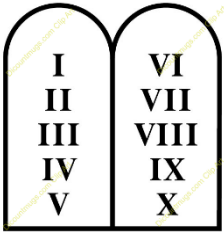
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass providing that liturgical norms do not dictate otherwise. Please contact the office to schedule a Baptism and to make arrangements for preparations especially for first time parents. Baptisms may be scheduled at other times if extenuating conditions 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
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



The Ten Commandments

These Ten Commandments have been around since the time of Moses (1200 B.C.) They have served as guidance from God for over three millennia. They offer us wisdom from the mind of God Himself, and as part of the inspired Scriptures we can be sure they express God's Will. Two versions are found in the Old Testament: Exodus 20: 1–17 and Deuteronomy 5: 6–21.

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. You shall keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Seven Precepts of the Church

The Precepts of the Catholic Church have been compiled to give us the outlines of Catholic life. They derive from an ancient Christian document known as The Didache (The Teachings of the Apostles.) An early Catechism, this was a book of instructions for first catechumens. These precepts represent the minimum to be observed in order to be considered Catholic. With these precepts as guides, we build up the Kingdom of God on this earth. (Number 7 has been added during our lifetime.)

1. To assist at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on days appointed.
3. To go to Confession at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter Season.
5. To contribute to the support of the Church.
6. To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.
7. To participate in the Church's mission of evangelization of souls.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 4, 2018

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Emily Blickweidel at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, March 10

8:00AM – Frank Morgiewicz
req. by Mike & Linda Spinapolice

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11

8:00AM – Marcjanna Klimkiewicz
req. by Art & Maria Henn
-Michael Soletro
req. by Sunshine Club of Anna S. Kuhl School

11:30AM – Terry Naletko
req. by his Family

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 551.00 – Regular Collection – February 25, 2018 +

\$ 235.00 – Online Giving

\$ 140.00 – Church in Eastern Europe

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$ 925.00 – Regular Collection – February 26, 2017

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.

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 Spinapolice at 973-293-7031.



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. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the
Intentions of Benjamin Disputo at the
Request of his Aunt Rosie

MONDAY, March 5

9:00AM – John Marsh, Sr.
req. by Dan & Luisa

TUESDAY, March 6

9:00AM – Gus Eberhardt
req. by his Family

WEDNESDAY, March 7

9:00AM – Donald Martin, Sr.
req. by his Family

THURSDAY, March 8

No Mass

FRIDAY, March 9

9:00AM – Intentions of Benjamin Disputo
Birthday Celebration
req. by his Family

SATURDAY, Vigil, March 10

4:30PM – Kathy McConnell
req. by Flo Powers Puccio

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11

9:30AM – Mary & Joe Vergona
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family
-Intentions of Michael Toth – For Healing
req. by his Mother

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,028.00 – Regular Collection – February 25, 2018 +

\$ 328.00 – Online Giving

\$ 411.00 – Church in Eastern Europe

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,917.00 – Regular Collection – February 26, 2017

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TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Accordino, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Betty Lacovara, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Joseph Ligammari, Thomas Lynch, Betty Mastrelli, Sonny Mastrelli Sandy Matthews, Brian McKenna, John Meehan, Bill Myers, Kelly Nicole, Robert Organes, Jim Pantelmo, Danielle Parker, Tracey Perles, Flo Puccio, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, Pam Spencer, Joan Strehl, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White

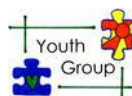


The Sacred Season of Lent

As we continue on our Lenten journey, please keep in mind the many Lenten events taking place in our parishes. Parents, I encourage you to have your family participate in the Stations of the Cross and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season. Please see the Religious Education Calendar or the Bulletin for places and times.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

This beautiful Liturgy will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 29th**, at St. Thomas Church at 7:00PM. **All First Eucharist and Confirmation II Candidates** are encouraged to participate in the **Foot Washing Ritual**. This is a very special way to celebrate your sacrament year. The sign-up sheets will be in the back of St. James and in the Gathering Space at St. Thomas or call the Parish Office at 973-948-2296.



Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **TODAY, Sunday, March 4th, from 6:00-8:00PM**. All High School teens are invited to OLQP for an evening of fun and friendship! There will be plenty of fun, games, music and prayer. Come join us and see what's going on!!!

Sacramental Preparation Parent/Child Session

Our Parent/Child Session for all who have children preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will take place on **Saturday, March 10 at 10:00AM at St. Thomas Church**. Mrs. Eileen Morgan will be our presenter that morning. It is imperative that at least one parent and child be present at this session.

Station of the Cross

Children in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will have their class on **Wednesday, March 14th from 4:00-5:15PM at St. Thomas Church**. While there, we will pray the Children's Stations of the Cross and enjoy a bowl of soup from the generosity of our Columbiettes. **Pre-teens and Teens in Grades 6 through 10** are asked to attend the praying of the Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 16th at 7:00PM at St. Thomas Church**.



Our youth and teens were once again invited to participate in the diocesan **Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Program**. Through Operation Rice Bowl, they will learn about the challenges facing the lives of their brothers and sisters around the world, as well as in their own diocese. Your children were asked to bring their Rice Bowls home, keep them in a place where they can see them and contribute to the program, learning the values of sacrifice and generosity to those in need. Rice Bowls will then be returned after Easter.



The Religious Education Inclement Weather Policy ~ is that the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather will be announced and posted on www.wsus1023.com. If it is not possible for you to check the internet, you can call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004 and listen to any cancellation message there.

The next St. Thomas Coffee Hour is scheduled for **Sunday March 11th** after the 9:30AM Mass. All are welcome to join us and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

St. Thomas Pot Luck Dinner

On **Saturday, March 17th**, there will be a St. Patrick/St. Joseph Pot Luck Dinner in the Father Lewis Center immediately following the 4:30PM Mass. As always, members of both churches are welcome. This is an opportunity for families in both parishes to come together and enjoy friendships and hospitality. It is also an opportunity to meet new parishioners as well as old friends. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office. Pot Luck Dinners are free; just bring a dish.

HOLD THE DATE

On Friday evening, May 4th, St. Thomas will be hosting our Annual Tricky Tray. If you are interested in assisting our committee in any way, please call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. All volunteers are welcome.

40 Cans for Lent

The Msgr. Gacquin Council of The Knights of Columbus from Sandyston and Montague are encouraging participation in a Lenten Preparation Program that began in 2011 in Helotes, Texas.

While Christian based, it is entirely non-denominational. The program is open to those of all beliefs and most especially to those with no belief. All that is required is the desire to help others.

The Program is simple.

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season to ANY church, organization or charity that collects and distributes food to those in need.

Designated drop-off locations are preferred, but God doesn't care as long as it gets to the people that need it.

The Columbiettes – This is the end of our toiletries collection. Thank you all for your most generous contributions. They will be going to women's shelters.

The Columbiettes are looking for new members. Please call Pat Lane if you are interested at 973-300-1954. We look forward to welcoming you.

Reflections on the Readings

Father Wayne will lead us in scripture study each Tuesday morning after Mass in the Father Lewis Center. All are welcome. Please join us.

Yoga-lates at St. Thomas

A new session began on **Tuesday, February 27th from 6:00 to 7:00pm**. Keep your New Year's Resolutions by coming in for a class. Keep your body and mind active and de-stressed! Yoga is for peace of mind and flexibility and Pilates is for strength, good posture and core muscles. The session will run for 8 weeks on Tuesday nights. **You may join us at any time**. Come try a class for \$6.00 each or \$45.00 for the 8 week session. 20% of proceeds goes to the parish. Bring a mat, hand held weights and a friend. Come try out Yoga-lates!

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, March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass
- 11:30a.m. SJC 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, Mar. 5

- 11:00a.m. REC Prayer Shawl & Ros. Makers’ Mtg
- 7:00 p.m. STC Confessions (till 8:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, Mar. 6

- 10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings
- 4:00 p.m. REC Relig. Ed. Gr. 1 & 2
- 6:00 p.m. STC Yoga-lates

Wednesday, Mar. 7

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

Thursday, Mar. 8

Friday, Mar. 9

- 10:00a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. STC & SJC Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 10

- 4:30 p.m. STC Mass & Confirmation Interviews

Sunday, March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

- 9:30 a.m. REC Mass & Class Gr. 6, 7, 8
- 9:30 a.m. STC Coffee Hour after Mass
- 1:00 p.m. STC Conf. Stations of Cross Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. REC “Catholicism”series (till 3:30 p.m.)

Next Sunday’s Readings: 4th Lent

- 1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14–16, 19–23
- Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 137*
- 2nd Reading: *Ephesians 2: 4--10*
- Gospel: *John 3: 14--21*

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“Welcome Home”: Reconciliation during Lent.

Every Catholic Church in the Diocese will be open for Confessions **every Monday of Lent, from 7 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.**

With our situation, Confessions will alternate between our two churches. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Mon. Mar. 5 St. Thomas Mon. Mar. 12 St. James
- Mon. Mar. 19 St. Thomas Mon. Mar. 26 St. James

“Catholicism” the D.V.D. series continues, exploring our faith **each Sunday of Lent at 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Religious Ed. Center.** It’s an excellent way to grow in the knowledge and appreciation of our faith. And to ask questions. All are welcome. Each week is a different topic.

On Line Giving is a perfect way to exercise the Lenten practice of sacrifice. It ensures our parish of needed funds, and saves you the weary, time-consuming task of setting up an envelope each week.

For those who do their banking and pay bills through the computer, we are set up to accept on-line donations to the Sunday collection. Simply reach our website, saintjamestomas.org. You will find the **link to on-line giving**. Follow it through and it will easily set you up for weekly or monthly contributions. With our thanks.

C P R Course. Our Knights and Columbiettes are teaming up to offer a course in **C P R Training** to all who would attend. This course will instruct you in how to possibly save a life if someone goes into cardiac arrest. **The place will be the Father Lewis Center at St. Thomas. Date still to be determined.**

At present, the Knights and Columbiettes would like to know how many would be interested. Please fill out the form below, or take one from the Gathering Space at Church. Return forms to the Parish Office, or drop into the next collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone /Cell: _____

E-mail: _____