

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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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

Reconciliation: One of God's Greatest Gifts

The story of Adam and Eve in our First Reading is not only the way it was with our first parents; it is pretty much the way it often is with us today. The sin of Adam and Eve was one of disobedience by giving in to the temptation that they could be independent of God. But after their fall, they were like little children looking for someone to blame, after they had been caught red-handed. Adam complained to God: "The woman, whom You put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree and so I ate it." Eve was not to be outdone in looking for someone to blame. She looked at the serpent, who represented the devil, and said to God: "The serpent tricked me into it." The serpent squirmed off into the grass and said nothing, because he knew he did not have a leg to stand on.

Suppose things had been different. Imagine that when Adam was confronted by God, he had said: "I confess to Almighty God and to you, my wife, that I have sinned through my own fault." Do you believe that God would have said: "You had your one chance and you failed. Do not look for mercy from Me"? Suppose Eve had taken her husband's hand and said: "May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." Do you think God would have said: "Forget it. I am too angry for this"?

From what we know about God, I believe that He would have been understanding and merciful. But the fact is that Adam and Eve made excuses for themselves and manifested no signs of repentance, only the effects of sin. Sin separates; it divides. Sin separated Adam from Eve and from God. Sin separated their inner longings from their natural inclination for God. Sin is like the example given by Jesus in the Gospel: "If a household is divided according to loyalties, that household will not survive."

Even though we may at times be like Adam and Eve in that we commit sin and look for excuses, God has been and continues to be most merciful towards us. He sent His Son into the world as our Savior who overcomes sin by bringing about its opposite, its antidote. As sin separates and divides, so Jesus' saving action brings about reconciliation and harmony. He unites us again with His Father; He brings us into the one household of the Church; and He repairs the internal, spiritual injustices we suffer through sin. Reconciliation is the gift of God through His beloved Son.

Even though Adam and Eve are our first parents, Jesus assures us that He is our Brother, and that God in heaven is truly our loving Father.

--from: *Sunday Preaching*
by Charles E. Miller, C.M.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 10, 2018

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Josephine Yarosz at the
Request of her Family

SATURDAY, June 16

8:00AM – Intentions of Alfred J. Vito

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17

8:00AM – John Klimkiewicz
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg
-Linda Swedecki
req. by her sister, Victoria Goralach

11:30AM – Frank Walsh
req. by his wife, Pat

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

**\$1,518.00 – Regular Collection – June 3, 2018 +
\$ 235.00 – Online Giving
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$1,761.00 – Regular Collection – June 4, 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.



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 in
Memory of Giselle Hull at the
Request of Jim & Diane Campbell

MONDAY, June 11

9:00AM – Mary Ellen Spandonis
req. by Dan & Luisa

TUESDAY, June 12

9:00AM – Anna Ricci
req. by Ron Skurla

WEDNESDAY, June 13

9:00AM – Deceased Barr & Sweeney Families
req. by Mary Flexer

THURSDAY, June 14

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 15

9:00AM – With thanks to St. Joseph
req. by Dan & Luisa

SATURDAY, Vigil, June 16

4:30PM – Josephine Yarosz
req. by Fran Whitesell

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17

9:30AM – Josephine Yarosz
req. by the Parishioners

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**\$2,090.00 – Regular Collection – June 3, 2018 +
\$ 353.00 – Online Giving
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$3,402.00 – Regular Collection – June 4, 2017**

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

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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 Spinapolicce at 973-293-7031.

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Accordino, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Mary Guimes, Barbara Haggerty, Carmen Howell, Jennifer, Doug Kabbash, Betty Lacovara, Angela Lanzalotta, Jeff Librizzi, Jodi Lupo, 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

Catholic Summer Camp



Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville

Date: June 25th – June 29th

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Grades: Children entering K-4

- **Morning Prayer – Bounce House – Water Day**

- **Catholic Skits – Games – Catholic Hymns**

- **Arts & Crafts – Mass on Friday (Last Day)**

Cost: \$25.00 for one child - \$30.00 Family Fee

REGISTRATION: Online Registration forms are available at www.olqpbranchville.org under the Religious Education tab or may be obtained at the OLQP office. For more information, please call Jenn at the OLQP parish office at 973-948-3185.

We are also in need of adult and teen volunteers for this week. If you are interested in assisting us, please call Mary at 973-948-7004.

How to Pray All Day

Starting your day with a family prayer is the perfect way to center your thoughts on God. But why stop there? As the day goes on, even quick prayers help remind us that God is with us ALL day.

Night Prayer ~ Before bedtime, have your children look back at their day. Ask them what they were thankful for. See if they can recall anything they did that they feel bad about. Encourage them to think about others who may have had a hard day and need a pick-me-up from God. Pray a short prayer for all of this with them. It might be difficult to get them thinking about these things at first, but after a few days, they will willingly be doing this.

(To be continued... Take Out: Family Faith on the Go)

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.

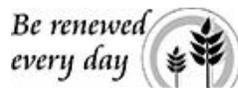
Reflections on the Readings

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

Columbiettes

Our Seminarian, Tom Costello, Jr., the son of Cindy and Tom Costello, is in preparation for the priesthood. The Columbiettes are sponsoring funding towards his education in this most holy endeavor. There are containers placed in both parishes. We appreciate any donations that are given. We thank all parishioners in advance and especially thank Father Wayne for his encouragement in this endeavor.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be no 8:00 AM Coffee Hour at St. James for the months of July, August and September. We will resume in October. Have a nice summer.



FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Tenth **Sunday in Ordinary Time**
June 10, 2018

“Jesus came home with his disciples... His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him. A crowd seated around Him told Him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you.’ But He said to them in reply, ‘Who are My mother and my brothers?’ And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and My mother.’”

What a wonderful description of the great homecoming. Sometimes welcomed, at other times scorned. Those who wanted to be with the Teacher had a lot to learn, and He added an important new dimension.

Jesus explicitly tells us of our relationship with Him. We are brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, some use this passage to speak of Mary having other children and even denying her virginity. Sadly, they miss the point.

Can you see the crowd, the circle of eager listeners, the sudden interruption, and then the fundamental teaching? I become a brother or sister of the Lord as I seek to know the will of God and put it into practice. My search, sometimes called discernment, allows me to establish in the words of Pope Francis a relationship with Jesus. As I am brother and sister to Him, I have the same relationship with others. How often St. Paul wrote to his brothers and sisters.

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, June 10, 2018

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 11

Tuesday, June 12

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

Wednesday, June 13

7:00 p.m. STC Adoration & Rosary with K of C

7:30 p.m. STC K of C Monthly Mtg.

Thursday, June 14

Friday, June 15

10:00a.m. STC Adoration of Bl. Sac. (till Noon)

10:00a.m. STC Legion of Mary Mtg.

Saturday, June 16

4:30 p.m. STC Pot Luck Dinner after Mass

Sunday, June 17, 2018

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday's Readings: 11th Ord.

1st Reading: *Exekiel 17: 22 -- 24*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalm 92*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 5: 13 – 5: 6 -- 10*

Gospel: *Mark 4: 26 — 34*

On Line Giving. This modern way of dealing with finances has even caught up with St. James and St. Thomas. It is an option we hope you will consider.

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, saintjamesthomas.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.

The New Church Calendar for 2018--19

needs to be set up. All who would like to request dates: please return the Calendar Planning Page as soon as possible. We would like to make up a provisional calendar. A meeting is set for **Mon. June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Fr. Lewis Center** to iron out any conflicts.

Quo Vadis Days: for young men, 15—25.

A great chance for young men to think about their future life's direction. 'Quo Vadis' days (Where are you going?) are a chance to enjoy fellowship, reflection, discussion, recreation and food with other young men of their age. This informal retreat is arranged by the Diocese of Paterson and will take place at the **Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center**, 230 Mendham Road, Morristown. The dates are **Wed. June 27—Fri. June 29**. The cost is **absolutely free**. (This is not a misprint.) The next question: What have you got to lose? Call the Office of Vocations 973-777-8818, x 711 for more information.

Saint James: Our 75th Year. Back in the Day:

On March 16, 1943 a letter was addressed: "To the Pastor of the Congregation of St. James Mission, Montague." It seems that as plans were moving forward to establish a presence in this area, Bishop McLaughlin had discovered that—100 years earlier—the late Bishop McQuaid of Rochester Diocese (N.Y.) had visited this area and had administered sacraments. (Probably Confirmation and Matrimony).

Women's Retreat. A week-end retreat for women will be held at the **Sacred Heart Center in Newton, from Fri. June 29 thru Sun. July 1**. It will be led by Franciscan Friar of the Renewal: Fr. Glenn Sudano. The cost is \$215. and includes meals, private room and bath. For more info call Frances at 845-986-4038. Space is limited.

Wed. June 13 is the Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua.

He was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1195 A.D. He became a follower of St Francis of Assisi, and was an inspired preacher. He died in 1231. This quote is attributed to him:

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak."