

# 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.

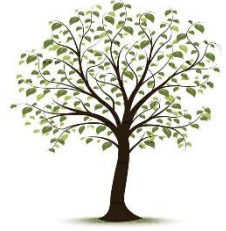
Part of our ministry is to **visit the sick** in hospital or at home. Privacy laws do not allow us to visit or pray publicly for the sick unless permission is given by the individual or their health care proxy. Please inform us of the needs of the sick, and we will be happy to respond as best we can.

**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**

# The Mystery which is Our Church



In today's Gospel, Jesus expresses a truth which we all recognize. After a seed is planted in the ground, it develops into a full grown crop. With only some water, warm sunshine and a little patience—marvelous growth takes place. How that happens, we really don't know. Even more mysterious is that, when the shrub is pruned, it actually becomes more vigorous and productive !

Jesus' intention in His parable was not to teach us about agriculture, but to move us to ponder a deeper mystery—the mystery of the reign of God in the Church. Jesus said that the Reign of God is like a mustard seed which can grow into the largest of shrubs. We can perceive the truth of His comparison. The Church began as a small group of disciples in Jerusalem. From there it spread north to Antioch in Syria, and then across the Mediterranean with St. Paul, then to Rome, then throughout Europe and eventually to the whole world.

How this could happen is even more of a mystery than the mustard seed. We are helped to understand the growth of the Church when we realize that it is the work of the Holy Spirit. Vegetable life needs light and water to grow. The Church needs the Holy Spirit. From the day of Pentecost onward—the Church has continued to grow and to spread.

This work of the Holy Spirit in the Church should not surprise us. Jesus Himself was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. During the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, we pray: *"Send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Later in the prayer we ask: *"May all of us who share in the Body and Blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit."*

The Holy Spirit formed Christ in the womb of Mary. He continues to form Christ in the Eucharist as well as in the Church. The Holy Spirit is like the force of gravity, drawing all people to the center-- which is Christ.

To be a Catholic is to realize that we are part of a Church which reaches back through the centuries to Christ Himself, and which now circles the globe and is found in every place. The Church, though universal, is not perfect. Weaknesses and mistakes, whether our own or of others, should never discourage us. Just as a shrub occasionally needs pruning for health and growth, so the Church needs repentance and renewal—which are also the work of the Holy Spirit. We are privileged indeed to be part of this great Catholic Church.

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

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2018

## St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Arthur Bastian at the  
Request of his son, Andy

### SATURDAY, June 23

8:00AM – Intentions of Marilyn & Tim Peterson

### THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### June 24

8:00AM – Mike & Elsie Spinapolice  
req. by Linda & Michael Spinapolice  
-John Cerra  
req. by his wife, Janice

11:30AM – Ray Sorg  
req. by Pete & Pat Lane

### ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 644.00 – Regular Collection – June 10, 2018 +  
\$ 135.00 – Online Giving  
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need  
\$1,331.00 – Regular Collection – June 11, 2017

*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.



### 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 Albert M. Dunn at the  
Request of his daughter, Rosemarie

### MONDAY, June 18

9:00AM – Barbara K. Kientzler  
req. by her son, Charles

### TUESDAY, June 19

9:00AM – Jimmy Mullins and Virginia Brennan  
req. by Margie Mullins

### WEDNESDAY, June 20

9:00AM – Jerome Primamore  
req. by the Heimall Family

### THURSDAY, June 21

No Mass

### FRIDAY, June 22

9:00AM – With thanks to St. Joseph  
req. by Dan & Luisa  
-Ted Rahoche  
req. by Anthony & Alicia Batko

### SATURDAY, Vigil, June 23

4:30PM – Ray Sorg  
req. by the Cunico Family

### THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### June 24

9:30AM – Daniel Lavanant  
req. by Stuart & Donna Rivera & Family

### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$1,607.00 – Regular Collection – June 10, 2018 +  
\$ 328.00 – Online Giving  
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need  
\$3,303.00 – Regular Collection – June 11, 2017

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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 Spinapolice 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



### Registrations for 2018/2019 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for children and teens for the upcoming catechetical year were mailed out. **Please return by July 31<sup>st</sup>** to avoid the late fee.

Parents of children entering first grade (unless they have a sibling here and can be included on the mailed out registration form), 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.



**“For I now the plan I have for you.”**

**Declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

**~Jeremiah 29:11**

Congratulations to all who are graduating from Elementary School, Junior or Senior High School, College or Graduate School. May you know of the love, prayers and best wishes of many who are praying for you to continue to seek the help of God as you move forward to different schools or career opportunities. May you always call on the Holy Spirit for His gifts to help you make decisions which will always give glory, honor and praise to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Catholic Summer Camp – LAST CALL!!!



**Location:** Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville

**Date:** June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>

**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](http://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.**

### On This Day We Celebrate–June 17: Father’s Day

Have fun with Dad today! Remember to pray for your Father, Godfather and Grandfathers!



### Catholic Teens

Our next gathering will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish **Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00PM**. All High School teens **and those who are entering High School in September** 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!!!

### 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.

**Good Habits** ~ As Catholics, we believe prayer is vital to helping kids navigate life’s twists and turns. Just like brushing teeth every morning or reading a book every night, a prayer routine can establish habits that can last throughout their lives. Showing children how to talk to God through prayer sets up a foundation for a lifelong relationship with Him.

Not only can you pray the same prayers each day, but you can start your own family tradition. Asking children to contribute to family prayers provides a valuable teaching moment. Encouraging children to feel comfortable talking about what is on their mind and heart is the first step to lifelong communication – with you and with God! Use these very precious moments to build trust and grow even closer as a family.

(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.

## 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 17, 2018

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

*Happy Father's Day !*

11:00a.m. STC Columbiettes Mtg.

### Monday, June 18

9:00 a.m. STC Sussex Co. Senior Services

11:00 a.m. STC Prayer Shawl & Ros. Makers Mtg.

7:00 p.m. STC Finance Council Mtg – St. James

7:45 p.m. STC Finance Council Mtg – St. Thomas

### Tuesday, June 19

10:00a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

7:00 p.m. REC Men's Prayer Group

### Wednesday, June 20

### Thursday, June 21

### Friday, June 22

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

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

### Saturday, June 23

7:30 a.m. STC Irish Dance Competition

### Sunday, June 24, 2018

*The Birth of St. John the Baptist*

12 Noon Diocesan Teen Pilgrimage to Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson

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### Next Sunday's Readings: *Birth of S J B*

1st Reading: *Isaiah 49: 1 -- 6*

Resp. Psalm: *Psalms 139*

2nd Reading: *Acts of Apostles 13: 22 -- 26*

Gospel: *Luke 1: 57 -- 66, 80*

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*"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable treasures in our society."*

—[Billy Graham](#), *Christian Evangelist and Author*

**Happy Father's Day** to the King of every castle in our realm ! We wish a Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, Grandpas, Godfathers and all who serve in this most important role of protector of your family. We hope that you will be affirmed today in the love of your family. May Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, be your inspiration and model.

**The New Church Calendar for 2018--19** is in first draft. A meeting is set for **next Mon. June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Fr. Lewis Center** to iron out any conflicts. A rep from each group is requested to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

### 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 75<sup>th</sup> Year. Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Mass and Luncheon** will take place on **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Mass will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by Luncheon at High Point Golf Club Banquet Center at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for Luncheon are \$ 18 each or two for \$ 35. Tickets are available after Masses or through the Parish Office.

**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.

**On Line Giving** gives you one less thing to think about. Simply reach our parish 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.