

# 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**

# Miracles As Signs

***“A large crowd followed Him,  
because they saw the signs He was performing.”***

John 6: 2

If you want a key to understanding the Gospel of John, you could probably do no better than to focus on the word “sign.” In the first half of his Gospel (chapters 1–11), John recounts seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus performed. Then in the second half (chapters 12–21), he devotes all his time to the greatest sign of all: Jesus’ cross and resurrection.

In today’s Gospel, we see a large crowd following Jesus because they were impressed by these signs. Who else could turn water into wine, or raise a dead boy with a mere word? They wanted to see more, and Jesus didn’t let them down. He performed yet another sign: feeding more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish!

Over the next few Sundays, we will hear how Jesus explains this miracle, and how important it is for us. He’ll tell us that this multiplication of loaves points to the true Bread of Life--His own Eucharistic flesh, which He will give “for the life of the world” (John 6: 51). He’ll tell us that this special Bread of Life is greater even than the manna that Moses gave the Israelites in the desert (Jn. 6: 32). And best of all, He’ll promise to raise up “on the last day” everyone who eats this Bread with faith and trust in Him (Jn. 6: 54).

These are only three of the many promises Jesus has made to us. He promises to be with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to lift us up. He promises to feed us with His very life, and after this life, He promises to open heaven itself for us. This is how good Jesus is!

Today is a perfect day to fix your eyes on Jesus, the Bread of Life, offered at Mass, and to thank Him for everything He has promised you. It’s also a perfect day to tell Him that you want to keep following Him so that you can receive each and every blessing He has in store for you.

**Thank you, Jesus for giving us Your Bread of Life.**

--from: *The Word Among Us*  
July/August, 2018

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 29, 2018

## St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Ray Sorg at the  
Request of Lorraine

### SATURDAY, August 4

8:00AM – Intentions of Marilyn Peterson

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### August 5

8:00AM – Alvin Ulbrich  
req. by Doug & Jane Sandberg

11:30AM – Frank & Jane Varga  
req. by their Family

#### ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$ 964.00 – Regular Collection – July 22, 2018 +  
\$ 225.00 – Online Giving  
\$1,247.00 – Regular Collection- July 23, 2017  
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

*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.**

## St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Ralph Gioielli at the  
Request of his daughter, Ann

### MONDAY, July 30

9:00AM – With thanks to St. Joseph  
req. by Dan & Luisa  
-Intentions of Matthew Dunn  
Birthday Celebration  
req. by his Family

### TUESDAY, July 31

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

### WEDNESDAY, August 1

9:00AM – Ted Rahoche  
req. by Maria & Henry Patryn

### THURSDAY, August 2

No Mass

### FRIDAY, August 3

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

### SATURDAY, Vigil, August 4

4:30PM – Tom McNamara  
req. by Jim & Diane Campbell  
-Edward Adamy  
req. by his granddaughter, Grace Benson & Family

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### August 5

9:30AM – Michael Conklin  
req. by Gerry Mahon & Family

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,642.00 – Regular Collection – July 22, 2018 +  
\$ 328.00 – Online Giving  
\$1,930.00 – Regular Collection – July 23, 2017  
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

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

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### TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Accordino, Loretta Bauman, James Brittain, Peg Coates, Mary Cunico, Frances Demalderis, Rozanne DeNardo, Derya Dimertas, Judy Dressie, Sofia Evelich, Rachel Gibbs, Gomez Family, 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, Sal, Sarah Scheckner, Alex Sepiol, Infant John Antonio Seti, John Sikora, Pam Spencer, Baby Teddy, Michael Toth, Jen Vaughn, Tarra Wagner, Thomas Walsh and Joan White



**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. 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.



### **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.

### **Ordinary Time**

During Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, it may seem easy to embrace the particular season with prayer, activities and devotions due to the importance parishes place on the season. But Ordinary Time is not don't pay attention time! Throughout Ordinary Time, which resumed after Pentecost and will continue all the way to Advent (therefore including the summer months), the church's liturgical readings focus on the life of Jesus. In 2018, the Gospel of Mark is used during much of Ordinary Time. Mark's recounting of Christ's life often focuses on his interactions with crowds of people. Look for Jesus in the crowds you are part of this summer! (Taken from Family Faith on the Go)

### **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.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Our Parishes will again offer preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation of adults beginning in January, 2019. These preparation sessions are for adults {18 or over} who are Baptized Catholic and who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and, for whatever reason, have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those who present themselves for the sacrament will have an initial interview and then begin sessions to last for 10 sessions and will be confirmed during the Easter Season.

Parishioners, please pass on the information to anyone who may not be fully initiated. Please call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004 for any questions you might have, leave a message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Peace, Pat Hope, Co-Coordinator for Adult Confirmation

### **From the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the joy-filled responsibility of the entire faith community. As a community of faith, we are called to encourage others to become fully initiated Catholics. Each of us as followers of Jesus is called to be both a hearer of the Word and a doer of the Word. Get involved in spreading the message of God's Word! Exercise your faith! Now is your opportunity. Be a motivator of another on their journey of faith. As a doer of the Word, you will become more aware of how God is present and active in your life each day.

Have those you motivate call the Religious Education Office at 973-948-7004, and their call will be returned.

**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.



### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS** **HIS WORD TODAY** *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 29, 2018**

**“But his servants objected, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ Elisha insisted, ‘Give it to the people to eat, for thus says the Lord, they shall eat and there shall be some left over.’ And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said... When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him.”**

The selections from the book of Kings and from Mark are quite similar, - a hungry people, a compassionate prophet and a tremendous sign. May we move from the first testament and the mountain miracle to today.

People today are starving throughout the world. Wasteful living traps us and blinds us to this reality. Community food banks, parish pantries, Catholic Relief Services address countless needs. We are asked to respond. We bring not the twenty barley loaves, but what has been offered to us as gift. We are asked to give not of our surplus, but of our selves.

There is another hunger as well, a hunger for the Lord. How many are seeking, and will find His satisfaction, only through our word, our example. Who fed you, bringing the Lord to you? Are you ready to be like the tested Philip and extend your hand of compassion? Maybe I can be the boy Andrew presented and give something of myself.

# 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, July 29, 2018**

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

Columbiettes ‘Back to School’ Collection

**Monday, July 30**

**Tuesday, July 31**

10:00a.m. STC St. Thomas Bikers Gang

**Wednesday, Aug. 1**

**Thursday, Aug. 2**

**Friday, Aug. 3**

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

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

**Saturday, Aug. 4**

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

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

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## Next Sunday’s Readings: 18<sup>th</sup> Ord.

1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2–4, 12–15

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 78

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20–24

Gospel: John 6: 24–35

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## Do You have a problem with food ?

Overeating, undereating, binge-ing. There is hope !  
**Overeaters Anonymous** is a world-wide fellowship offering hope and healing for compulsive eaters. Please join us **every Tuesday at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Branchville at 7 p.m.** in the Community Room.

**FORMED.org** Free to you as a parishioner; our parish code is: **HCVWQC**. The password is: **formed**.

**Recommended by FORMED.org:**

Listen: *The Four Levels of Happiness*

**Saint James: Our 75<sup>th</sup> Year.** Congratulations to all members of St. James Parish on 75 years of faith and fellowship at St. James ! Our gratitude to all who helped to make last Sunday’s celebrations go so well. Thanks first to all who prepared the Church and grounds during the days before, and to all who ministered at the Mass. Thanks also to the committee who planned the Luncheon at High Point, to all who prepared the memorabilia and decorated the room, to Mike Spinapoliche as M.C. of the event; to Alicia Batko for her many hours of researching the entire history of our parish, to Doug Sandberg who gave the presentation, and who also built the beautiful wine cabinet that was raffled off. Congratulations to Heather Lubchansky on winning the cabinet. Gratitude also to Ed Zitone for donating back the \$200 prize of the 50/50. Look for details of our Anniversary Bar-Be-Que to be held next month.

**C.P.R. Class at Both Churches.** Here is your chance to learn the invaluable technique of C.P.R. You may find yourself in a situation in which C.P.R. could make a life-and-death difference. Kris Krogstad is a parishioner and certified teacher of this technique. **A 3-hour class will be held at each church** on these dates: Sun. Aug. 12 at 1:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall; and on Sun. Aug. 26 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas’ Fr. Lewis Center. Cost will be \$15. Registration Forms can be found at the back of church. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a life-saving difference for family and friends.

## Baby Bottles for Good Counsel Homes.

We ask you to fill the baby bottles to help fund the seven homes of G.C.H.. Please return them as soon as possible.

For a crisis-pregnancy, call toll free 800-723-8331.

## Wellness Program for Older Adults.

If you are 60 or older, this means you. Are you looking for an opportunity to learn how to stay healthy and meet new people ? The Sandyston Municipal Building is offering the **WISE Program**, which celebrates this exciting stage of life and offers simple tools to help ensure better health. Sessions are held on **Mondays from 10 a.m. till 12 Noon and conclude with lunch each time.** Now till Aug. 20. Call Michelle at 973-383-4787 x 231 for more info or to register.