

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

"Lord, You have come to the Seashore...."

331 8th St. South, Brigantine, NJ 08203

January 1, 2017

SOLEMNITY



OF MARY

PASTOR: Fr. William S. Vandegrift

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Jose Thomas **RETIRED PRIEST:** Msgr. Joseph Mannion

PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Lenny Long

Winter Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday:

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

WEEKDAYS

8:30am: Mon. - Sat.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE:

609-266-2123, ext. 3

Hours: 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

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www.stthomasbrigantine.org

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

146 So. Pitney Road

Galloway, NJ 08205

609-652-7134

Principal: Mary Ellen Schurtz

DIRTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY:

Mary Jane Kelso

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Deacon Len Long & Deborah Widman

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Jane Staunton

RECEPTIONIST:

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Deadline: Monday, 10am

St. Thomas the Apostle Welcomes All!

It does not matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, what your current family or marital situation, what your past or present religious affiliation, or your personal history, age, background, race, etc. You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Thomas Parish.

How to Become Catholic

We have special programs for children, teens & adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their sacraments. Please call 609-266-2123 ext. 3.

Baptisms & Weddings

Please call parish office: 609-266-2123 ext. 3.

Care of the Sick

The parish office may be called any time for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The priests and Eucharistic Ministers will gladly bring Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly, because of sickness or infirmity. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbor who is a parishioner and would like to be placed on our list, please contact the office.

January

Altar Flowers

This is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones. Please stop by the Parish Office for details.

Prayer Petition Book

is located in the vestibule of the Church and is available for you to write your intentions. The book will be carried up to the sanctuary during the Offertory Procession of the Mass every Sunday.

Offertory Procession

If the Mass you are attending is being requested by you or a family member, and you wish to participate in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.

Parish Devotions

Rosary:

Following 8:30am weekday Masses & Tuesday evening, 7:00pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, after 8:30am Mass

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday of every month, 9 am - 12 noon.

If there is a funeral, Exposition will be in the Parish Community Room.

Finance Council

Fr. William Vandegrift	Edward Mong
Anthony DiMaggio, <i>Trustee</i>	Damon Galmin
John Murray, <i>Trustee</i>	Rob Smith

Pastoral Council

Fr. Bill Vandegrift	Fr. Jose Thomas
Deacon Long	Rick DeLucry
Rita Pagoulatos, <i>Pres.</i>	Jim Levins
Frank Burbridge	Patty Mohnack
Anne Cwiklinski	Kathe Murray, <i>Sec.</i>



Saturday, 8:30AM 4:00PM	December 31 No Morning Service Parishioners Of St. Thomas
Sunday, 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	January 1 Deceased Members of Chelland by Cynthia Ray Herman by Jim & Sue McKenna Jeanette Herbein by Gerry Michelfelder Yong Pak by Chris Gleason Anna Quader by Jim & Mary Lou Dooling Bernice E. Shepeski by Annie & Mark Weichman
Monday, 8:30AM	January 2 Joseph Kilroy by Barbara DuBois
Tuesday, 8:30AM	January 3 Eucharistic Prayer Service
Wednesday, 8:30AM	January 4 Rosemary Miles by Diane & Joe Hennessy Joseph Kilroy by Charlie & Kathy Guenther
Thursday, 8:30AM	January 5 Eucharistic Prayer Service
Friday, 8:30AM	January 6 Anthony Conti by Dot & Tom Park Colleen Quinlan by Carole Mooney & Family
Saturday, 8:30AM 4:00PM	January 7 Eucharistic Prayer Service Joe Caprara by Couval family Joseph Kilroy by Linda Nelson Frank Bressi by Mary Ann De Julius
Sunday, 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	January 8 Albert Snyder by Tressa & PJ White & Michael Anthony Colleen Quinlan by Joe Maiorano Michael Maguire by Ed & Marie Faunce John Paoloca by Joe Maiorano Edward Duff by Joe Maiorano Laura Frantz by Nancy Dowd

Important!!!

Schedule Change For Daily Masses

Beginning Tuesday, December 27th, through February 28th, there will be a Eucharistic Prayer Service at 8:30AM instead of Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The regular daily Mass schedule will resume once Lent begins, March 1st.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule Sat./Sun. January 7-8

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EM's</u>
4:00PM-		
8:00AM-		
9:30AM-		
11:00AM-		

Altar Servers

4:00PM-	D. Carau, E. & M. Baldwin,
8:00AM-	N. Fegan
9:30AM-	H. Petitgout, G. Porpora, I. Serra
11:00AM-	J. Sucharski, K. & M. Klemm

This Week...

January 1	Happy New Year!
January 2	Parish Office Closed No Rel. Ed. Classes
January 3	Rosary For Peace, 7:00pm., Church KoC Mtg., 7:00pm, St. Philip Hall
January 6	Exposition of Bl. Sacrament, 9:00am- noon
January 7	Confession 3:00pm
January 8	Hospitality Sunday

In Case it Snows...



This is just a reminder from Fr. Bill. If we get snow this year; and Brigantine schools are closed, daily Masses are cancelled. If it snows during the weekend; please use good judgment. However, if there is a state of emergency; Masses are cancelled, including weekends.

Please Remember To Keep the Members of Our Armed Forces In Your Prayers:

1st Lt. Jg. Andrew G. Kerr, USS. Georgia, Sgt. Michael Staunton, Army, SHAPE, Belgium Capt. Matt Valnoski, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky Matthew Krimm, Army, Iraq, St. Sgt. Michael Spinogatti, Army, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, Lt. Colonel Eric DiFrancesco, Marines, Afghanistan, St. Sgt. Lyle Voisey, Army Infantry, Ft. Drum, NY., Capt. Scott Croskey, Air Force, Fort Meade, MD. Matthew Sentore, U.S. Marines, Okinawa, Sgt. Jason Hand, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, McCarthy Everett Johnson, West Point, 2nd Lt. Michael J. Maggitti, USM, Okinawa, USMC Leo Troy, Pendleton USMC Base, San Diego, Ca.

Stewardship

... Time, Talent & Treasure. †

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Stewards Listen

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a Stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

12/18/16 Collection...\$7,257.00
eGiving...\$1,011.00
School...\$ 631.00

*Have you considered designating St. Thomas as a beneficiary in your will? Several people have and their generosity is appreciated.

Electronic Giving is Available!!

An easy and safe way to support
St. Thomas Parish

Sign up online: www.stthomasbrigantine.org

Pope Francis Quotes

"Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit."

Please Pray For The Sick

May they receive the healing touch of Our Lord

Lucas & Thomas Ordille, Mae Campbell, Bill Haeser, Leonard Thress, Catherine Shaw, Anthony Lawler, Jennifer Lillie, Helen Monk, Bobby Bell, Dennis West, Wesley Gallagher, Lou Monacello, Pat Castellano, Jane Schwab, Joseph Faldetta, Kathy Spina, Neil Florio, Tina Tulio, Carol Ros-enberry, John Fullerton, Helen Silvestrini, Ellie Carrelli, Dolores Stella, Morgan Pieczra, Theresa Cain, Lisa D'Errico, Kelly Tyrrele, Terri Catania, Joseph Cirillo, Dan McGinnis, Paul Kabala, Lynn Papa, Jordan Flex, Jeff Garnett, Kitty Huegel,



The list is updated every 3 months.

Ministries & Organizations

Altar Angels, Anne Grove
Altar Servers, Fr. Jose
Baptismal Prep, Kira Amalfitano
Children's Liturgy, Fr. Jose
Decorating Committee, Helene Christian
Evangelization, Fr. Jose
Eucharistic Ministers, Laurel Haeser
Funeral Ministry, Mary Jane Kelso
Gift Shop, Linda Rosas
Greeters, Roseann DiMaggio
Knights of Columbus, James Lawson
Lectors, Linda Camerota
Martha's Helpers, Anne Grove
Nursing Ministry, Kathe Murray
Prayer Network, Barry Scholcoff
Publicity, Lynne Flanagan
Sacristan Ministry, Fr. Bill
Scribe Ministry, Dolores Morello
Scripture Study, Mary Accordino
Social Events, Mike Brindisi
Social Network, Rita Pagoulatos
St. Dismas Ministry, Anonymous
Stitch in Time, Dolores Morello
Women's Club, Rita Pagoulatos /Joanna Guglielmo
Youth Ministry, Bobbi DeLucry
Ushers, Joe Maiorano

Call Parish Office for contact number
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Hospitality Sunday Next Week!

Join us for coffee & donuts in St. Philip Hall.
The Nursing Ministry will be available to
take your blood pressure as well.

Women's Club

*A caring community of Christian Women within
our Church*

The club celebrated an early Christmas on December 7th by stuffing 60 stockings with goodies to be delivered to the homebound members of our Brigantine community. The members then feasted on fabulous party fare supplied by ACME and then swapped gifts with one another. A good time was enjoyed by everyone. Due to the upcoming holidays, our next meeting will be on **January 11, 2017 at 7 pm**. Why not "resolve" to join our happy group and let us make a difference in your life.

Happy New Year!



*Best Wishes
to all of our Visitors, Parishioners
& Friends Of St. Thomas.*

*May 2017 be Joyous, Healthy
& Prosperous For All!*

*Fr. Bill, Fr. Jose Thomas,
Deacon Len Long, Msgr. Joe Mannion
and The Staff Of St. Thomas Parish*



Sundaes with Santa

Thank You to all the members of our Social Events Committee. Sundaes with Santa was a huge success with all of our young families again this year. The hard working committee made many memorable moments for our youngest parishioners. Thank You so much for all of your efforts!

Thank You, also, to our Youth Group for helping at the event. They were a huge help and the children especially enjoyed their company.