

*Saint Thomas the Apostle Church*

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ

[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

# *Lent*



## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*April 06, 2025*

**WELCOME TO  
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH  
To Schedule Baptisms & Weddings**

Please call the Parish Office.

**(609) 266-2123 Ext. 3**

**Baptisms**

Baptisms are held after the 11:00am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Baptism preparation is required prior to Baptism. Preparation sessions are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

**Religious Education**

Our Religious Education Program is for Grades 1st thru 8th and classes are held on Mondays from September - May. Registration begins in August.

**Care of the Sick**

The Parish Office may be called any time for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will administer the Eucharist to those who are homebound, **Our local hospitals also have a catholic priest available.**

**St. Dismas Ministry  
"Helping People Anonymously"**

This ministry is available to anyone in Brigantine who feels overwhelmed by financial burdens and needs a helping hand. If you are in need of assistance, an application from the Parish Office must be completed first. The application is anonymous and if approved, short-term help will be provided. Please call the Parish Office.

**Low Gluten Communion**

If you wish to receive a Gluten Free Host at Communion, please notify the sacristan serving Mass. Communion is distributed on the Baptismal Font side of the church.

**BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC**

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

If you or someone you know is not fully initiated in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), or a family member or friend has questions about becoming a Catholic, please contact **Deacon Len Long at 609-335-6470.**

**Weekly Devotions**

**Rosary:** Mon. - Fri. : after 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 8:10am

Tuesday: 7PM

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Wednesday

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Friday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

is every Friday from 9am-12noon. If there is a funeral, Adoration is held in the Parish Meeting Room, located behind the Rectory Office.

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
8:30AM	<b>Allen Discorfanio</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>
4:00PM	<b>James Harvey</b> <i>by Wife Madeline</i>
	<b>Stephen Tomassi</b> <i>by Tomassi Family</i>
	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> <i>by Mary Accordino</i>
	<b>Kim Sutton</b> <i>by Mackey Family</i>
	<b>MaryAnn DeJulius</b> <i>by John McManus</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
8:00AM	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> <i>by Toni &amp; Dick Wilson</i>
	<b>Joseph Migatz, Jr.</b> <i>by Jim &amp; Eileen Robbins</i>
	<b>George Paul Dorsey</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>
	<b>Celine Powell</b> <i>by Mike &amp; Gail Gallagher</i>
	<b>Patricia &amp; Herb Raulfs</b> <i>by Richard &amp; Gerry Michelfelder</i>
	<b>Jacqueline Seaman</b> <i>by Bert &amp; Jessie Estlow</i>
9:30AM	<b>Giuseppe Calabro</b> <i>by Granddaughter &amp; Family</i>
11:00AM	<b>Vito Pizzo</b> <i>by Wife</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
8:30AM	<b>Shirley Sabatini</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 8</b>
8:30AM	<b>Josephine &amp; Anthony Chianese</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>
6:30PM	<b>Charlie Guenther</b> <i>by Coffman Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joe Migatz, Jr.</b> <i>by LaMar Buffington</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joyce Corrigan</b> <i>by Joe Corrigan &amp; Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
8:30AM	<b>Dominic Tallone</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 12</b>
8:30AM	<b>Jamie Burd</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>
4:00PM	<b>Rosemarie Polzella</b> <i>by Eugene Polzella</i>
	<b>Jane Schwab</b> <i>by Joe &amp; MJ Kelso</i>
	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> <i>by Jerry Kozub</i>
	<b>MaryAnn DeJulius</b> <i>by Lynne &amp; Bob Flanagan</i>
	<b>Phyllis Smith</b> <i>by Sandra Aldrich</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 13 (Palm Sunday)</b>
8:00AM	<b>Joe, Dolly, Joey, &amp; James DiJoseph</b> <i>by Family</i>
9:30AM	<b>Edward Domenick</b> <i>by Marie Faunce</i>
	<b>Anna DiGiacomo</b> <i>by Sandee &amp; Dot Park</i>
	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> <i>by Mary Accordino</i>
	<b>Celine Powell</b> <i>by Sue Morgan</i>
	<b>Albert Staffieri</b> <i>by Ginny Williams &amp; Jack Boyle</i>
	<b>Dolores DeThomasis</b> <i>by Noel Family</i>
	<b>Barbara Reilly</b> <i>by Noel Family</i>
11:00AM	<b>Vito Pizzo</b> <i>by Wife</i>



### "What you do after you say you believe"

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."* Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, living Stewardship by sharing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

**Collections for:  
March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 8,921.00**

**E-Giving: \$ 2,082.00**  
**\$11,003.00**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$2,926.00**



To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: [stthomasbrigantine.org](http://stthomasbrigantine.org) and click on the **Parish Giving** button or click on the QR code.



### Children's Liturgy 9:30am Mass

If you have young children, know that they are welcome at Mass! We have a special liturgy for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students every Sunday at 9:30am Mass. The Liturgy of the Word is taught to the children in words they can understand. We look forward to seeing and teaching your children.

**Weekly Children's Activity Worksheets** are available at the main entrance of the church and the hall. There are two age appropriate sheets: Step by Step (Pre-school to 2nd Grade) and the Kids Bulletin (Age 8/up), please take one for your child.

## Prayer Requests



### FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Peter J. McGaughran, Carol Graham, Mary Flanagan, Carmela Lari**

Please keep their families in your prayers.

### FOR OUR SICK:

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Steve Steranko, Marie Twist, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, John Gans, Zoe Rodriguez, Melanie Hudson, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Leah Loreaux, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, Dora Meyers, Andy Papp, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Diane Anderson, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Joe Cawley, Robert Granieri, Wesley Winkler, Jimmy Olizo, Forest Castellanie, Tom Gullone, Jeannie Stanton, Stephanie Dehnhard

### FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

Capt. Robert Glanville, USMC, Maj. Jeffrey Moon, USAF, Sgt. Matt Krimm, US Army, Maj. Matt Valnoski, US Army, Cpl. Tristen T. Barry, USMC, Staff Sgt. Ronald DeWaal, USMC, PFC Jaryd Witkowski, US Army, Pvt. Matt Rehill, US Army, Ofc. Stephen D. Vanzant, US Navy, Lt. Cmdr. Tim Kerley, US Navy, FN Brendan E. Mackey, USCG, Sgt. Robert McAllister, US Army, Ofc. Vincent J. Barone, US Navy, Sgt. Michael Lange III, US Army

**Prayer Chain Network:** The network prays for the immediate needs of others. To make a confidential request, please contact Renata Rynkiewicz at 609-705-9144

### Liturgy and Life

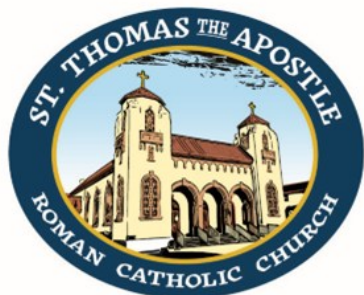
The public humiliation of the woman caught in adultery by the "righteous" of her time is mirrored in the public finger –pointing in our own. So many people are publicly excoriated for what some perceive as sin. Our culture seems titillated by the "sins of others." Yet Jesus seems to recognize the complexity of situations. Perhaps he wondered why the woman's accomplice was not dragged before him, since the two were "caught in the act." He certainly points out the hypocrisy of it all. During Lent, challenge yourself to recognize the complexity of others' lives. Allow yourself to recognize the deeper sinfulness of our society, which seeks the humiliation of others to satisfy our own sense of self-righteousness.

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### Ministry Schedule April 12<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>h</sup>

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson, F. Burbridge	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry, M. Stinson
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Fr. Bob	L. Camerota, C. Rooney	C. Rooney, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Ed	R. Pennestri, J. Levins	G. Scutti, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	J. Murray, E. Stafford	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

\*\*\*\*\***SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**\*\*\*\*\* If you cannot attend, please find a replacement. THANK YOU!



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

SUN: 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM

### WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

TUES. EVENINGS: 6:30PM

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM

or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher  
e.maher@stabrig.org

PERMANENT DEACON: Len Long

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
609-266-2123

Mon.- Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm  
office@stabrig.org

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,  
609-652-7134 www.arcs.org  
Principal: Joanne McKnight



### DURING LENT:

A MASS will be celebrated EVERY TUESDAY EVENING during Lent at 6:30pm, (beginning on March 11) followed by the Rosary at 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday evening at 7:00pm in the Church during Lent.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will meet every Wednesday from March 5<sup>th</sup> thru April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend as we are always happy to welcome new members.



Envelopes for Easter Flower donations in remembrance of loved ones can be found in the entrances to the church. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the Easter Season. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support and generosity.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025

### Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 13<sup>TH</sup>:

Palm will be blessed and distributed at each Mass

Saturday: 4PM

Sunday: 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM

### *The Sacred Triduum*

#### Holy Thursday, April 17<sup>TH</sup>:

5:30PM Poor Man's Supper (Hall)

7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10PM

#### Good Friday, April 18<sup>TH</sup>:

3PM Passion of the Lord  
and Holy Communion

#### Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30PM Easter Vigil (no 4PM Mass)

Confessions: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

12 Noon: Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

#### Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>TH</sup>:

8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia

***There will be NO MORNING Mass on  
Thursday, Friday or Saturday.***

## Welcome to Our Parish Family



We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized during the month of March:

**Maeve Jane McClaskey**

**Isabella Rose Cruciani**

**Adriano Andrew Adams**

**Nico Jorge Cassara**

**Natalie Ann Pennestri**

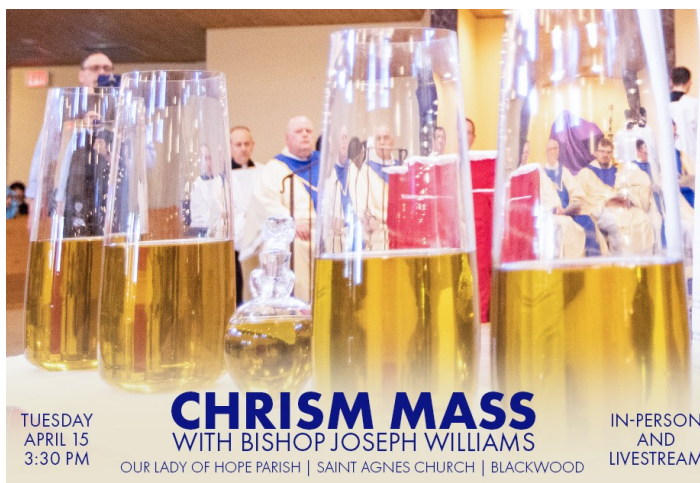
## What's Happening

**Apr. 07** Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm

**Apr. 08** Mass 6:30pm  
Rosary 7:00pm

**Apr. 09** Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)

**Apr. 11** Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Church)



TUESDAY  
APRIL 15  
3:30 PM

### CHRISM MASS WITH BISHOP JOSEPH WILLIAMS

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH | SAINT AGNES CHURCH | BLACKWOOD

IN-PERSON  
AND  
LIVESTREAM

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Many times seniors and others need help but don't want to ask. **Our St. Dismas Ministry** is ready to help **Brigantine Residents** who are overwhelmed by financial burdens. Also, we can often set them up with a routine food order from the True Spirit Coalition.

All contacts are in strict confidence. If you know of someone that may need our help, please give them the contact information below or if you would rather, give their name to us and we will handle it very discretely.

**Contact: Eileen Robbins 610-721-7438**

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



The **annual baby needs drive** will be held through **Sunday, April 13th** in support of **MOMS in NEED** at the Jersey Shore Women's Center in Galloway. This pregnancy resource center provides support to all women and their families in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources they need.

The center's current needs are Diapers - Size 4-7; Pull Ups - Size 2-3T to 5-6T; Baby Wipes; New Infant & Toddler Clothing - Size 9 months - 5T; Hooded Bath Towels & Washcloths; Crib & Bassinet Sheets; Receiving Blankets; Humidifiers.

Donations can be placed in the Pack n Play located in the front of the church on the parking lot side. For more information on how you can support the Jersey Shore Women's Center or assistance with a donation drop off or pick up, call Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

**Gift Cards** (Target, Walmart, Amazon) are also appreciated and can be **inserted into the labeled drop box next to the pack n play.**

**HOLY SPIRIT MOTHER'S GUILD**

**SUMMER RAFFLE CONTEST**

**DRAWING MAY 13**

**\$20 PER CHANCE**

**1st** **1ST PRIZE** - BAREFOOT BLAST! 2 - 4 DAY GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS, 1 - 4 DAY BEACH PARKING PASS, MERCHANDISE BUNDLE: T-SHIRT, HAT, STICKER PACKET, AND KOOSIE PLUS 2- \$100 VISA GIFT CARDS. \$1100 VALUE

**2nd** **2ND PRIZE** - PHILLIES PHUN! TICKETS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 7:15 VS THE METS, 6 TICKETS FOR SECTION 116, CLEAR STADIUM BAG, PHILLIE GEAR, \$100 VISA GIFT CARD. \$850 VALUE.

**3rd** **3RD PRIZE** - BEACH BLAST! BEACH CHAIR, YETI SOFT COOLER, INFLATABLE STANDUP PADDLEBOARD, 2 YETI TUMBLERS, 2 BEACH TOWELS, SOUL BERRY GIFT CARD ERNEST AND SONS GIFT CARD. \$800 VALUE.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Reflection Day**  
*With the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal*

**Date:** April 5, 2025  
**Time:** 10am-1pm  
**Location:** St. Michael Church,  
 Atlantic City

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession,  
 Meditation on the Mysteries of the  
 Rosary, Holy Mass 12 noon

**Holy Week Masses**  
**South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries**

*Please join us in celebrating our  
 Masses in our chapel mausoleums!  
 Masses will begin at 10 AM*

Monday | April 14

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland  
 Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing

Tuesday | April 15

All Saints Cemetery, Newfield  
 Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill  
 New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr

**The Way of  
 St. James on  
 the Road to Life**  
 for Seniors and  
 their Families



*Enjoy the quiet and simplicity of nature on this pilgrimage.  
 The day begins with morning prayer, followed by  
 a 2.5 mile walk, Mass and lunch.*

**Saturday**  
**April 26, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m**

► Check-in starts  
 at 8:00 a.m

Starting at Holy Trinity Parish  
 St. James Church, Ventnor, NJ

To register  
 scan the QR or  
 call 856-583-6121



**Knights of  
 Columbus®**

**NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON**  
**Knights of Columbus**

**Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.**

**SATURDAY: Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm**

We have items for every room of your house. Also, we have seasonal decorations. Remember, if you have gently used items (**except clothing and shoes**), that you wish to donate, please drop them off during business hours. **We look forward to seeing you**  
**Please be advised that ALL DONATIONS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT 601 BAYSHORE AVE. DURING BUSINESS HOURS.** Any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at **609-266-2123** and leave your name and contact number and your call will be returned.



**Golf and/or Dinner (Your Choice) Fundraiser**

**Jersey Shore Women's Center - Galloway**

**Renault Winery Golf - May 19th 9:30-6:00**

**Mass - Lunch - Golf - Dinner - Prizes - Fun**

The JSWC provides support to all women and their families in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need. Through all stages of a woman's life, we walk alongside her, providing education and promoting healthy families.

More information and registration at

[go.dojiggy.io/jswc25](http://go.dojiggy.io/jswc25)

Questions?

**Contact Mike Dougherty at 215-262-5726**

**Important Phone Numbers**

**Addictions Healing HELP-LINE: 856-342-4057**

**Catholic Charities Clinical Services: 1-866-862-2166**

**NJ Hotline for Addiction: Dial 211.**

This is an information and referral service that connects you with substance use disorder and support services

**National Suicide Prevention Helpline: 800-273-8255**

**NJ Veterans Hotline for Suicide Prevention**

*"Life doesn't have to be a battlefield."*

**Confidential Peer Support for NJ Veterans**

1-866-838-7654 or [www.njveteranshelpline.org](http://www.njveteranshelpline.org)

Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

**Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:**

**1-855-5HOPE4U**