Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

Jesus, I Trust In You

April 7, 2024

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. One session of Baptism preparation is required prior to Baptism. Preparation sessions are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room at 7:30pm.Registration required. Call the parish office.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program is for Grades 1st thru 8th. Grades 1 - 4 attend from 4pm -5pm and 5 - 8 attend from 6pm - 7pm. Also, we have special programs for adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their sacraments.

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.

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

	Saturday 8:30AM 7:30PM	April 6 Mario M. Ragazzonne by Tunis Family James Harvey by Wife Madeline Stephen Tomassi by Family Socorro Solis Castillo by Mike & Doreen Smith JoJo Weitz by Roy Sutton	
)	Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	April 7 Philomena Arena by Women's Club of St. Thomas Peter Kling by Kathleen Littel Jack (John) Parker by Kathleen Zuber & Son Paul Nick Stabile by Anna DiGiacomo	
;	Monday 8:30AM	April 8 Josephine & Chianese	
•	Tuesday 8:30AM	April 9 Phyllis Owen by Helen & John Coffman	
	Wednesday 8:30AM	April 10 Ed Aaron by Roey Rehill	
	Thursday 8:30AM	April 11 Joyce Corrigan by Family	
	Friday 8:30AM	April 12 Rosemarie Polzella by Lugene Polzella	
	Saturday 8:30AM 4:00PM	April 13 James Bird by Anne Grove Edward Gorman by Family Barry Scholcoff by Joe & MJ Kelso Paulie Tan Caoli by Mary Lou Dulay Lynda Sutton by Husband Roy	
	Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM	April 14 Vincenza Brophy by Anne Grove Jane & Ken Schwab by Joe & MJ Kelso Betty Leona Mills by Laurie Moore Rita Wade & Jean Stretch by Mackey Family Stacey Porpora by Mackey Family	

11:00AM

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

JoAnn, Nicholas & Louis Jr. Marchesani by Mackey Family

Nick Stabile by Vanetta Kline

PERMANENT DEACON: Len Long

WEEKENDS SAT: 4:00PM SUN: 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION Saturday: 3PM or by appointment Parish Office Hours: 609-266-2123 Mon.- Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

office@stabrig.org

BULLETIN EDITOR: Barb Cawley, ext. 102 bulletin@stabrig.org DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM

Growth in Stewardship

"What you do after you say you believe"

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all our gifts for the benefit of others.

Collections for: March 24/25 March 30/31

> EASTER: \$28,348.00 RICE BOWL: \$ 1,524.00 HOLY LAND: \$ 1,737.00



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



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed at the 9:30 mass. Children attending K through 2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 if you'd like to join our dedicated team of Children's Liturgy catechists.

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.



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Raymond Killian Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Zoe Rodriguez, Madeline Harvey, Melanie Hudson, Jerry Kilroy, Cynthia Giordano, Matt Fannon, Logan Seitz, Kristina McDaniel, Aurora Mary Gross, Charlie Arsenault, Diana Certo, Gail Squiccimarri, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczyckyi, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto, Brody Pomager, Katrina Yearicks, Diane Kuczynski, Brian Cavallari, Bill Whalen, Joanne Miller, Asha Freytag, Pat Marziano, Charles Kuczynski, Douglas Boehme, Sr., Colleen Brown, Mary Spence, Robert Moody, Shawna O'Brien Lee, Steve Long, Sally Sooy, Dominic Delia, Armand Savino, M. Mazzoni, Nancy Purcell, Carmela Jacobs, Thomas Gullone

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, Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army 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, USGC, Sgt. Robert McAllister, 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 apostle Thomas often gets a bad rap for asking to see and feel the nail marks on the risen Christ before he believes. But Jesus responds to Thomas' request for a tangible connection by drawing him closer to the painful realities of his suffering and death. People in positions of privilege could learn form Thomas' request. It can be easy for people with significant wealth to be so removed from the realities of poverty. Reflect on your relationship to people who suffer, particularly to those who are materially poor. If the distance is great, find ways to tangibly encounter and learn from those in need. Volunteering at a soup kitchen may be a start.

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Ministry Schedule April 13 th & 14 th							
Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister				
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Stinson	F.Streeper, B. DeLucry, M. Stinson				
SUN. 8:00AM	To Be Determined	J. Robbins	G. Espinoza, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan				
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	R. Pennestri	G. Scutti, M. Brindisi, P. Zuber				
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Levins	Deacon, J. & K. Murray				
*****SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE***** If you cannot attend, please find a replacement. THANK YOU!							



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WELCOMES BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN APRIL 11, 2024



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2024

Jonathan "James" Abbruscato Lola Barbarotta Angelina "Valentina" Calcese Annabella "Mary" Casamento Luna "Veronica" Chavez Giuseppe "John" DiPaola Lenna "Elizabeth" Driscoll Kyley "Lucy" Dunne Lily "Claire" Fuller Joseph Handle Lilliana "Rose" Harbright Dillon Kelly Brady "Thomas" Malloy Cecelia Repici Dylan "Paul" Taboga Juliana "Blessed Chiara Badano" Tunis James Williams



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Parish will be celebrating this beautiful event today, Sunday, April 7, 2024, inspired by Saint Faustina Kowalski., starting at 2 PM.

The painting of Jesus that she inspired will be shown, and a short talk of her devotions, to trust in God's endless goodness, and to show mercy onto others, will be discussed by Deacon Len. He will also lead in the reading of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

There will be **confessions at 2 PM**, and the Hour of Mercy at 3 PM. Confessions at this time are very important and will be spoken about.

The Knights of Columbus will participate in this Holy event and provide Divine Mercy Cards to all who participate.



- Apr. 07 Divine Mercy Sunday Service 2:00pm
- Apr. 08 NO CCD CLASSES
 - Confirmation Practice 6:00pm (Church)
- Apr. 09 Rosary 7:00pm
- Apr. 10 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR) Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
- Apr. 11 Confirmation 5:00pm (Church)
- Apr. 15 CCD Classes 4:00pm 7:00pm

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music ministry is unique here at St. Thomas. We sing at all celebrations, including funerals. Members can make a commitment according to their own schedules. You do not have to commit to a particular Mass time. Instrumentalists are welcome, as well. To become a part of this beautiful ministry, please see Mary Jane in the choir loft or email her at kelso.music@stabrig.org.



Week 13

3/25/24	642	Frank & Donna Paterek	\$ 50.00
3/26/24	156	Maryann Romano	\$ 50.00
3/27/24	736	Kyle Rodgers	\$ 50.00
3/28/24	417	Mary Pizza	\$ 50.00
3/29/24	672	Robert Quinn	\$ 50.00
3/30/24	276	Eileen Tuffy	\$ 50.00
3/31/24	092	Diane Ward	\$100.00

Congratulations to our Week 13 winners!

Thank you to all participants, we appreciate your generosity.



St. Thomas continues to support "**Moms in Need**" at the Jersey Shore Women's Center in Galloway. This crisis pregnancy center provides support to all women and their families, in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need.

CURRENT NEEDS:

Diapers– Size 3-7; Wipes: Shampoo, Lotion, Diaper Rash Cream; Sheets; Infant, Toddler (2-5) and Maternity Clothing (new or GENTLY used).

Donations can be placed in the **white basket** outside the confessional in the vestibule.

The center is always in need of bassinets and small portable baby items such as strollers, booster seats, pack n plays and high chairs. These items can be taken to the Community Presbyterian Church Thrift Store on Saturdays from 9am-12noon or call Brian & Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 to schedule donation pick up or drop off.



The Women's Club

A caring community of Christian Women within our Church

We experienced a wonderful Night of Reflection last month, and we hope you all enjoyed a Happy Easter. Our April meeting takes place on **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 in St. Philip Hall.** New members are always welcome to join us.



Knights of Columbus

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave. Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm

We have items for every room of your house. Also, 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 soon.

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 ext. 102 and leave your name and contact number and your call will be returned.



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



Self-Care for the Caregiver

Caregiving can bring many gifts including strengthening relationships with loved ones and experiencing personal fulfillment in feeling needed. Caregivers can often feel overwhelmed in trying to balance the needs of others with their own physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Regular self-care can help with this. Self-care is an intentional and important practice (not selfish) for all, especially for those who care of others.

We offer you these tips to help to support your selfcare needs:

• Give 10 minutes (or more) daily to yourself to quiet your mind with prayer, meditation, gardening or other.

• Schedule needed medical exams. Honor your health by keeping appointments.

• Ask for help. Delegate responsibilities where and when you can.

• Schedule a visit or call with a family member, friend or support person.

• Include an activity in your week that brings you joy. What brings you joy?



Diocesan Holy Year 2025 Pilgrimage – Rome & the Shrines of Italy

For more than 700 years, the Roman Catholic Church has celebrated jubilee years. First every 100 years, then in accord with biblical precedent every 50 years, and finally every 25 years to make pilgrimage graces more accessible to the faithful. Next year, 2025, the Church will celebrate an ordinary jubilee with the theme, Pilgrims of Hope.

Join people from across the Diocese of Camden for this Pilgrimage of Hope March 24 through April 2 and visit Rome, Montecasino, the Shrine of Saint Padre Pio, the Cave of Saint Michael, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Bolsena, Orvieto and much more. The price is \$4,996 per person double occupancy from Philadelphia including airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily with wine at dinner. Tips and personal items not included. An extension is available for those who wish to visit Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice, returning from Venice to Philadelphia on April 6. The cost for the extension is \$1,974 per person double.

For more information visit www.pilgrimages.com/ frhughes/italy or contact Father Hughes at Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org



Rosary for Peace

Come join us every **Tuesday at 7pm** as we gather and pray the Rosary. **All are welcome.**

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 Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline: 1-855-5HOPE4U