



# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ  
[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

*“Lord, You have come to the Seashore...”*

April 7, 2024

*Jesus, I Trust In You*



**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.

**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**



|                  |                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>April 6</b>                                          |
| 8:30AM           | Mario M. Ragazzonne by Tunis Family                     |
| 7:30PM           | James Harvey by Wife Madeline                           |
|                  | Stephen Tomassi by Family                               |
|                  | Socorro Solis Castillo by Mike & Doreen Smith           |
|                  | JoJo Weitz by Roy Sutton                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>April 7</b>                                          |
| 8:00AM           | Philomena Arena by Women's Club of St. Thomas           |
|                  | Peter Kling by Kathleen Littel                          |
| 9:30AM           | Jack (John) Parker by Kathleen Zuber & Son Paul         |
| 11:00AM          | Nick Stabile by Anna DiGiacomo                          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>April 8</b>                                          |
| 8:30AM           | Josephine & Chianese                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>April 9</b>                                          |
| 8:30AM           | Phyllis Owen by Helen & John Coffman                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>April 10</b>                                         |
| 8:30AM           | Ed Aaron by Roey Rehill                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>April 11</b>                                         |
| 8:30AM           | Joyce Corrigan by Family                                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>April 12</b>                                         |
| 8:30AM           | Rosemarie Polzella by Lugene Polzella                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>April 13</b>                                         |
| 8:30AM           | James Bird by Anne Grove                                |
| 4:00PM           | Edward Gorman by Family                                 |
|                  | Barry Scholcoff by Joe & MJ Kelso                       |
|                  | Paulie Tan Caoli by Mary Lou Dulay                      |
|                  | Lynda Sutton by Husband Roy                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>April 14</b>                                         |
| 8:00AM           | Vincenza Brophy by Anne Grove                           |
| 9:30AM           | 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                         |
|                  | JoAnn, Nicholas & Louis Jr. Marchesani by Mackey Family |
| 11:00AM          | Nick Stabile by Vanetta Kline                           |

**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 SCHEDULE**

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

**WEEKDAYS**  
**MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM**

**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**

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





**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.

**What's Happening**

- 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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**





### 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 self-care 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, Montecassino, the Shrine of Saint Padre Pio, the Cave of Saint Michael, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Bolse-na, 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](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy) or contact Father Hughes at [Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org)

Saturday  
**APRIL 20, 2024**  
9AM - 1PM

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

**CHECK-IN STARTS AT 8 AM**



**The Way of St. James on the Road of Life**  
an Intergenerational Pilgrimage Walk

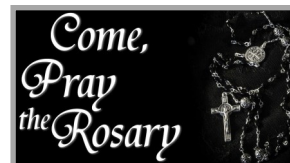
for seniors & their families  
2.5 mile Walk, Morning Prayer, Lunch, Mass and more!




**FREE EVENT**  
Sponsored by  
VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services of the Diocese of Camden

**TO REGISTER**  
Scan Me 

CHRISTINE WILLARD | 856-583-6121  
[VITALITY-EVENTS@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:VITALITY-EVENTS@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](http://www.njveteranshelpline.org)  
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

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