

April 20, 2025

*Alleluia!*

*Saint Thomas the Apostle Church*

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

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



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**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

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 19 (Holy Saturday)</b>
8:30AM	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
7:30PM	<b>Joyce Corrigan</b> by <i>Joe Corrigan &amp; Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 20 (Easter Sunday)</b>
8:00AM	<b>Joe Migatz, Jr.</b> by <i>Mike &amp; Gail Gallagher</i>
9:30AM	<b>Anne Wood</b> by <i>Husband Fred</i>
11:00AM	<b>Bonsignore Family</b> by <i>Anna &amp; Family</i>
	<b>Vito Pizzo</b> by <i>Wife</i>
	<b>Jane &amp; Ken Schwab</b> by <i>Joe &amp; MJ Kelso</i>
	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by <i>Annie &amp; Mark Weichman</i>
	<b>Angelo Patras</b> by <i>Cindy Koons</i>
	<b>Mary Ann DeJulius</b> by <i>Mary Accordinio</i>
	<b>Lisa Wilson</b> by <i>Husband</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
8:30AM	<b>Anna DiGiacomo</b> by <i>Women's Club of St. Thomas</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joan Ackermann</b> by <i>Barbara Ackermann</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
8:30AM	<b>Damon Galmin, Jr.</b> by <i>LaMar Buffington</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 24</b>
8:30AM	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Jim &amp; MaryLou Dooling</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 25</b>
8:30AM	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Trish &amp; Jim Levins</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 26</b>
8:30AM	<b>Ursula Gervasio</b> by <i>Anne Grove</i>
4:00PM	<b>Johnny Bewley</b> by <i>George &amp; Beckie Kuhl</i>
	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Fran Streeper</i>
	<b>James Ruggiano</b> by <i>Kathe &amp; John Murray</i>
	<b>Pauline J. Hooper</b> by <i>McCormick Family</i>
	<b>Antoinette Virgilio</b> by <i>Jim &amp; Lora Constantine</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 27</b>
8:00AM	<b>Joe Migatz, Jr.</b> by <i>Joe &amp; Barb Cawley</i>
	<b>Shirley Sabatini</b>
	by <i>Andrea Pelosi - DeCoons &amp; Denise Ponte</i>
	<b>MaryAnn Crilley</b> by <i>Sal &amp; Chris Colombo</i>
	<b>Charles Guenther</b> by <i>Toni &amp; Dick Wilson</i>
	<b>Bernie Beck</b> by <i>Toni &amp; Dick Wilson</i>
	<b>Jacqueline Seaman</b> by <i>George &amp; Loretta Henry</i>
9:30AM	<b>Pat Sweeney</b> by <i>George Schilling &amp; Patti Reale</i>
11:00AM	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by <i>Charles &amp; Barbara Cooper</i>







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

*"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Acts 10:38*

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives in Stewardship reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



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.



*Please remember **St. Thomas the Apostle** in your Estate Planning.*

## Prayer Requests



### FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please keep their families in your prayers.

### FOR OUR SICK:

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Marie Twist, John Gans, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, Andy Papp, 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, Joe Cawley, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Diane Anderson, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Robert Granieri, Wesley Winkler, Jimmy Olizo, Forest Castellanie, Tom Gullone, Jeannie Stanton, Stephanie Dehnhard, Steven Pirolli

### 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, 1st Lt. Aidan Crosby, 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



**Apr. 21** Parish Office Closed  
**Apr. 22** Rosary 7:00pm  
**Apr. 28** 1st Holy Communion Practice 4:00pm - 5:30pm  
**Apr. 29** Rosary 7:00pm  
**May 03** 1st Holy Communion 10:00am  
**May 04** Confirmation Practice after 11:00am Mass

### Liturgy and Life

Throughout the fifty-day Easter season, we marvel at the empty tomb as we seek to renew and strengthen our faith in Christ. This week, savor the joy of Easter, knowing that Christ is truly raised from the dead, bringing the promise of new life. Hold fast to all that strengthens your faith in God's power at work in you life.

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### Ministry Schedule April 26<sup>th</sup> & April 27<sup>h</sup>

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT.4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	M. Stinson, W. Litwinczuk, J. D'Ascenzo
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Fr. Bob	L. Camerota	G. Espinoza, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

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

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## *A Letter from Our Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a while since I have written a Pastor's letter. Today, I want to concentrate in on the purely spiritual. On February 2nd, we had a retreat day for our Confirmandi. Deacon Lenny, Mr. Jim Mackey, and Debbie Widmann were all involved with it. It was an enjoyable retreat. I was very high after the experience. We have a wonderful group of 8th graders. They have been fantastic all year. They are so attentive! When Bishop Williams comes to confirm them on May 11th, he's going to see us at our best. I see a good future for them as long as they stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist.

On March 29th, we had a 1st Communion retreat. All ten showed up with a parent or grand parent. Again, it was comprehensive! The children were all attentive and well behaved. I thought the highlight of the day was that we had a scavenger hunt in the church. They had to identify the religious symbols and signs throughout the church. Mary Jane Kelso went over songs with them that we will be using for First Communion. Deacon Lenny, Mary Pizza, Debbie Widmann, and Kathy Mulvenna were all involved.

Our annual Lenten Night of Recollection was given by Fr. Pat Brady. He worked very hard on it. All who attended learned something. He geared in on the Jubilee Year with scripture readings and explanations. I have been here for eight years, yet, we never had anything like that. I am grateful for what he did for us.

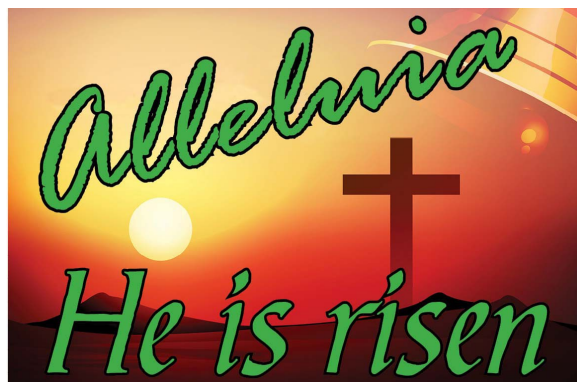
By now, you are aware that we are in a Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has said the theme is "Hope". At first, I was not that excited. But, the more I heard and read about it, I realized he was right on target. So may people see life as being hopeless. Despair is the opposite of hope and leads to despair, sadness and agony. Hope overcomes despair.

We need to place our hop in God, not just in human beings. We are not sure they will come through for us. God is dependable. We can hope in him. It's not just essential that we are men and women of hope, but that we are beacons of hope to those around us that need our witness. There is so much upheaval in the world. We need God to give us peace. Take advantage of the whole arsenal the church has to offer, especially in the area of the sacraments.

Our great hope is in eternal life. We are pilgrims traveling toward our Father's house. We always have to keep our eyes fixed on heaven.

As we celebrate Easter, we have great reason to rejoice. Jesus has risen. He is ALIVE! In communion we are able to receive the Risen Lord. How fortunate we are! On behalf of the parish staff, we wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.

*Fr. Ed Maher*



**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 KOOZIE 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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**A NIGHT AT THE RACES**

**MAY 17 SATURDAY**

**TICKETS \$25 - ON SALE BEGINNING APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> AFTER MASSES**

**Tickets are \$25 each and include a dinner buffet. BYOB**

**St. Philip Hall, Doors open @ 5:00pm**

**BASKET RAFFLE with amazing gifts**

 **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](https://go.dojiggy.io/jswc25)

Questions?

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

 **Walking with Moms in Need**  
a year of service

St. Thomas continues to support "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 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.



— Upcoming Ordination —



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

**Nickolas  
Naticchione**

Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 10:30 AM

SAINT JAMES CHURCH  
HOLY TRINITY PARISH  
6415 ATLANTIC AVE, VENTNOR CITY, NJ 08406



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— Upcoming Ordination —



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Rev. Mr. Timothy Mulranen  
&  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Piro**

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH  
MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH  
500 GREENTREE RD, GLASSBORO, NJ 08028



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Join us for an

## Intergenerational Pilgrimage Walk

**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



VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services  
631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102  
[www.vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://www.vitality.camdendiocese.org)



### 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**