

# 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...”*

August 18, 2024  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

SUN: 7, 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM

SUN. EVENING: 5:30PM

### WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM

or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher  
[e.maher@stabrig.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

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

Principal Joan Dollinger

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

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**DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM**

**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. Call the parish office for further information and registration.

**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 will be distributed on the Baptismal Font side of the church, please seat yourself accordingly.

**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**   
**FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday**

8:30AM

4:00PM

**August 17**

**Margaret DiFranks** by *Madeline Ciabattoni*

**Peter Brault** by *Susan & Joe*

**Bernard Argesi** by *Susan & Joe*

**Elizabeth Maguire** by *Maguire Children*

**Theresa Karbach**

by *Virginia Musumeci Williams & Jack Boyle*

**Paul Stewart** by *Gerry Botwinick & Ken Schulman*

**Sunday**

7:00AM

8:00AM

9:30AM

**August 18**

**Kathleen Zuber** by *Deb & Anthony Phillips*

**Rita & Richard Dougherty** by *Family*

**Marc Rifice** by *Grandparents*

**Sue Barber** by *Norma Anderson*

**Michael Morreale** by *Norma Anderson*

**Jean Rotoli** by *Norma Anderson*

**Sally Sooy** by *Mary Accordino*

**Michael McMahon** by *Joanne & Mike McMahon*

**Pat Castellano** by *Turzanski Family*

**Miles Davies** by *Brigantine Bingo Club*

11:00AM

5:30PM

**Monday**

8:30AM

**August 19**

**Christina Serale** by *Aunt Linda*

**Tuesday**

**August 20**

**Robert Mariotti** by *Cynthia & Jim*

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**August 21**

**Marc Rifice** by *Joe & Virginia Rifice*

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**August 22**

**Margaret DiFranks** by *Women's Club of St. Thomas*

**Friday**

8:30AM

**August 23**

**Rita Bordoni** by *Kristin Burke*

**Saturday**

8:30AM

4:00PM

**August 24**

**Lorraine Pizzi Russo** by *Phil & Elizabeth Amplo*

**Jim Bell** by *Thursday Night Poker Club*

**Marty Brennan, USN** by *Roy Sutton*

**Maria Mattessich** by *Scrivanich Family*

**Ralph Marri** by *Anthony & Gail Squicimarr*

**Jane Cortellessa** by *Cortellessa Family*

**Sunday**

7:00AM

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM

**September 25**

**Sally Sooy** by *Anthony & Deb Phillips*

**George Driscoll** by *Denise Driscoll*

**Sabrina Gildea** by *Marcella Pettorossi*

**Philomena Arena** by *Annie & Mark Weichman*

**Nancy Collins** by *Re & Mike*

**Fran Byers** by *St. Thomas Choir*

**Robert Long** by *Elena Italiano*

**Albert Brotschul** by *Re & Mike*

**Florence Theresa Long** by *Mr. & Mrs. Bernhammer*

5:30PM

**Miles Davies** by *Annie & Mark Weichman*



**“What you do after you say you believe”**

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics who live Stewardship from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

**Collections for:  
August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 11,447.00**  
**E-Giving: \$ 2,290.00**  
**\$ 13,737.00**

**National Shrine Collection: \$ 2,618.00**



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**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** at the 9:30 mass **WILL NOT** be held over the summer months due to the overflow into St. Philip Hall. The **Kids Bulletin and Step by Step Weekly Activity Worksheets** will be available each weekend during June, July, and August in the vestibule, parking lot side entrance, and in St. Philip Hall.

*Prayer Requests*



**FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Dr. Michael Colondrillo, Mildred Boyer, Kim Sutton**  
Please keep their families in your prayers.

**FOR OUR SICK:**

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Steve Steranko, M. Mazzoni, Marie Twist, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, Celine Powell, Zoe Rodriguez, Diane Certo, Melanie Hudson, LaMarr Gable, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Presley McBride, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Carol Graham, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, Joseph Guglielmo, James Ruggiano, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Andy Papp, Stacie Williams, Leah Loreaux

**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, 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

**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**

Along with its profound sacramental impact, the presence of wine at the Eucharistic table can also serve as a reminder of those people who struggle with alcohol consumption. Binge drinking and heavy alcohol use are just two of the ways that people abuse alcohol, issues that can have serious physical - and mental-health ramifications. Consider volunteering at a local Alcoholics Anonymous support group.

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**Ministry Schedule August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Tim Capewell	F. Burbridge	F. Streeper, J. D’Ascenzo, P. Lipari,
<b>SUN. 7:00AM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	B. McDonald	G. & M. Gallagher, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	A. Solari, K. Mogan, G. Espinoza
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	M. Brindisi, P. Zuber, G. Scutti
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Leighton	J. Murray	Deacon, R. Wilson, T. Tomlin, K. Murray
<b>SUN. 5:30PM</b>	Fr. Ed	B. Bologa	B. DeLucry

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



**SOUTH JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

**2024 APPEAL:  
"THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM"**

**OUR PARISH GOAL IS: \$106,400**

Our Parish has raised **\$ 85,098.50** to date,  
which is **80%** of our goal.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



Scan here to make your gift online!



# Religious Education



**REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025**

**\$80<sup>00</sup> - Individual**

**\$140<sup>00</sup> - Family**

**RETURNING STUDENTS:**

**Registration forms were recently mailed.** Please return forms and tuition payment to the Parish Office by September 10<sup>th</sup>. **A late fee will be applied after September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**NEW STUDENTS:**

**Please pick up a registration form at the Parish Office during business hours.** The completed forms and tuition fees are due by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grades 1 thru 4 attend 4pm - 5pm**

**Grades 5 thru 8 attend 6pm - 7pm**



**CAMDEN DIOCESAN SURVEY**

**Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**

**SURVEY IS NOW ACTIVE!**

**July 30th - September 3rd**

**Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey!** This important survey is essential in helping St. Thomas the Apostle Parish assess our greatest strengths and opportunities - so that our parish can thrive! If you're a parishioner, take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ.

**The link is:**

**<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bckcc5>**

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the entrances of the church. To submit the completed survey, please drop them in the locked wooden box located under the poor box at the main entrance.

**\*\*\* If you need assistance completing the survey online, please stop by the parish office during business hours and a staff member will log you in and assist you as needed. \*\*\***



# Volunteers Needed!

JPPCO

**ALTAR ANGELS  
(Launder and Iron Church Linens)**

If you are interested in helping our Altar Angels Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 609-266-2123 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you with further information. You may only need to do this approximately once a month. You will be placed in the rotation. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Congratulations to Our Parishioners  
Celebrating August Anniversaries**

Our prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to live your vows.



**Sylvia & Gil Scutti, 56 Years**  
**Kimberly & Richard Budney, 26 Years**



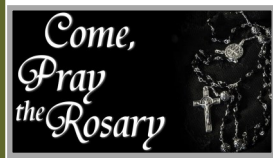
St. Thomas continues to support “**Moms in Need**” at the Jersey Shore Women’s Center in Galloway. This crisis pregnancy center provides support to all women and their families, in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need.

**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.



**Rosary for Peace**

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

**Knights of Columbus**

**Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.**  
**SATURDAY: 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**



**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Please be aware that our monthly **Scripture Study WILL NOT** be held in August. We will resume on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

**True Spirit Coalition**

*Hunger Never Takes a Vacation*

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942

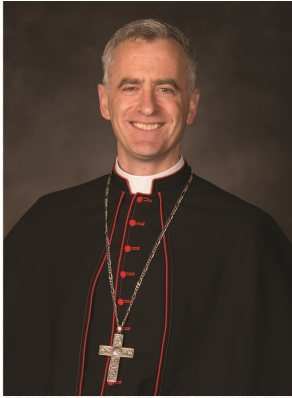
Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

**All items must be new:**

**Cleaning Supplies and Laundry Detergent**

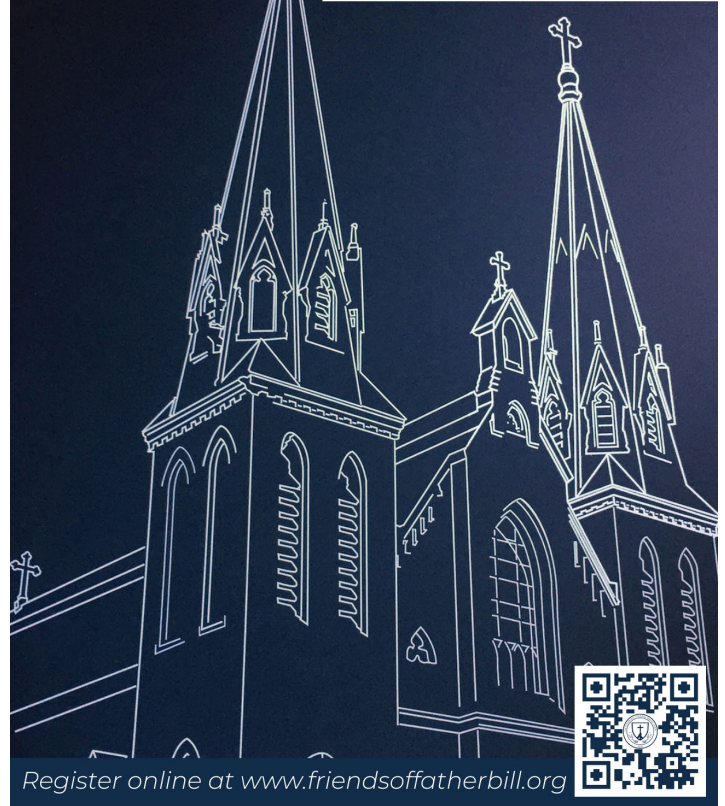
Donations can be placed in the designated **food bank boxes** located in the Main Entrance foyer of the church. Your donations will be delivered to the True Spirit Coalition each week. **For more information, please call Eileen Robbins at 610-721-7438.**

## DIOCESAN INFORMATION



## FR. BILL ATKINSON PILGRIMAGE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**  
Prayer Service begins at 3:30 PM  
**AT ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH**  
Followed by a 4-mile accessible walk  
**TO OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**



Register online at [www.friendsoffatherbill.org](http://www.friendsoffatherbill.org)

# Save the Date

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN WELCOMES

THE MOST REVEREND  
JOSEPH ANDREW WILLIAMS  
ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS  
COADJUTOR BISHOP  
OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

SEPTEMBER **10** 2024 | 2PM

### MASS OF WELCOME

SAINT AGNES CHURCH | OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH  
701 LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD | BLACKWOOD, NJ 08012

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other.

The next weekend dates are Sep 20 - 22 and Dec 6 -8. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.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**