

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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

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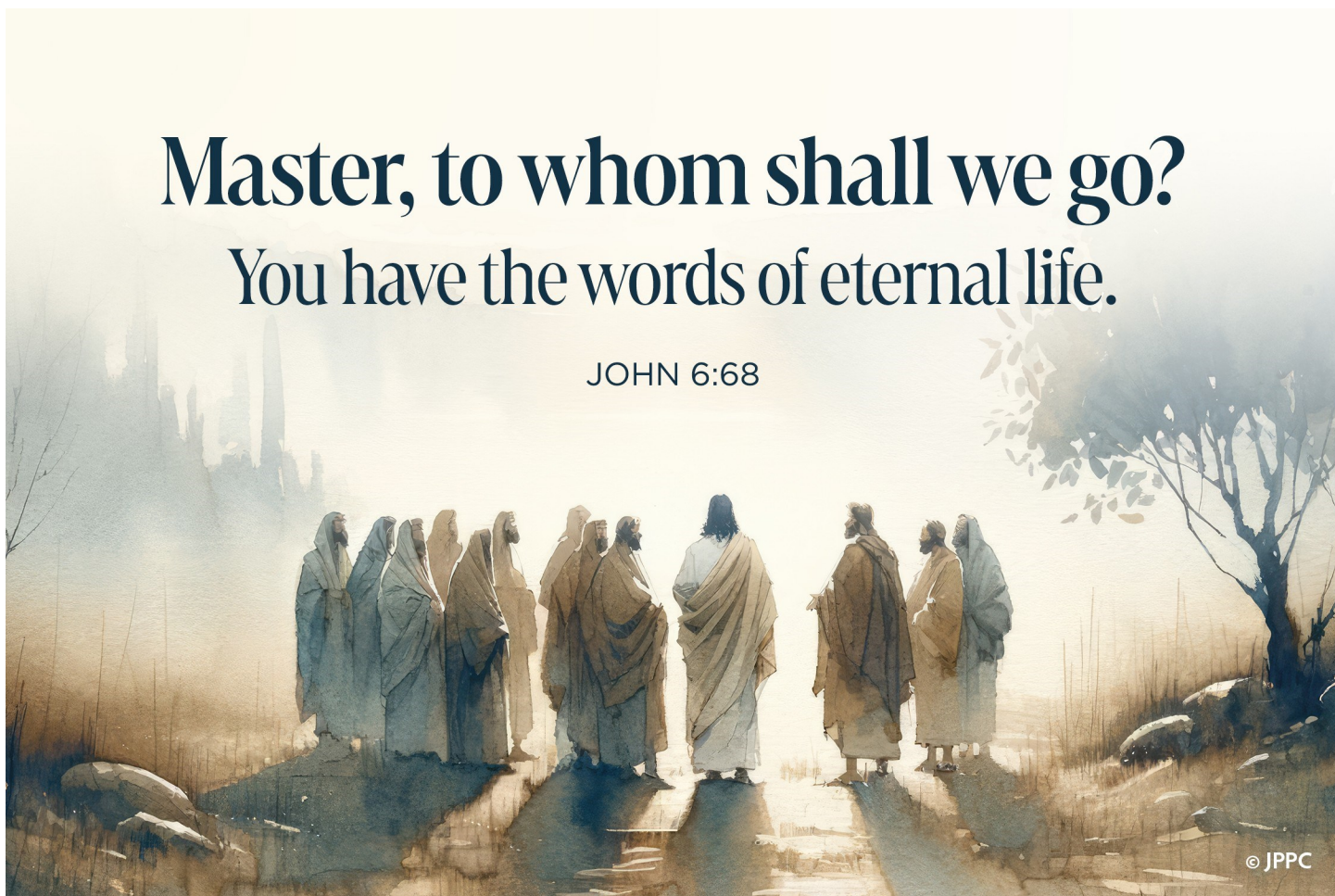
*"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."*

**WINTER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

August 25, 2024  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

JOHN 6:68



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### 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:

Mary Jane Kelso,

[kelso.music@stabrig.org](mailto:kelso.music@stabrig.org)

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Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 24</b>
8:30AM	<b>Lorraine Pizzi Russo</b> by <i>Phil &amp; Elizabeth Amplo</i>
4:00PM	<b>Jim Bell</b> by <i>Thursday Night Poker Club</i>
	<b>Marty Brennan, USN</b> by <i>Roy Sutton</i>
	<b>Maria Mattessich</b> by <i>Scrivanich Family</i>
	<b>Ralph Marri</b> by <i>Anthony &amp; Gail Squiccimarr</i>
	<b>Jane Cortellessa</b> by <i>Cortellessa Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 25</b>
7:00AM	<b>Sally Sooy</b> by <i>Anthony &amp; Deb Phillips</i>
8:00AM	<b>George Driscoll</b> by <i>Denise Driscoll</i>
9:30AM	<b>Sabrina Gildea</b> by <i>Marcella Pettorossi</i>
11:00AM	<b>Philomena Arena</b> by <i>Annie &amp; Mark Weichman</i>
	<b>Nancy Collins</b> by <i>Re &amp; Mike</i>
	<b>Fran Byers</b> by <i>St. Thomas Choir</i>
	<b>Robert Long</b> by <i>Elena Italiano</i>
	<b>Albert Brotschul</b> by <i>Re &amp; Mike</i>
	<b>Florence Theresa Long</b> by <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bernhammer</i>
5:30PM	<b>Miles Davies</b> by <i>Annie &amp; Mark Weichman</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 26</b>
8:30AM	<b>Catherine &amp; Frank Grove</b> by <i>Anne Grove</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 27</b>
8:30AM	<b>Josephine &amp; Anthony Chianese</b> by <i>Anne Grove</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 28</b>
8:30AM	<b>Kay McNamara</b> by <i>Cynthia &amp; Jim</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 29</b>
8:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of Sulimay Family</b> by <i>Madeline</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 30</b>
8:30AM	<b>Florence Long</b> by <i>Lynne &amp; Bob Flanagan</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 31</b>
8:30AM	<b>Betty &amp; Roland Tilli</b> by <i>Frank &amp; Alba Benischeck</i>
4:00PM	<b>Sally Sooy</b> by <i>MJ Kelso &amp; Kim Urban</i>
	<b>Michael Farrell</b> by <i>John League</i>
	<b>Marty Brennan, USN</b> by <i>Roy Sutton</i>
	<b>Mary Spence</b> by <i>The Women's Club of St. Thomas</i>
	<b>Lynda Sutton</b> by <i>Roy Sutton</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 1</b>
7:00AM	<b>Vincent J. O'Rangers</b> by <i>Mary &amp; Children</i>
	<b>Betty &amp; Roland Tilli</b> by <i>Frank &amp; Alba</i>
	<b>Fran Bennett</b> by <i>Anthony &amp; Deb Phillips</i>
8:00AM	<b>Marie Mogan</b> by <i>Mogan Family</i>
9:30AM	<b>Rose Mary Lawall</b> by <i>LaMar &amp; Family</i>
11:00AM	<b>Carmen Castagna</b> by <i>Wife Carmel &amp; Children</i>
5:30PM	<b>Theresa Cain</b> by <i>Laura &amp; Dennis Olejniczak</i>



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

*“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”  
Joshua 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become Stewards in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

**Collections for:  
August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$12,887.00  
E-Giving: \$ 1,961.00  
School: \$ 2,053.00  
\$ 16,901.00**

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



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 NOTE**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Please be aware that our monthly **Scripture Study** **WILL resume on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

*Prayer Requests*



**FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Edward Dominick**

*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**

Even the Son of God dealt with relationship issues, including with people in his close circle of disciples. Jesus' experience of betrayal may resonate with people who experienced betrayal at the hands of their family or friends after coming out as LGBTQ. The roots of homophobia run deep. LGBTQ youth who face betrayal or rejection from family are at a greater risk for suicide and other health problems. Reach out to a local LGBTQ resource center. See if there are ways you can support people who have experienced the pain of betrayal.

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**Ministry Schedule August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, M. Stinson, W. Litwinczuk
<b>SUN. 7:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	J. Robbins	G. & M. Gallagher, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	To Be Determined	L. Camerota	B. O'Connor, B. Ferris, K. Savini
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	R. Pennestri	J. Staffieri, R. Pagoulatos, S. Smith
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Leighton	J. Levins	Deacon, L., Flanagan, T. Tomlin, J. Murray
<b>SUN. 5:30PM</b>	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	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 **\$ 86,098.50** to date,  
which is **80.9%** of our goal.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



Scan here to make your gift online!

**Welcome to Our Parish Family**



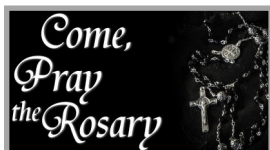
We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized during the month:

**Charles Edward Busta**

**Bear Douglas Easlick**

**Edward Teddy Michael Caulfield**

**Payton Mae Malia**



**Rosary for Peace**

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



**REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025**

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

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

**RETURNING STUDENTS:**

**Registration forms were mailed this week.** 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**

**Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey** in order to strengthen St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. **Complete the survey today** and help St. Thomas the Apostle Parish thrive.

**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. \*\*\***



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**ALTAR ANGELS**  
*(Lauder 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* **WINNERS!**

**50/50 Raffle**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Bell Family</b>                | <b>Georgia</b>      |
| <b>Andre Cassara</b>              | <b>Brigantine</b>   |
| <b>Joe &amp; Barbara Corcoran</b> | <b>Brigantine</b>   |
| <b>MaryAnn DeJulius</b>           | <b>Brigantine</b>   |
| <b>Cindy Douglas</b>              | <b>Brigantine</b>   |
| <b>Nancy Formica</b>              | <b>Brigantine</b>   |
| <b>Mary Jane Kelso</b>            | <b>Brigantine</b>   |
| <b>Nancy Norton</b>               | <b>Somers Point</b> |
| <b>Dominic Pucci</b>              | <b>Voorhees</b>     |
| <b>Elizabeth Williams</b>         | <b>Brigantine</b>   |

**Each lucky winner received \$ 1,079<sup>00</sup>**

**Dock's Oyster House Gift Certificate**

**Margaret Fish, Hockessin, DE**

**CONGRATULATION TO ALL OUR WINNERS!**



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.



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**

**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.

## DIOCESAN INFORMATION

*There's no place like*  
**HOLY SPIRIT HIGH SCHOOL**  
Rooted in our Catholic identity, Holy Spirit High School educates and inspires the entire person, mind, body, and spirit, while fostering academic success and a culture of service.



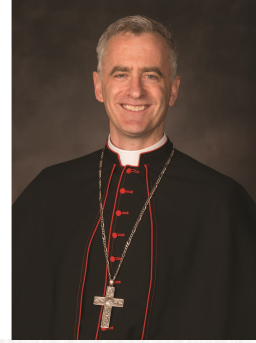
*Celebrating 100 years of faith, family and tradition!*

*Be a part of the Spartan Tradition*  
Open House 10/28 Spartan for a Day 11/15  
For more information call (609) 646-3000 ext. 413 or  
email kbymes@holyspirithighschool.com



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*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 | 2 PM

MASS OF WELCOME

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

### 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**

As the new school year approaches, it's the perfect time to start exploring high school options for the 2025-2026 academic year. Holy Spirit High School has some exciting opportunities lined up just for you!

At Holy Spirit High School, we work tirelessly to ensure every student finds their place and thrives. Our admissions team is here to guide you and your student through the amazing opportunities we offer. We can't wait to learn about the unique gifts and talents your child will bring to our vibrant community as we embark on this educational journey together.

### Save the Date!

#### Fall Open House

Date: Monday, October 28th, 2024

Time: 6PM - 8PM

Location: HSHS Gymnasium

#### Spartan for a Day

Date: Friday, November 15th, 2024

Time: 8AM - 1PM

Come meet our dedicated staff, explore our programs, and see firsthand why Holy Spirit High School is the perfect place for your child to shine. We look forward to meeting your family and helping you explore all that we have to offer.

### 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).