

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

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

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

www.arcs.org

Principal: Joanne McKnight

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mary Jane Kelso,

kelso.music@stabrig.org

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EDUCATION: Deacon Len Long

Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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DEADLINE - WED., 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

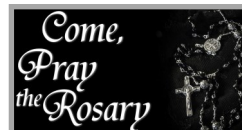


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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	December 14
8:30AM	Frank Dominico by Marie Hillman
4:00PM	Rita Durante by Sunshine Bingo Club
	Willy Johnson by Annie & Mark Weichman
	Michael Esposito, Jr. by Mary & Joseph Serpente
	Eugenia Van Winkle by Family
Sunday	December 15(3rd Sunday of Advent)
8:00AM	Sally Sooy by Kitten Cooke
9:30AM	Robert Gentile by Sister Carmel
11:00AM	Helen Stipo by Joe & MJ Kelso
	Robert Long by Kathe & John Murray
	Nick Stabile by Mary
	Florence Theresa Long by Mike & Gail Gallagher
	Joseph DeGovann by Turzanski Family
	Susan Ruddle by Thiry Family
Monday	December 16
8:30AM	Nick DiFranks by Family
Tuesday	December 17
8:30AM	Walter Negeron by Sally Colon
Wednesday	December 18
8:30AM	Theresa Cain by Canuso Family
Thursday	December 19
8:30AM	Gerry Kilroy by Joe Migatz
Friday	December 20
8:30AM	Edward Dominick by Joe Migatz
Saturday	December 21
8:30AM	Joseph Fichtner by Richard Rush
4:00PM	Alan DeStefano by Betsy & Michael Dougherty
	Sally Sooy by Barbara Schaffer
	Dr. Car. J. Minniti, Sr. by Barbara Jaffe
	Geraldine Kilroy by Mindy & Dennis Haney & Family
Sunday	December 22 (4th Sunday of Advent)
8:00AM	Joseph Kelso, Sr. by Joe & MJ Kelso
	Elizabeth Maguire by Maguire Children
	Sally Sooy by Jan Persson
	Charles Allen Willever by Cooke & George Riker
	Louis Lombardi by Cooke & George Riker
9:30AM	Neil J. Vitiello by Wife & Family
11:00AM	Bob Champagne by Barbara Jaffe



Rosary for Peace

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





“What you do after you say you believe”

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” Philipians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous Stewards sharing all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**Collections for:
Dec. 1st & 2nd**

**Offertory: \$ 8,601.00
E-Giving: \$ 1,862.00
School: \$ 991.00
\$11,274.00**



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.



- Dec. 16 4Ever Young Sing A Long 6:00pm (Church)
- Dec. 17 Rosary 7:00pm
- Dec. 18 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)
Pageant Practice 4:00pm - 5:00pm (Church)
- Dec. 21 Additional Confessions 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Dec. 23 NO CCD CLASSES
- Dec. 25 Parish Office Closed (Merry Christmas)
- Dec. 26 Parish Office Closed
- Dec. 30 NO CCD CLASSES

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angelo Patras, Marianne Crilley, John Shannon, Lou Costanza

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, Zoe Rodriguez, Diane Certo, Melanie Hudson, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Leah Loreaux, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Carol Graham, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, James Ruggiano, John Gans, Cheryl Kenney, Stacie Williams, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Annmarie Staffieri, Rob Moody, Andy Papp, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Diane Anderson, Robert Granieri, Dora Meyers, Jimmy Olizo

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

The words of John the Baptist are as challenging today as they were to his hearers. Two thousand-plus years later, over a billion people lack enough food to provide them with basic nutrition, while large amounts of food are thrown away each day. Food Not Bombs is an all-volunteer organization that provides vegetarian meals to low-income and homeless people through its chapters all over the world. See if there is a chapter in your area or a similar organization that is focused on the preferential option for the poor and human dignity.

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Ministry Schedule December 21st & December 22nd

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Dougherty	F. Streeper, B.DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	L. Camerota	A. Solari, D. Phillips, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi, P. Zuber
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our tradition here at St. Thomas' is to decorate the Altar and church with beautiful Poinsettia Flowers as we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to make a donation IN MEMORY (deceased) or IN HONOR of a loved one. The envelope is included in the packet or can be found at the entrances of the church. The envelopes will be placed and remain on the Altar during the Christmas season.

Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory / Honor of...
(Please Print)

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Additional Confessions

On **Saturday, December 21st**, additional confessions will be heard after the 4pm Mass during the hour of **5:00pm - 6:00pm**.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, Dec. 24

4:00pm - Children's Mass

6:00pm - Mass

10:00pm - Mass (caroling @9:35pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 25

9:30am - Mass ONLY

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, Dec. 31

4:00pm - Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, Jan. 1

8:30am

LITTLE CATHOLIC SHOP

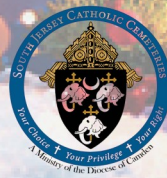
We are fully stocked with items for everyone on your Christmas list. Stop by and see our array of specialty items. We also have cards and gifts for all occasions and Sacraments. The shop is open every Sunday after all morning masses.



Join Us For Advent Mass

Masses will be held in our Chapel Mausoleums at 10 a.m.

- 12/16 All Saints Cemetery | Newfield
- 12/16 Holy Cross Cemetery | Mays Landing
- 12/16 Sacred Heart Cemetery | Vineland
- 12/17 Calvary Cemetery | Cherry Hill
- 12/20 New St. Mary Cemetery | Bellmawr



For more information visit:

southjerseycatholiccemeteries.org/events/category/main-events/

Children's Liturgy 9:30am Mass

If you have young children, know that they are welcome at Mass! We have a special liturgy for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students every Sunday at 9:30am Mass. The Liturgy of the Word is taught to the children in words they can understand. We look forward to seeing and teaching your children.

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.

A Holiday "Family" Event
Sponsored by 4Ever Young
ALL AGES INVITED



Join Us for a Christmas Sing Along With:
Jackie & The Gents!

Pizza & Sandwiches Will Be
Served After The Concert.

Any questions call Eileen Robbins
610-721-7438

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

6:00PM @ St. Thomas Church



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.

True Spirit Coalition
Hunger Never Takes a Vacation

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942
Brigantine, NJ 08203

Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

All items must be new:

Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce

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.**

BULLETIN DEADLINES UPDATED

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ALL BULLETIN DEADLINES HAVE BEEN CHANGED. Please contact the Parish Office @ 609-266-2123 for further information. **The changes will be in effect until January 5th, 2025**

ANNOUNCEMENTS must be received in the office by **WEDNESDAY, 10 days prior** to the weekend of publication. They may also be emailed to bulletin@stabrig.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OPEN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

8:00AM - 1:00PM

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.

We have items for every room of your house. Also, **we have seasonal (fall, Halloween, and Christmas) decorations. We look forward to seeing you.**

PLEASE NOTE: *We ARE NOT accepting donations at this time.*****



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 discreetly.

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