

CHRISTMAS

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**WELCOME TO
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH**

To Schedule Baptisms & Weddings
Please call the Parish Office.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held after the 11:00am 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. Also, we have special programs for children & 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.**

Altar Flowers

This is a nice way to remember your loved ones. The donation is \$50. Contact the Parish Office.

**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.

Weekly Devotions

Rosary: Mon. - Fri. : after 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 8:10am & Tuesday: 7PM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday

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.

Mass Intentions

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday	December 26 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
8:00AM	Carol Gonzalez by Donald & Linda Mattessich
9:30AM	Jim Ryan, Sr. by Anne Grove
11:00AM	Carol Gonzalez by Robert Eiler, Sr.
4:00PM	Donald J. P. Sweeney by Trendler Family
	Ed Mong by Joe & MJ Kelso
	Parishioners of St. Thomas
	Lee Straub by Bill O'Rourke
Monday	December 27
8:30AM	Fred Gattis by Mike & Gail Gallagher
Tuesday	December 28
8:30AM	Fred Gattis by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer
Wednesday	December 29
8:30AM	Frank Giordano by Tom & Loretta
Thursday	December 30
8:30AM	Betty Miller by Ken & Marge Schroeder
Friday	December 31
8:30AM	Fred Gattis by Trish & Jiim Levins
4:00PM	Marie Pompo by Glenn Pompo
Saturday	January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)
8:30AM	Rev James Dabrowski by Sheila Daily
4:00PM	Lynda N. Sutton by Kathleen Zuber & Son Paul
	Paul Gatley by Joe & Eileen Kelly
	Louis Borkowski by Mary Fox
	Christian Borkowski by Diane Borkowski, Mother

NEW YEAR'S EVE: 4:00PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY: 8:30AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAT: 4:00PM

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

(9:30 livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM

or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Krzysztof Wtorek

PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Len Long

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

(609) 266-2123 office@stabrig.org

A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

MERRY CHRISTMAS! This past year has not been an easy one, we have had over forty funerals. So many good, faithful people have gone on home to the Lord. At one time, we called them pillars of the church. Many of them had incredible gifts and talents. I am happy for them, they are more thrillingly alive than at any other time. We would not want to deny them heaven. My concern is who is going to come along and to do the things these wonderful people were doing for years?

At times we can get discouraged. Things can look bleak. Fortunately, we have a parish of hopeful people. We can support each other so we don't get too down. At times we all have finite disappointments, but fortunately, we have infinite hope. Keep doing the good things the Lord wants you to do each day. Never surrender to hopelessness.

Christmas gives us hope! It tells us that God didn't just create us and was unconcerned about us. He continues to care for us. We don't know what the New Year will bring, but we know he will be with us. Our God will never hurt us, reject us, or forget us. You can count on that.

On behalf of the clergy and staff, I would like to extend our best wishes to all our parishioners and friends of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Maher



Stewardship is a way of life based on the Gospel. As disciples, we are called to be faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your continued generosity and participation in our parish.

For online giving, visit our website:
www.stthomasbrigantine.org or go directly to
www.parishgiving.org.



Please Note:

For everyone's convenience, an additional Mass has been added on **Sunday, Dec. 26th at 4:00pm.**



FOR OUR SICK:

Maryann Atack, Derek Caster, Jim Covert, Erin Fender, Anthony Mauceri, Joan DiBona, Joe Whitesell, Baby Aurora Gross, Theresa Mong, Lisa Lee, Bernadette Burke, Ralph Lillie Family, Kitty Huegel, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Melanie Caprio, Robert Moody, Armstrong Family, Celine Powell, Camilla Tremblay, Christian Afanador, Carol Graham, Paddy Kelso-Sheridan, Richard Warren, Marsdale, Frank DiBona, Jeanne Stretch, Ryan Ladd, Nicole Troiano, Thomas Pomager, Joan Orlando, Stan Seksinsky, Peter Staffieri, Christine Staffieri, Mary Seader, Kristina McDaniel, Dominic Delia, Benjamin Berkowitz

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

1st Lt. Robert Glanville, USMC, Maj. Jeffrey Moon, USAF
Lt. Connor F. Burbridge, US Army, Sgt. Matt Krimm, US Army,
Maj. Matt Valnoski, US Army, Cpl. Tristen T. Barry, USMC,
Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army, Cpl. Ronald DeWaal, USMC,
Capt. Mark J. Marsella, USMC, Seaman Christopher Scharr,
USN, PFC Jayro Witkowski, US Army

Prayer Chain Network: The network prays for the immediate needs of others. To make a confidential request, please contact Barry Scholcoff at 609-266-7888.

Ministry Schedule December 31st, January 1st & 2nd

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
FRI. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	B. DeLucry, P. Zuber
SAT. 8:30AM	Fr. Krzysztof	J. Robbins	B. Ferris, B. O'Connor
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Harvey	F. Streeper, J. Kozub
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Robbins	A. Solari, A. Grove
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Krzysztof	J. Levins	J. Staffieri, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	B. Bologna	Deacon, F. & J. Sucharski

If you cannot attend, Please find a replacement. THANK YOU!

Liturgy and Life

Let us recall that in our world there are many different images of what a family may look like. There are countless versions of extended, blended, and foster families. Be mindful that any special blessings don't focus on "mom, dad, and two kids," for this is not the norm for many households, and your efforts, though well-intentioned, may be painful to some. Recall the dignity of all. The USCCB document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* reminds us, "We revere the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, and indeed the lives of all human beings as children of God" (45). Be hospitable!

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LAST CHANCE

In the Parish Office and Catholic Shop.

2022 Calendar Raffle

90 Chances to win & only \$20 each

(you can win more than once)

\$50.00 Winner Every Day

5 Special Holiday Winners

Receive \$100.

Calendar Dates: January 1st - March 31st

These calendars make great gifts for anyone: hostess, mail carriers, neighbors, delivery drivers, etc.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH!



Stocking
Stuffers



Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Top photo: **2nd Grade Poster Artists**

Bottom photo: **3rd & 4th Grade Poster Artists**





The Women's Club of St. Thomas

A caring community of Christian Women
within our Church

Thank You

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Brigantine wishes to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Cookie Walk and Santa's Gift Shop. A special thank you to all our bakers, both in the Women's Club and those from our Parish Community who were so gracious to share their time and talent.

Thanks also to our Elves' who worked so hard to set up, decorate and work the event. It could not have been done so successfully without you.

Finally, a big thank you to our Vendors who participated and all the community who came out to buy our cookies, you made this event a success!

January Meeting

Happy New Year! And welcome all Women's Club members. We will hold our January meeting on **Wednesday January 12th at our new time of 6:30 p.m. in St. Philip Hall.** Unvaccinated members are asked to wear a mask. We will be collecting men's underwear for distribution to the homeless (refer to your email for details). New members are always welcome to join our club.

Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating DECEMBER Anniversaries

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

John & Cheryl Barrett, 40 years
Joe & Susan Marsella, 31 years

Altar Angels

Please remember to pick up your new schedules. They are available in the Sacristy. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



Saturday, December 31st Doors open 7:45pm

\$50 per person

An array of hot & cold appetizers, salad station,
dinner served buffet style includes:

Pan Seared Chicken Breast
Baked Penne Pasta
Steamed Asparagus, Steamed Carrots
Carved Prime Rib
Baked Virginia Ham
dessert, Music & Dancing
BYOB

questions or concerns, please call
Mike Brindisi @ 609-220-7677

***** ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE VACCINATED*****

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Children's Liturgy is returning to St. Thomas! Starting on January 9th at the 9:30 mass, Pre-K through 3rd Grade children can once again join in on our Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Participating families should sit in the front right side of the church near the Baptismal font. We're always in need of volunteers to spread God's word to our children, especially parents or grandparents. So bring the kids to mass and join them in their faith journey! For questions or more information, call Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

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.

Missals available for the Liturgical year 2022

Missals will continue to be available for purchase for a \$5 donation. They are available in the church office, little Catholic Shop or main foyer of the church. We are doing this to ensure the safety of all our parishioners and visitors due to Covid precautions.

ARCS Open House Wednesday, January 19th

Assumption Regional Catholic School offers a quality catholic education for students in grades: PreK3 (Full Day), PreK4 (Full Day, Kindergarten (Full Day) and grades 1st through 8th

Religion classes daily including sacramental preparation

Students attend mass monthly

Low student/teacher ratio for PreK3 through 8

New families who are coming from a non-catholic school or are currently home schooled and register their students in grades 1-7 will receive the following reductions off their tuition for their first year (rates are based on the 2021-2022 school year):

First child current tuition \$5,250 - \$1,500 (grant) = \$3,750 for the year or ~\$375 for 10 months

Second child current tuition \$4,253 - \$1,190 (grant) = \$3,063 for the year or ~\$306.30 for 10 months

Third child + current tuition \$3,443 - \$990 (grant) = \$2,453 for the year or ~\$254.30 for 10 months

To schedule an appointment time please email cflammer@arcsalloway.org



The Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross would like to say Thank You to all who participated in their recent blood drive. During this drive, 24 pints of blood were collected and numerous lives were enriched by the donation. Thank You!



Dec. 28th	Rosary 7:00pm
Dec. 31st	Mass 4:00pm New Year's Eve Party 7:45pm (Hall)
Jan. 1st	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Jan. 4th	Rosary 7:00pm

RESEPECT LIFE MINISTRY

A group of parishioners have come together in support of fostering a culture of life that cherishes and protects **every human life**. If you are interested in being a part of this timely ministry, contact Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 for more details on how you can get involved.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish continues to support "Moms in Need" at the JERSEY SHORE WOMENS CENTER located at 335 E. Jimmie Leeds Road (Building 200) in Galloway. This 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 1-6); Pull Ups (Sizes 2T-5T); Wipes; Formula - Enfamil Gentlease (Purple Label); Blankets; Crib Sheets; Baby Bottles (Avent and Dr. Brown); Gift Cards (Target; Shoprite; Amazon; Walmart, Visa); Baby Toiletries (Shampoo, Lotion, Tylenol, Orajel, Diaper Rash Cream).

For more information or to schedule a donation pick up or drop off, call Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

The center also accepts maternity clothing and donations of small portable baby items such as strollers, booster seats, pack n plays, toys and books.