

Holy Family



**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.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	December 28
8:30AM	Constance Emig by Jeff & MaryEllen Cameron
4:00PM	Theresa Cain by Tom & Rose McGrath
	Michael Colondrillo by Jean Frugoli & Family
Sunday	December 29 (Feast of the Holy Family)
8:00AM	Sally Sooy by Widmann Family
9:30AM	Sally Sooy by Barbara Schaffer
	Diane Culleny by McArdle Sisters
11:00AM	Myriam Puerto by Woods Family
Monday	December 30
8:30AM	Donald Fegan by Women’s Club of St. Thomas
Tuesday	December 31
8:30AM	Thomas & Barbara Smaldore by Rick Noble
4:00PM	Jospeh Price by Paul & Chris Mercurio
Wednesday	January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
8:30AM	Rev. James Dombrowski by Sheila Daily
Thursday	January 2
8:30AM	Enza Pinto by Janice & Ricchina
Friday	January 3
8:30AM	Adam M. Busch by Turzanski Family
Saturday	January 4
8:30AM	Thomas William Liska by George & Cookie
4:00PM	Anna DiGiacomo by George & Beckie Kuhl
	Tess Fox by Tom & Regina Muccifori
	Joe Guglielmo by Roseann & Anthony DiMaggio
	Millie Boyer by Women’s Club of St. Thomas
	Joyce Corrigan by Joe Corrigan & Family
	Margie Duncan by Tomassi Family
Sunday	January 5 (Epiphany of The Lord)
8:00AM	Jim Hillsbery by Glick & Samson Families
9:30AM	Domenico Catini by Larry & Sharon DeGiacomo
11:00AM	Theresa Cain by Bingo Club
	Barbara Karagula by Sister, Mary
	Joyce Kull by Sister, Mary
	Marie Gallagher by Bonnie & John Magro
	Patricia Kowaleski by Family

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

609-266-2123

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

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

office@stabrig.org

**Parish Office Closed
New Year’s Day**



“What you do after you say you believe”

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 John 3:1

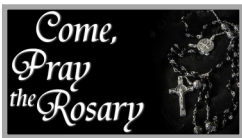
During this Stewardship season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Collections for:
Dec. 14th & Dec. 15th
Offertory: \$ 6,964.00
E-Giving: \$ 1,867.00
School: \$ 971.00
\$ 9,802.00

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



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.



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

Prayer Requests

FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Steve Steranko, Marie Twist, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, Diane Certo, Zoe Rodriguez, 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, John Gans, James Ruggiano, Cheryl Kenney, Stacie Williams, Rob Moody, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Annmarie Staffieri, Andy Papp, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Diane Anderson, Robert Granieri, Dora Meyers, Jimmy Olizo, Joe Cawley

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

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
 Closer reflection on the readings for Year C presents the Church with images that also reach beyond the domestic images of family. As we approach the commemoration of the World Day of Prayer for Peace on January 1, today would be a gift to your people by not only honoring the family within the domestic Church setting, but widening the vision to see that we are all God’s children, and we are responsible for one another. Include prayers for the various needs of God’s family within the world during the Universal Prayer.
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Ministry Schedule January 4th & January 5th			
	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	J. D’Ascenzo, F. Streeper, B. DeLucry
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	J. Robbins	G. Gallagher, A. Solari, D. Phillips
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	R. Pennestri	G. Scutti, P. Zuber, M. Brindisi
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	R. Barone	Deacon, F. Sucharski, R. Wilson

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

The Solemnity of Mary
January 1st



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass Schedule**

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Tuesday, Dec. 31
4:00pm - Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Wednesday, Jan. 1
8:30am - Mass

Welcome to Our Parish Family



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

Vincent Joseph Holdsworth
Kayce Myles Vanzant

REMINDER:

Please be reminded that the **ROSARY FOR PEACE WILL NOT be held on Tuesday, Dec. 31.** We wish you and your family a safe and Happy New Year. See you on Jan. 7th.

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.**

Thank you

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,

The Basilica of St. Lawrence wishes to send a heartfelt thank you for the generous donation of gift cards. The amounts and variety of cards will be given to the many victims of the horrific hurricane that descended upon our area. The clean-up and recovery has been slow but constant. Our terrain is steep and mountainous making it difficult to rebuild on land that was once sitting on quiet streams that were turned into raging rivers. The streams are once again quiet but the land surrounding them may not be buildable. The gift care a welcome reminder of the goodness of people like you who are thing of them in their time of need.

Thank you again and may God bless you in this Christmas season and always.

Sincerely,

The Basilica of St. Lawrence



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.



THANK YOU to everyone who came out on Monday, Dec. 16th and participated in our **Christmas Sing-A-Long with Jackie and The Gents**. All who attended had a great time and helped make this a very successful event. It really made everyone get into the Christmas spirit. An enjoyable time was had by all. Below are a few pictures from the enjoyable event.





SAVE THE DATE!
Designer Bag Bingo

When: Saturday, January 25th
Where: Holy Spirit High School
500 S. New Rd, Absecon, NJ
Time: Doors open @ 5:30pm
Games begin @ 6:00pm

Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Mothers' Guild
 For more information: hsmothersguild@gmail.com

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.**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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.

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.

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 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
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
 Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:
1-855-5HOPE4U