

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

February 02, 2025
Presentation of the Lord



**MY EYES
HAVE SEEN
YOUR
SALVATION.**

LUKE 2:30

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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,
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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

8:30AM

4:00PM

Sunday

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

Tuesday

8:30AM

Wednesday

8:30AM

Thursday

8:30AM

Friday

8:30AM

Saturday

8:30AM

4:00PM

Sunday

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM

February 1

Ursula & Dave Brinkerhoff by Anne Grove

Anna DiGiacomo by Janice & Ricchina

Joseph Guglielmo by Lona M. Catona

Joyce Corrigan by Joe Corrigan & Family

Celine Powell by Eileen & Joe Kelly

Louis Costanzo by George & Beckie Kuhl

Ralph Russo by Catherine Colacurcio

February 2

Anna DiGiacomo by Barb & Joe Cawley

Carlo Sena by Sharon & Larry DeGiacomo

Johnny Bewley by Worthington Family

John T. Daniels, Jr.

by Capt. (Ret.) James V. & Mrs. Amy Daniels

Joe Migatz, Jr. by Guy & Kathy O'Connor & Family

Carolyn Guyer by Michael & Betsy Dougherty

Richard Tomasso by Anne Grove

February 3

Anna DiGiacomo by Trish & Jim Levins

February 4

Fred Schrandt by Mary Alice Noonan

February 5

Rev. John Follett by Sheila Daily

February 6

Joe Guglielmo by Marchesani Family

February 7

Orazio & Giuseppe Bonsignore by Anna & Family

February 8

Ryan Masterson by Anne Grove

Jane Schwab by Joe & MJ Kelso

Anna DiGiacomo by Roseann & Tony DiMaggio

Joe Guglielmo by Rotondi Family

Joe Migatz, Jr. by Joe & Ginny Rifice

Angelo John Patras by Grace Espinoza

February 9

Edward Domenick by Sandee & Dot Park

Frank Culmone by Daughter & Family

Anna DiGiacomo by Marie Faunce

Joe Guglielmo by Andy & Toni Solari

Paul Anthony Maccagnano by John & Marie Hillman

Albert Staffieri by Women's Club of St. Thomas

Thomas Stoeckle, Sr. by Bob & Theresa Stoeckle

Edward Domenick by Anne Grove



“What you do after you say you believe”

Collections for:
January 25th & 26th

Offertory: \$ 6,636.00
E-Giving: \$ 1,592.00
School: \$ 869.00
\$ 9,097.00

Church in Latin America: \$ 313.00



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.



Helping the California Wildfire Victims

In place of a special collection, we ask you to donate directly to:

www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org.

Go to the Los Angeles Wildfires Relief donation page. One hundred percent of all donations will be allocated to the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, which will provide critical humanitarian relief to those most in need.

Thank you for caring!

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Crane, Maryann DeJulius

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, John Gans, 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, Dora Meyers, James Ruggiano, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Annmarie Staffieri, Andy Papp, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Diane Anderson, Robert Granieri, Jimmy Olizo, Joe Cawley, Forest Castellanie, Stephanie Dehnhard, Wesley Winkler

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

The words of Jerimiah are testimony to the intimate connection of God with human life in all its stages and forms. These words also lend scriptural force to the Catholic Church's prohibition of abortion. Yet, so often, abortion foes and proponents engage in recriminating rhetoric that neither prevents abortion nor helps women in crisis. Many organizations, however, are quietly working to help both pregnant women and women who have had abortions. Among them is Project Rachel, a program now operating in many Catholic dioceses that helps women grieve, accept forgiveness, and heal after an abortion.

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Ministry Schedule February 8th & February 9th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	J. D'Ascenzo, M. Stinson, F. Streeper
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	G. Espinoza, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	M. Brindisi, P. Zuber, R.Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

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

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.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The **Office of the Diaconate** is holding a meeting to provide information and answer questions concerning the life and ministry of a permanent deacon. If you, or someone you know, believe that Christ is calling you to serve the Church as a deacon please attend this meeting:

When: Tuesday Feb. 18th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Where: The Diaconate Center
(133 N. 3rd St., Hammonton)**

Who: Any man ages 30 – 55

Please confirm your attendance by calling the Diaconate Office (856-583-2858) or emailing Linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org.

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**.

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.

BULLETIN INSERT REQUESTS must be received in the office **3 WEEKS** prior to the publication date. Once approval is granted, the requesting group will be responsible for putting the inserts into the bulletins when they are delivered. Thank you for your cooperation.



The Women's Club of St. Thomas A caring community of Christian Women within our Church

Greetings to all Women's Club members.

We will hold our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m., in St. Philip Hall**. Members of the Brigantine Fire Department will be discussing emergency safety issues, including the use of a defibrillator. As always, new members are always welcome to join our club.

Save the Date!

The Women's Club of St. Thomas will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Dance on Saturday, March 8, 7-10 pm at St. Philip Hall**. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Women's Club February Meeting or by contacting Nancy Faltyn (609)335-1264 or Dot Richardson (267) 266-2010 for further information. This event is BYOB.

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST


Next Sunday, February 16th
after each morning Mass 8:00, 9:30 &
11:00am
(in St. Philip Hall)

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a
"Sweetheart Breakfast" in honor of
Valentine's Day.



Breakfast includes: Pancakes,
sausage, & drinks.

\$8⁰⁰ per adult & \$4⁰⁰ per child.




Healing Mass on World Day of the Sick


Coadjutor Bishop Joseph A. Williams
will preside at this Mass

Tuesday, February 11
6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Mary Mother of Mercy Parish, Glassboro, NJ.

*Coadjutor Bishop Joseph A. Williams will offer a
prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing
of the Sick will not take place.*



VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
www.vitality.camdendiocese.org

Retrouvaille
... a lifeline for Marriages

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



- Feb. 03 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Feb. 04 Rosary 7:00pm
KoC Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
- Feb. 05 Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
- Feb. 08 Confirmation Retreat 9:00am - 12:00pm (PMR)



Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner!
homemade pasta, meatballs,
salad, coffee & dessert!

When: Sunday, February 16
Time: 4:30PM – 7:00PM
Where: St. Philip Hall


Cost: \$10. per person
\$25. per family
children under five free, under 12 \$5.00

**** Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses;
or can be purchased at the Parish Office.**

ST. JOSEPH WINTER SHELTER

— at —
QUAREMBA
HALL

For information about the St. Joseph Winter Shelter and to sign up to volunteer, please follow the link on our website:
www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael
Or use this QR code:



Thank you for your support,
Your Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

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.

Contact: Eileen Robbins 610-721-7438



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.

VITALity Calls of Joy!



Why start your week with a VITALity Call of Joy?

- Uplifting conversations
- Social interaction
- Easily connect from home
- Free program

► This Life to the Fullest Member benefit includes:

- Meaningful phone conversations
- Compassionate listening
- Full confidentiality

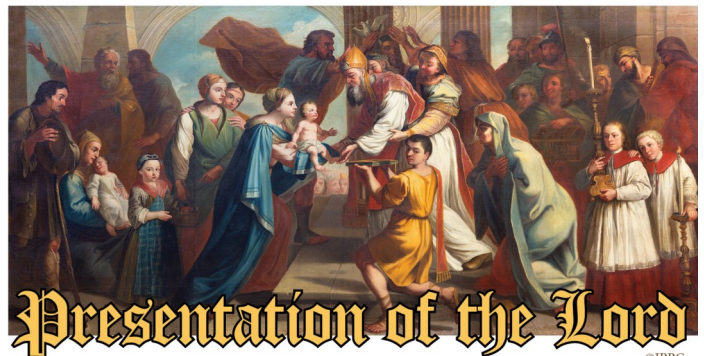
► To sign up for Calls of Joy, go to:

- <https://vitality.camdendiocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/>
- Scan QR code to the right
- Or call 856-583-6123



Not a Life to the Fullest Member? Join for free at: www.vitality.camdendiocese.org

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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

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Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:

1-855-5HOPE4U