

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

“Lord, You have come to the Seashore...”

February 09, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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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

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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.

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 is distributed on the Baptismal Font side of the church.

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.**

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

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

Sunday

8:00AM
9:30AM

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 & Teresa Stoeckle
Edward Domenick by Anne Grove

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

February 10

Helen Sargent by Rehill Family

Tuesday

8:30AM

February 11

Christine Spinelli by Marchesani Family

Wednesday

8:30AM

February 12

Carolyn & Fred Foster by Anne Grove

Thursday

8:30AM

February 13

Anna DiGiacomo by Stan & Alicia Seksinsky

Friday

8:30AM

February 14

Joe Guglielmo by Trish & Jim Levins

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

February 15

Dolores Carlin by Carlin Family
Mildred Boyer by LaMar Buffington & Family
LaMarr Gable by Will & Jane LaVerghetta
William & Mary Lee by Richard & Linda Lee
Fermin Lontoc by Doh & MaryLou Dulay
Louis Costanzo by Bert & Jessie Estlow
Rose V. Iorio by Family

Sunday

8:00AM
9:30AM
11:00AM

February 16

Anna DiGiacomo by Mary O'Rangers
Joe Guglielmo by Manny Ketterer
Troy Smith by Marie & John Hillman
Anna DiGiacomo by Mary Accordino
Stella Stockham by Sister, Fran
Joe Guglielmo by Karen & Dennis Reilly
Damon Galmin, Jr. by John & Kathe Murray
Robert Burns by Steve & Karin Jones
Vincent Iorio, Jr. by Dad



“What you do after you say you believe”

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new Stewardship ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

**Collections for:
February 1st & 2nd**

Offertory: \$ 8,059.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,963.00
School: \$ 862.00
\$11,884.00



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.



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.

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tara Peterson

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, Tom Gullone

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

February is customarily observed as Black History Month in the United States. This offers an opportunity to highlight what has often been neglected in history books and schools: the stories of African American women and men—people like Sojourner Truth, Frederic Douglass, Crispus Attucks, and Rosa Parks. Find out what programs, lectures, or cultural events are being offered in your community during February; commit to attending one or several of them with your family and friends. Participate in discussion groups in your parish or neighborhood. This month-long celebration of history and culture can contribute to a dialogue among races that lasts all year,

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Ministry Schedule February 15th & February 16th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	W. Litwinczuk, B. DeLucry, J. D’Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	To Be Determined	L., Camerota	G. Gallagher, A. Solari, D. Phillips
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	M. Dougherty	G. Scutti, P. Zuber, M. Brindisi
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Murray	Deacon, F. Sucharski, L. Flanagan

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

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.



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

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 BYOB. For additional information and tickets contact **Nancy Faltyn (609)335-1264** or **Dot Richardson (267)226-2010.**



- Feb. 10** Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Feb. 11** Rosary 7:00pm
- Feb. 16** Sweetheart Breakfast after all morning Masses
- Feb. 17** No Religious Ed. Classes
Parish Office Closed (President's Day)
- Feb. 18** Rosary 7:00pm
- Feb. 19** Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that
they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace so that,
with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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


When: Sunday, February 23

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. **




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.*



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INTERFAITH POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Hosted by
THE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1501 West Brigantine Avenue

Sunday: February 23rd @ 1:00pm

Bring a favorite dish to share. Label your item (pasta salad, bean soup, chicken paprika, carrot cake) & indicate if it contains beef, pork, poultry, fish, shellfish, nuts, eggs, or dairy.

**Questions, please contact Sarah Haefele at:
609-266-7942 or brigchurch@aol.com.**

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.

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.**



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.**



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.



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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

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1-866-838-7654 or www.njveteranshelpline.org

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Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:

1-855-5HOPE4U