

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

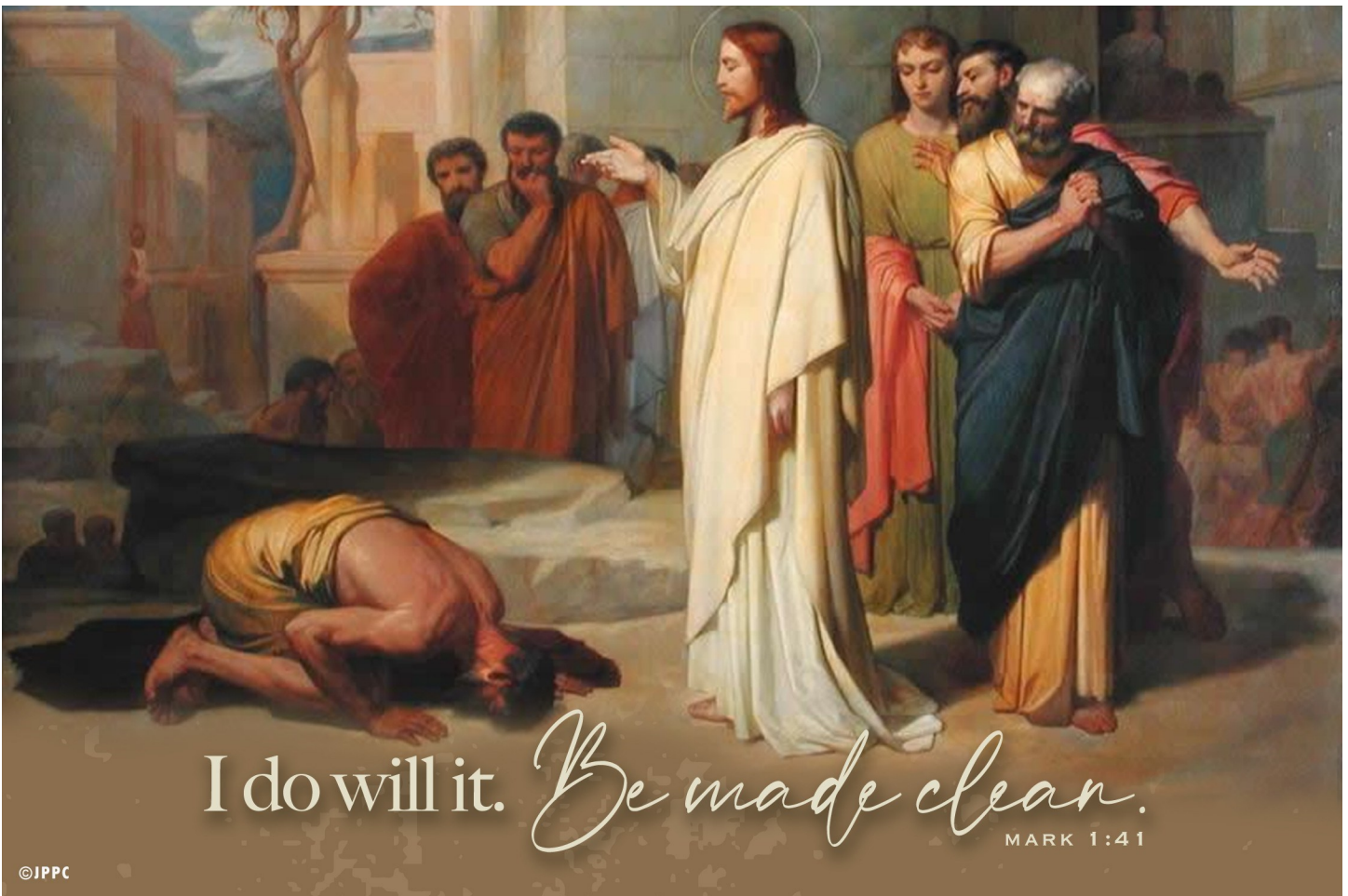
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*"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."*

February 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

### WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM  
or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher  
[e.maher@stabrig.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

### ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,  
609-652-7134

[www.arcs.org](http://www.arcs.org)

Principal Joan Dollinger

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

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**DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 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. 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. Grades 1 - 4 attend from 4pm - 5pm and 5 - 8 attend from 6pm - 7pm. Also, we have special programs for 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.**

**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:** 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 10**

Al Jackson by Family  
Jane Schwab by Joe & MJ Kelso  
Fr. John Franey by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Carroll  
Gorman Family by Elizabeth Gorman  
Roland Massaroni by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Rotondi

**Sunday**

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

**February 11**

Louis Marchesani, Jr. by LaMar Buffington  
Virginia Keane by Steve Steranko  
Giuseppe Oratio Bonsignore by Sister Anna  
Nick Stabile by LaMar Buffington  
Jeremiah McDonald by Annie & Mark Weichman  
Michael Esposito by Michael & Jeanine DiNoia  
Dolores R. Seidelman by Husband & Daughter

**Monday**

8:30AM

**February 12**

Louis Marchesani, Jr. Mike & Gail Gallagher

**Tuesday**

8:30AM

**February 13**

Louis Marchesani, Jr. by Joe Rifice, Jr.

**Wednesday**

8:30AM  
12:00PM  
4:00PM  
6:30PM

**February 14 (Ash Wednesday)**

Baby Camila Hanson by Marie Faunce  
Service with Ashes  
Service with Ashes  
Helen Kelso by Joe & MJ Kelso

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**February 15**

John Colanero by Coyle Family

**Friday**

8:30AM

**February 16**

Baby Camila Hanson by Andrea & Denise

**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**February 17**

JoAnn Marchesani by Carl & Irene Minniti  
Deborah Sinatra by DiGiacomo Family  
Michael Weisbecker by Phyllis & Steve Sheckelton  
Fr. John Franey by Mr. & Mrs. Cesare Rotondi

**Sunday**

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

**February 18**

Louis Marchesani, Jr. by Anne Grove  
JoAnn Marchesani by Joe Migatz  
Marie Coates by Barbara & Charles Cooper  
Sister Denise Haviland by Marie Faunce & Family

*Ash Wednesday*



*The Distribution of Ashes  
SERVICES*

**ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**8:30am - Mass with ashes**

**12:00pm - Prayer Service with ashes**

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### "What you do after you say you believe"

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your Stewardship priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "If I'm doing this for the glory of God, or for the glory of me?"

### Collections for: February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$7,498.00

E-Giving: \$2,384.00

School: \$1,002.00

**\$10,884.00**



To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: [stthomasbrigantine.org](http://stthomasbrigantine.org) and click on the **Parish Giving** button or click on the QR code.



### Children's Liturgy

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** has resumed at the 9:30 mass. Children attending K through 2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 if you'd like to join our dedicated team of Children's Liturgy catechists.

**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:

**Dora Gregovski, Peter Feshuk, Nick Elezovic**

Please keep their families in your prayers.

### FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Zoe Rodriguez, Madeline Harvey, Melanie Hudson, Jerry Kilroy, Cynthia Giordano, Matt Fannon, Logan Seitz, Kristina McDaniel, Aurora Mary Gross, Charlie Arsenault, Diana Certo, Gail Squicciarri, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczykyi, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto, Brody Pomager, Katrina Yearicks, Diane Kuczynski, Barbara Smaldore, Brian Cavallari, Bill Whalen, Joanne Miller, Asha Freytag, Pat Marziano, Charles Kuczynski, Douglas Boehme, Sr., Colleen Brown, Richard Wilson, Mary Spence, Robert Moody, Shawna O'Brien Lee, Bob Long, Steve Long

### 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, Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army  
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, USGC,  
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

Jesus touches a person with leprosy in today's Gospel, a shocking encounter given how society ostracized people with a skin disease at the time. Jesus' touch not only cures the man of leprosy, but surely the human connection healed something deep within the man as well. Who feels like an outcast in the Church? Consider the trans teenager whose parish shuns her. Think about the prisoner who has not welcomed a visitor in years. Who are the people in your community who have been pushed to the margins? Make a point to pay them a visit.

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### Ministry Schedule February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	ML DiFranks	M. Stinson, B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo,
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	B. Bologna	K. Mogan, G. Espinoza, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Bob	R. Pennestri	J. Staffieri, P. Zuber, M. Brindisi
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	Deacon, F. Sucharski, L. Flanagan

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

## **SWEETHEART BREAKFAST**

**Today, Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**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, bagels & drinks.

**\$8<sup>00</sup> per adult & \$4<sup>00</sup> per child.**

Each lady will receive a favor for  
Valentine's Day.

## **What's Happening**

- Feb. 11 Sweetheart Breakfast after all morning Masses
- Feb. 12 CCD Classes 4:00 - 7:00pm
- Feb. 13 Rosary 7:00pm
- Feb. 14 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)  
12:00pm Service w/ ashes  
4:00pm Service w/ ashes  
6:30pm Mass
- Feb. 16 Lenten Prayer Group 5:45pm - 7:00pm (PMR)  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church
- Feb. 19 No CCD Classes  
Parish Office Closed
- Feb. 20 Rosary 7:00pm

## **Ash Wednesday**



## **The Distribution of Ashes S E R V I C E S**

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### **DURING LENT:**

**A MASS** will be celebrated **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING** during Lent at **6:30pm**, (beginning on **February 20**) followed by the Rosary at 7pm.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard **every Saturday** at **3:00pm** and **Wednesday evening** during Lent from **7:00 - 7:30pm**.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Friday evening at **7:00pm** in the Church during Lent.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** will meet **every Wednesday** from **Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> thru March 27<sup>th</sup>** at **9:15am** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. All are welcome to attend as we are always happy to welcome new members.

### **Lenten Prayer Group** **February 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Treat yourself this Lent!** Come explore the Sunday Scriptures in a faith sharing setting amongst fellow parishioners, with similar aspirations of drawing closer to God. Each **Friday during Lent**, we will assemble in the **Parish Meeting Room** (behind the rectory office) from **5:45pm to 7:00pm** to pour over the readings to discover anew their meaning for our lives. Music, meditation and commentary will guide us on our journey. **See you there!**

### **"LITTLE BLACK BOOKS"**

The **"Little Black Books"** are available this Lenten Season. They are located at the entrances to the church. **PLEASE TAKE ONE!**



ST. THOMAS 4EVERYONE

## Lunch & Learn SENIOR SERIES

*Is it normal aging...? Is it dementia...? Is it early alzheimers...?*

# WHERE are my keys?

**Dementia is not part of aging.** Learn more about this misconception and helpful lifestyle changes you can make to help prevent or delay Dementia. Information and Question & Answer Sessions will be lead by **Mimi Schaible**, Director of Care Coordination for Vitality Healthcare.

WHEN: February 22<sup>nd</sup>

TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm

WHERE: St. Philip Hall at St. Thomas Church

WHO: 60+ Years Old

**RSVP to reserve your spot!**

Light lunch, 50 people max.

Call 609.266.2123, ext 3

Leave your name and number  
of attendees.

Questions?

Call

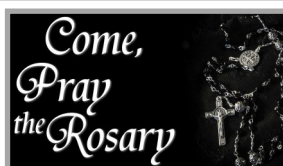
Eileen Robbins  
610.721.7438



### WEEK 5

1/29/24	620	John & Ann DiGiacomo	\$ 50.00
1/30/24	296	Diane & Andrew Litecky	\$ 50.00
1/31/24	325	Dominic Pucci	\$ 50.00
2/01/24	061	Raymond Parenti	\$ 50.00
2/02/24	540	Barbara Jaffe (Bandit)	\$ 50.00
2/03/24	206	Vanetta Turner	\$ 50.00
2/04/24	110	Jeff & Robin Vitulle	\$ 50.00

**Congratulations to our Week 5 winners!**



### Rosary for Peace

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

### 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**

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



The annual baby needs drive will be held from **Sunday, February 11th through Sunday, March 24th** in support of **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 they need.

The center's current needs are Diapers - Size 4-7; Pull Ups - Size 2-3T to 5-6T; Baby Wipes; New Infant & Toddler Clothing - Size 9 months - 5T; Hooded Bath Towels & Washcloths; Crib & Bassinet Sheets; Receiving Blankets; Humidifiers.

Donations can be placed in the Pack n Play located in the front of the church on the parking lot side. For more information on how you can support the Jersey Shore Women's Center or assistance with a donation drop off or pick up, call Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

**Gift Cards** (Target, Walmart, Amazon) are also appreciated and can be **inserted into the labeled drop box next to the pack n play.**

### ARCS Regional Catholic School

You can purchase gift cards all year long from Assumption. There are hundreds of retailers that participate in the gift card program, such as ShopRite, Wawa, Walmart, Amazon, Acme etc.

To order or receive a full list of the retailers, please contact Janet Parker at 856-524-3491 or [jpv0505@yahoo.com](mailto:jpv0505@yahoo.com). *When you purchase through us, Assumption School earns a percent of every dollar you spend. If you're shopping or eating at the stores/restaurants, why not help support our catholic school at no extra cost to you.*

### True Spirit Coalition

*Hunger Never Takes a Vacation*

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942

Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

**All items must be new:**

**Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Pasta & Peanut Butter**

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.**



### NEED A RIDE AROUND BRIGANTINE???

The Brigantine Community Center (CER) offers a free shuttle for any senior resident who cannot drive themselves. The driver will take you to your destination (in Brigantine only) and then take you back home. This shuttle is offered Monday through Friday, from 9:15 AM to 11:45 AM. Please call to reserve your ride at least 1-2 days before. (609) 264-7350 ext. 4

### 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](http://www.njveteranshelpline.org)  
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

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