



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are you who are
poor, for the kingdom of
God is yours.

Luke 6:20



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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

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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 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*

Monday
8:30AM

February 17
Philomena Arena by *Daughter & Son-in-Law*

Tuesday
8:30AM

February 18
Fr. John Hoke by *Stan & Alicia Seksinsky*

Wednesday
8:30AM

February 19
Joe Guglielmo by *Art & Nancy Faltyn*

Thursday
8:30AM

February 20
Margie DiFranks by *Family*

Friday
8:30AM

February 21
Dolores Seidelmann by *Husband & Daughter*

Saturday
8:30AM
4:00PM

February 22
Frank & Catherine Grove by *Anne Grove*
Anna DiGiacomo by *LaMar Buffington & Family*
Aida Elena Jordan by *Gould Family*
LaMarr Gable by *Marie & Mike Brindisi*
Liam James Powers by *Mackey Family*
Tracy Jansson by *Michael Kostrub*
Carmel Hopkins by *"The Originals" Quizzo Team*

Sunday
8:00AM

February 23
Anna DiGiacomo by *Deb & Anthony Phillips*
Kathleen Carlin by *Kathe & John Murray*
Joe Migatz, Jr. by *Manny Ketterer*
Celine Powell by *Barb & Joe Cawley*
Msgr. Thomas Cannon by *Richard & Gerry Michelfelder*
Stacey Ann Schneller by *Judy & Chris*
James Patrick McNally by *Wife*
Joe Guglielmo by *Anne Grove*
Dr. Nicholas D'Arienzo by *Robin Carlson*

9:30AM
11:00AM



“What you do after you say you believe”

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

**Collections for:
February 8TH & 9TH**

**Offertory: \$ 6,891.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,619.00
School: \$ 817.00
\$10,327.00**



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:

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

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us that the path to true happiness lies in the understanding of the connection between heaven and earth. Those who are truly happy recognize their complete dependence on God in all circumstances of daily life and exhibit full trust in the fulfillment of the promised kingdom of God. Consider how many of our daily actions are taken to obtain a specific result. Choose to offer an anonymous act of charity, one that you know cannot be rewarded now,

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Ministry Schedule February 22ND & February 23RD

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	F. Burbridge	G. Espinoza, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Pashley	J. Robbins	R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	B. Bologna	Deacon, R. Wilson, T. Tomlin

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

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

TODAY, 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.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

**Dear Eighth Grade Students
of Saint Thomas Parish,**

On behalf of the Brigantine Knights of Columbus
Council #7020, you are cordially invited to participate
in our upcoming Council Spelling Bee, which is sched-
uled to take place as follows.

Location: St. Philip Hall

Date: Wednesday, February 19th, at 6:00 pm

Contact: Bill Amend @ 609-513-6391



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)

KoC 8th Grade Spelling Bee 6:00pm (Hall)

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The **Office of the Diaconate** is holding a meeting to pro-
vide information and answer questions concerning the
life and ministry of a permanent deacon. If you, or some-
one 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.



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. **



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**.

**St. Thomas Women's Club
Presents**

Learning, Living, and Loving Lent

with Maria Carmel Richardson

Delegate for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal,

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

St. Philip Hall at 6:00 PM

Dinner Provided

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street South, Brigantine, NJ 08203

**All women of the parish are invited
to this special event!**



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.**

**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**



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?

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- Social interaction
- Easily connect from home
- Free program

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- 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

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



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

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries Garden Permit Program Spring is Just Around the Corner

Spring is quickly approaching! It’s that time of year when we begin to plan our gardens. Our Garden Permit Program, available for most raised headstones, offers you the ability to grow a garden in front of your loved one’s memorial, giving it a more personal touch. Plus, the year-long program gives you a cemetery-compliant border and flexibility to individualize your love one’s grave. We are happy to tell you that the permit fee will not increase this year and has not increased since the program was introduced in 2018! If you chose the Garden Permit Prime Program, the annual fee remains at \$50 and includes an upgraded landscape edging. The standard Garden Permit Program includes a black standard plastic landscape edging for a fee of \$35.

Submit an application for either of these options. Please contact your cemetery by March 15th.

For a listing of cemetery locations including contact information visit <https://southjerseycatholiccemeteries.org/locations/>

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