

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

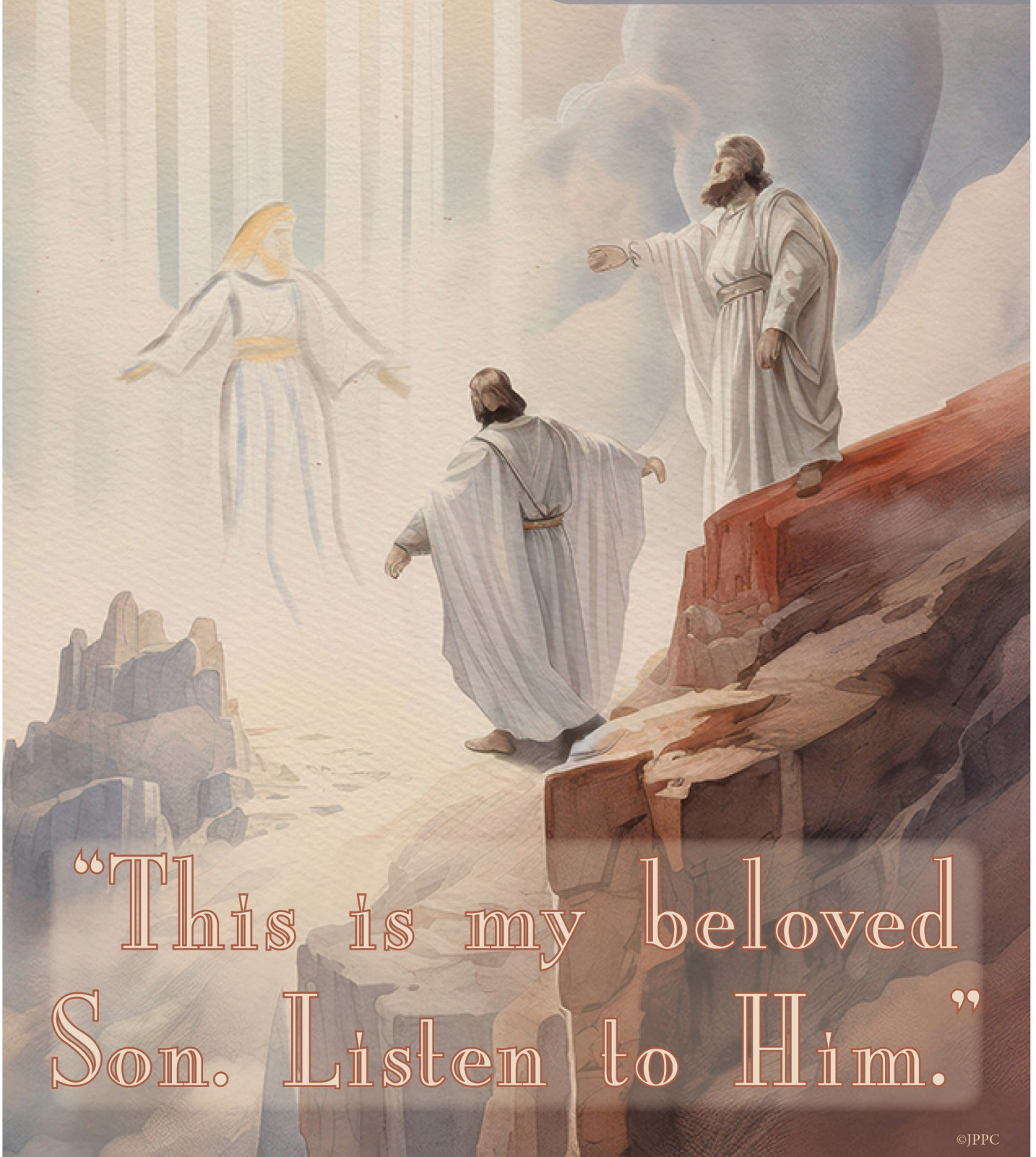
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"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



*"This is my beloved
Son. Listen to Him."*

**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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

February 24

John Musial by Jim Skowronski
Louis Polzella by Eugene Polzella
Salvatore Italiano by Wife & Daughters
Betty & Mickey Sheckleton by Family

Sunday

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

February 25

William Babcock by Pontillo Family
Marie Coates by Tim & Gail Phalen
Nick Stabile by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer
Elizabeth Maguire by Maguire Children
Irene Johnson by Annie & Mark Weichman
Stacey Schneller by Judy & Chris

Monday

8:30AM

February 26

JoAnn Marchesani by Mike & Gail Gallagher

Tuesday

8:30AM
6:30PM

February 27

George & Alice Butler by Suzann Butler
Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday

8:30AM

February 28

Sue Lenahan by Linda

Thursday

8:30AM

February 29

Lucille Cellucci by Joe Migatz

Friday

8:30AM

March 1

James Corrigan by Corrigan Family

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

March 2

Ann Manno by Coyle Family
Johanna & Bill Weisbecker by Family
Carmel Geoghegan by George & Gail Flood
Darlene Flood by Joe Bavosa
Mattie Pantozzi by Joe Bavosa

Sunday

8:00AM

9:30AM
11:00AM

March 3

JoAnn Marchesani by Manny Ketterer
Linden Wineland, Jr. by Jim & Lora Constantine
Dolores R. Seidelman by Husband & Daughter
Barbara Bound by Parker Family
Nick Stabile by Toni & Andy Solari

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 SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM
Tues. Evening 6:30PM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM
or by appointment
Wednesday Evening
7:00 - 7:30PM

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
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DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM



"What you do after you say you believe"

"Here I am!" he answered. Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times Stewards are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Collections for: February 17th & 18th

Offertory: \$ 7,845.00

E-Giving: \$ 1,787.00

School: \$ 1,097.00

\$11,748.00

Central Eastern Europe: \$2,4632



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.



NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

DATE: February 29, 2024 (Thursday)

TIME: 7:00pm

This year we are happy to announce that **Msgr. Pashley** will be presenting our **Lenten Night of Recollection**. The evening will include exposition and benediction. Please join us!

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Philomena Arena

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 Kulczycki, 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, Mary Spence, Robert Moody, Shawna O'Brien Lee, Bob Long, Steve Long, Sally Sooy

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 Rehili, 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

Peter, James, and John experienced a "mountaintop moment" with Jesus—both literally and metaphorically. It must have been a peak spiritual experience for the three men to witness such an amazing sight. Then they had to return down the mountain and back to ordinary life. Like the disciples, we may experience our own "mountaintop moments" of spiritual, emotional, or physical euphoria. But then we come down and return to the humdrum of daily life. Take stock of your mental health. How do the peaks and valleys of your life affect you? Who accompanies you up and down the mountains of life?

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Ministry Schedule March 2nd & 3rd

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, M. Stinson, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	To Be Determined	L. Camerota	G. Espinsoza, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Pashley	J. Levins	J. Staffieri, P. Zuber, M. Brindisi
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	Deacon, K. & J. Murray

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

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. 14th thru March 27th. 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 16th thru March 22nd**

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!**

Lenten Rules & Regulations:

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59.

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.



- Feb. 26 CCD Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Feb. 27 Mass 6:30pm
Rosary 7:00pm
- Feb. 28 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)
Confessions 7:00pm - 7:30pm
- Feb. 29 Night of Recollection 7:00pm (Church)
- Mar. 01 Lenten Prayer Group 5:45pm - 7:00pm (PMR)
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church
- Mar. 02 KoC 8th Grade Spelling Bee 1:00pm (Hall)
- Mar. 04 CCD Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Mar. 05 Mass 6:30pm
Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)

Welcome to Our Parish Family



Luca Christopher Solari
Sadie Rose Killen



Women's Club

The Cross You Carry – An evening of Reflection **March 6, 2024 (Wednesday)**

In this evening of reflection, we will explore how we can let life become its own Lenten discipline, calling us to prayer, sacrifice and generosity through the ordinary experiences of each day.

Our speaker, Krista Baum, will be sharing her story of challenge, determination, courage and hope as she tackled an unexpected cancer diagnosis. She will share the lessons and insights she learned while going through this process that we may be able to apply to "the cross we carry" in our own personal lives.

All women of the parish are welcome to this special event in **St. Philip Hall at 6:00PM**



WEEK 7

2/12/24	265	Bernie McDonough	\$ 50.00
2/13/24	014	Annie & Mark Weichman	\$ 50.00
2/14/24	671	Richard T. Gramlich	\$100.00
2/15/24	327	Ann DiGiacomo	\$ 50.00
2/16/24	562	Marie Faunce	\$ 50.00
2/17/24	435	Joanna Guglielmo	\$ 50.00
2/18/24	485	James Connor	\$ 50.00

Congratulations to our Week 7 winners!

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.



Dear Eighth Grade Students of Saint Thomas Parish in Brigantine,

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

Location: St. Philips Hall at St Thomas Church
When: Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 1:00 pm

The top three spellers, (one winning contestant and two alternates) will be invited to compete at the **Camden Diocese Spelling Bee** on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 1:00 pm at Holy Angels Parish Center, 96 Green Ave, Woodbury, NJ 08096.

The winner of the Diocesan Spelling Bee is eligible to participate in the New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Should the winner be unable to participate, then the Runner-up will participate as an entrant. There will be cash prizes for the winner and runners-up, and other prizes for all participants.

Please submit your name and contact information (Address, Email, Phone) no later than **Thursday, February 29, 2024**, to Grand Knight Dennis Reilly, 610-574-3138, Dreilly565@gmail.com, Trustee Paul Tomlin, 609-992-2129, paultomlin22@gmail.com or William Amend, 609-513-6391, amendfive@msn.com.

Thanks in advance. We look forward to your participation in this great event.

1st Saturday Reflection Day with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Date: March 2, 2024

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: St. Michael Church,
Atlantic City

Guest Speaker: Fr. John Mary,
CFR

**Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession and Meditation on the
Mysteries of the Rosary.
Holy Mass at 12 noon**



Congratulations

The Knights of Columbus and parishioners of St. Thomas Parish would like to congratulate **Ava Gregorio** on advancing to the next level of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. **Congratulations on being 1st runner up.** We hope you will continue to practice your Catholic faith as you have so far, for the rest of your life. **Good Luck!**



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
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

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

MEN'S HOLY WEEK RETREAT

March 28th - 30th, 2024
Our 100th Anniversary



If interested, contact
Bob Quinn @ 609-713-

