



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

January 05, 2025
Epiphany of the Lord

*They were overjoyed at
seeing the star, and on
entering the house they
saw the child with Mary
his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11

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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

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Mary Jane Kelso,
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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	January 4
8:30AM	Thomas William Liska by George & Cookie
4:00PM	Anna DiGiacomo by George & Beckie Kuhl Tess Fox by Tom & Regina Muccifori Joe Guglielmo by Roseann & Anthony DiMaggio Millie Boyer by Women's Club of St. Thomas Joyce Corrigan by Joe Corrigan & Family Margie Duncan by Tomassi Family
Sunday	January 5 (Epiphany of The Lord)
8:00AM	Jim Hillsbery by Glick-Samson Families
9:30AM	Domenico Catini by Larry & Sharon DeGiacomo
11:00AM	Theresa Cain by Bingo Club Barbara Karagula by Sister, Mary Joyce Kull by Sister, Mary Marie Gallagher by Bonnie & John Magro Patricia Kowaleski by Family
Monday	January 6
8:30AM	Jerry Kilroy by Pat Jackson & Family
Tuesday	January 7
8:30AM	Sally Sooy by Family
Wednesday	January 8
8:30AM	Michaele Roselli by Janice & Ricchina
Thursday	January 9
8:30AM	Catherine Grove by Anne Grove
Friday	January 10
8:30AM	Americo Visgogliosi by Esther Palladino
Saturday	January 11
8:30AM	Joe Guglielmo by Nancy & Ralph Gattis
4:00PM	Raphael Wishart by Joe & MJ Kelso Anna DiGiacomo by LaMar & Family Millie Boyer by Fran Streeper Catherine Anderson by Mary & Bill Gallagher
Sunday	January 12
8:00AM	Anna DiGiacomo by Msgr. Joe Mannion Bernard O'Connor, Jr. by Tricia Cosgrove Michael M. Castaldi by Family Robert Bodine by Richard & Gerry Michelfelder Rosa Stagliano by Richard & Gerry Michelfelder
9:30AM	James Nickerson by Larry & Sharon DeGiacomo and Lori Tofani
11:00AM	Theresa Cain by Mark & Annie Weichman



Rosary for Peace

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



“What you do after you say you believe”

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”
Matthew 2:11

What gifts do Christian Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold-we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense-represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh-is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Collections for:
Dec. 14th & Dec. 15th
Offertory: \$ 6,964.00
E-Giving: \$ 1,867.00
School: \$ 971.00
\$ 9,802.00



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.



- Jan. 06 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Jan. 07 Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
- Jan. 08 Women’s Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
- Jan. 12 Hospitality Sunday after all morning Masses

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, Diane Certo, 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, John Gans, James Ruggiano, Cheryl Kenney, Stacie Williams, Rob Moody, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Annmarie Staffieri, Andy Papp, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Diane Anderson, Robert Granieri, Dora Meyers, Jimmy Olizo, Joe Cawley

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

As a parish staff, consider how your community has responded to the needs of the immigrant and the stranger. Do they feel welcome in your parish? Are they able to pray in their own language? Does the environment and art integrate their cultural expressions of faith? Does the devotional life of the parish integrate their needs? And beyond prayer life, how about action? Do they feel safe in your community? Are they afraid to be who they are? Do they have food and housing? The Solemnity of the Epiphany should challenge all parish communities to stand in solidarity with people of all nations and backgrounds.

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Ministry Schedule January 11 th & January 12 th			
	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	M. Stinson, F. Streeper, J. D’Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	B. Bologa	G. Espinosa, B. O’Connor, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	R. Pagoulatos, P. Zuber, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Robbins	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday is **Next Sunday, January 12, after all morning Masses.**

All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation after all morning masses in the church hall. We hope to see you there. The nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW Championship



Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: **Brigantine Beach Community Center, 265 42nd Street**

Date: **Wednesday, January 15, 2025** Time: **6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Sponsor: **Knights of Columbus, Brigantine Council #7020**

Contact: **Gil - 609-870-5427 or Bob- 302-287-2459**

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music ministry is unique here at St. Thomas. We sing at all celebrations, including funerals. Members can make a commitment according to their own schedules. You do not have to commit to a particular Mass time. Instrumentalists are welcome, as well. To become a part of this beautiful ministry, please **see Mary Jane in the choir loft or email her at kelso.music@stabrig.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.**



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 Mulvena at 609-266-2268 to schedule donation pick up or drop off.



SAVE THE DATE!

Designer Bag Bingo

When: Saturday, January 25th

Where: Holy Spirit High School
500 S. New Rd, Absecon, NJ

Time: Doors open @ 5:30pm
Games begin @ 6:00pm

Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Mothers' Guild
For more information: hsmothersguild@gmail.com

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS must be received in the office by **WEDNESDAY, 10 days prior** to the week-end of publication. They may also be emailed to bulletin@stabrig.org.

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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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- Scan QR code to the right
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VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
www.vitality.camdendiocese.org



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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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



As a *New Year* begins, VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services is available to support you with your health and well-being needs. VITALity is committed to bringing new life and spirit into the hearts of those we cherish the most – our elderly and disabled, along with their families and caregivers. Below is a list of our outreach services.

Care Coordination and Consultation – Our nurses and social workers are well-versed in the health and well-being programs and services available throughout South Jersey to connect individuals based on need as well as to help with paperwork and applications. **Call our Resource and Referral Help Line at 1-888-268-4825 for assistance.**

Hospital Chaplaincy Program – In 18 hospitals in South Jersey, this ministry provides a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Sacrament of Penance, while pastoral care by a deacon, a woman religious and/or a lay minister offer Holy Communion, prayers and spiritual resources to patients and their families.

Ministry With the Deaf & Persons with Disabilities – This ministry helps to create an environment of acceptance and inclusion in parish communities for all those with special needs and their families as well as connect to appropriate services and resources that families need to support their loved ones with disabilities.

Parish Nursing – There are 33 Parish Nurse ministries in the Diocese educating, bringing resources to their parish community by way of organizing flu shot clinics, health fairs, blood drives and blood pressure clinics. The Parish Nurse ministry works to empower parishioners to attain physical, spiritual, and emotional wellness.

Senior Ministry - This ministry supports older adults with healthy aging in body, mind and spirit through social opportunities, important health information, and programs and events to enhance and encourage living *Life to the Fullest*.

Stephen Ministry - Trained Stephen Ministers in parishes throughout the Diocese all pledge to remain steadfast in their mission to walk with others through listening, prayer and offering emotional and spiritual support, providing one-on-one confidential Christian care to members of our parishes and communities.

To learn more about any of our services or request support, call 1-888-268-4825 or visit www.vitality.camdendiocese.org.