

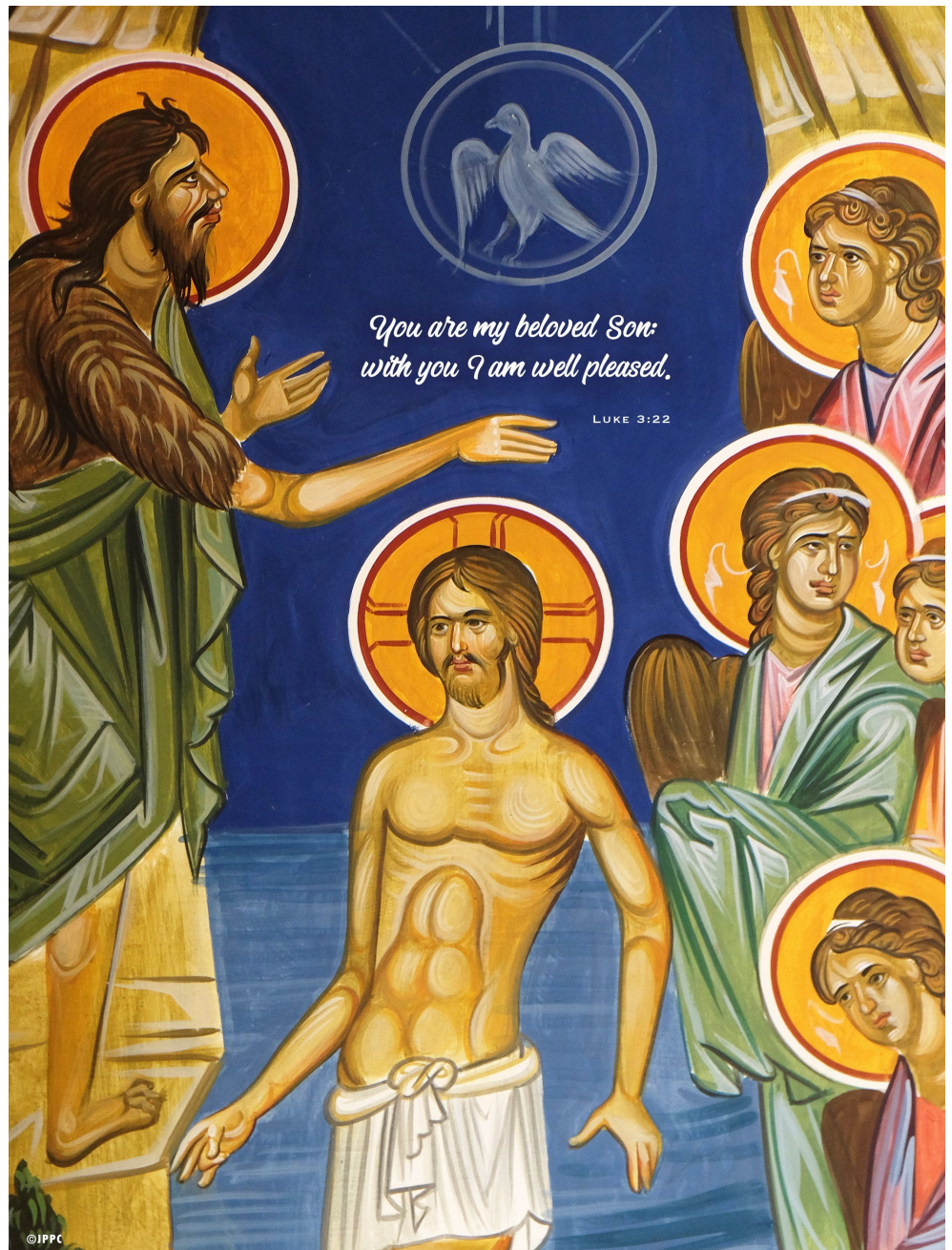
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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

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Please visit our website:
www.stthomasbrigantine.org

January 9, 2022
Baptism of The Lord



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

SUN: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM
(9:30 livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM
or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Krzysztof Wtorek

PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Len Long

**FAITH FORMATION &
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
Deacon Len Long & Deb Widmann

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**WELCOME TO
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH**

To Schedule Baptisms & Weddings
Please call the Parish Office.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held after the 11:00am 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. Also, we have special programs for children & 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.**

Altar Flowers

This is a nice way to remember your loved ones. The donation is \$50. Contact the Parish Office.

**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: Monday
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.

Mass Intentions

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 8:30AM 4:00PM	January 8 Susan Masino by Paul & Jane Staunton Marie Zizzamia by Tom & Jean Delcorio Fred Gattis by Ray & Donna Zin
Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	January 9 Catherine Grove by Anne Grove Marie Liberto by Dennis & Sue Barbara Mullen by Terry Smith Alice Stinson by Haney Family Joe Schreiner by Marty Cortellessa E. Glenda Roesberg by Kim & Bill Hannan Susan Masino by Delson Family Angela Rose Logan by John Caporelli
Monday 8:30AM	January 10 Betty Miller by Ronnie & Celine Powell
Tuesday 8:30AM	January 11 Fred Gattis by Richard & Terry Coppola
Wednesday 8:30AM	January 12 Victoria Kropin by Migatz Family
Thursday 8:30AM	January 13 Dave Mooney by Rehill Family
Friday 8:30AM	January 14 Gene Herman by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family
Saturday 8:30AM 4:00PM	January 15 Michael Lange, Sr. by Mogan Family James Harvey by Wife, Madeline Helen DeJulius by Fran Streeper
Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	January 16 Ellen Patroni by Kim Mogan Nicholas Calcese by Barb & Joe Cawley Susan Masino by Kit & Pat Cooke Norma Micheli by Joe & Gin Rifice & Family Vincent Lovett by Herman Family Edward Faunce by Marie & Family Giovanni Culmone by Sister & Family Susan Masino by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family Michael Lange, Sr. by Friends of Jeanne Seymour



A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It was a very good Christmas season for me despite the pandemic and all the problems it has brought. I was still able to experience the joy of Christmas. We had good liturgical celebrations throughout the season. I want to thank Mary Jane Kelso, our choir and all of our musicians. At times we were shorthanded due to sickness and people being away. Yet the celebrations still turned out fine. The ones who were present really cranked it up.

To all the ministries, ushers, greeters, lectors, em's, altar servers and others who worked behind the scenes, I Thank You. We also need to thank those who were involved with the live-streaming, in particular Meredith Urban and Rita Pagoulatos.

A special thank you to Helene Christian and Barb Cawley who worked many days decorating our church for Christmas. It was all so well done! Msgr. Morgan put it well. He said it was prayerful. It was not over done. The Baltimore Catechism has the most traditional definition of prayer. Prayer is the lifting up of the minds and hearts to God. What they did certainly lifted up our minds and hearts to God. It added to the celebrations. It was a great gift to the parish.

Special thanks also to the Amalfitano family who lent us the outside nativity scene. As a family they all put it up. So many people stopped to look at the beautiful scene. They were enriched.

We had incredible entertainment at our last Religious Education class before Christmas. Fr. Krzysztof, Bob Kerns and Jeff Korsack played religious songs and secular songs to get us in a festive mood for Christmas. They really put their hearts into it. We even had some parents attend.

A very uplifting experience for me on New Years Day was the Polar Bear Plunge. I felt so honored to be able to give the blessing to the hundreds, if not thousands of people who attended. It was certainly for a great cause. The money raised goes to Fisher House to help our veterans. Trish Cosgrove did an incredible job organizing the event. Mike Riordan was fabulous as the M.C. He was able to bring the best out of so many people. That kept us entertained!

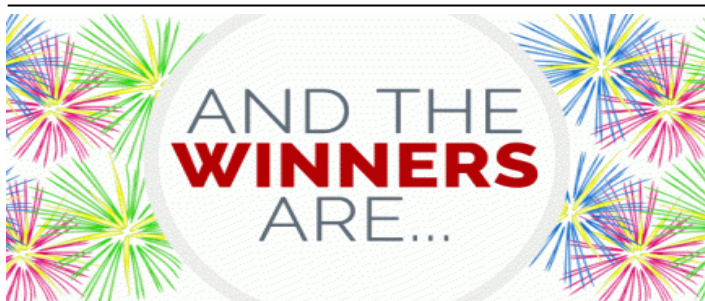
There was an outreach by so many here at St. Thomas Church. Gift cards were donated by you to the True Spirit Coalition and giving trees. Food was also distributed to the needy. Poinsettias were sent to the homebound in our community. Our Knights and St. Dismas ministry helped in that area. Still much needs to be done.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who gave Christmas gifts and sent cards to the clergy and staff. We received cookies, candy, cakes, wine and other delicious things. I am grateful for your financial generosity to our parish so that we can continue to do the work of Jesus and carry out our desire to make him known and loved. Our Christmas collection at the time of this writing is around \$41,000. That is good!

May God Bless each and every one of you, and may you experience a Happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Maher



2022 CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Week 1

01/01/2022 661 Michael Mastrangelo \$100.00
 01/02/2022 077 Ilia Roantree \$ 50.00

Week 2

01/03/2022 425 Cathy Daddario \$ 50.00
 01/04/2022 095 Kathleen Zuber \$ 50.00
 01/05/2022 595 Michael Imbesi \$ 50.00
 01/06/2022 177 Bruce Smith \$ 50.00
 01/07/2022 282 Norma Anderson \$ 50.00
 01/08/2022 206 Christina Browne \$ 50.00
 01/09/2022 407 Fr. Bob Matysik \$ 50.00

Congratulations to our winners for the first 2 weeks. Beginning on 01/16/2022, the winners will be published weekly. Thank you for your continued support!



Interested in Online Giving?

To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: stthomasbrigantine.org and click on the Parish Giving button.

Liturgy and Life

“The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts” (Lk 3:15). We witness God’s voice coming through a cloud. But sometimes, it is hard to hope. We are weighed down by the violence, evil, and injustices that seem to be the center of every news story. Pope Paul VI said, “If you want peace, work for justice.” These words are a true now as when he spoke them (World Day for Peace, 1972). He reminds us that “justice always requires some sacrifice of prestige and self-interest” (World Day for Peace, 1972).

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FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dr. Mark Menaquale, Joseph Marcolongo, Diane Fortis, Jennie Cassello, Nicholas Marchesani
 Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Maryann Atack, Derek Caster, Jim Covert, Erin Fender, Anthony Mauceri, Joan DiBona, Joe Whitesell, Baby Aurora Gross, Theresa Mong, Lisa Lee, Bernadette Burke, Ralph Lillie Family, Kitty Huegel, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Melanie Caprio, Robert Moody, Armstrong Family, Celine Powell, Camilla Tremblay, Christian Afanador, Carol Graham, Paddy Kelso-Sheridan, Richard Warren, Marsdale, Frank DiBona, Jeanne Stretch, Ryan Ladd, Nicole Troiano, Thomas Pomager, Joan Orlando, Stan Seksinsky, Peter Staffieri, Christine Staffieri, Mary Seader, Kristina McDaniel, Dominic Delia, Benjamin Berkowitz, Gary Zimmerman, Chuck Vesceri, Brody Pomager, Kim Pomager, Joe Kelso

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

1st Lt. Robert Glanville, USMC, Maj. Jeffrey Moon, USAF
 Lt. Connor F. Burbridge, US Army, Sgt. Matt Krimm, US Army,
 Maj. Matt Valnoski, US Army, Cpl. Tristen T. Barry, USMC,
 Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army, Cpl. Ronald DeWaal, USMC,
 Capt. Mark J. Marsella, USMC, Seaman Christopher Scharr,
 USN, PFC Jaryd Witkowski, US Army

Prayer Chain Network: The network prays for the immediate needs of others. To make a confidential request, please contact Barry Scholcoff at 609-266-7888.

Ministry Schedule January 15th & 16th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Harvey	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	A. Grove, A. Solari, D. Phillips
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	ME Smith	J. Staffieri, R. Pagoulatos, M. Harvey
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Krzysztof	J. Levins	Deacon, K, & J. Murray

If you cannot attend, Please find a replacement. THANK YOU!

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Children's Liturgy is returning to St. Thomas! Starting today, January 9th at the 9:30 mass, Pre-K through 3rd Grade children can once again join in on our Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Participating families should sit in the front right side of the church near the Baptismal font. We're always in need of volunteers to spread God's word to our children, especially parents or grandparents. So bring the kids to mass and join them in their faith journey! For questions or more information, call Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

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.



The Women's Club of St. Thomas

A caring community of Christian Women within our Church

Happy New Year! And welcome all Women's Club members. We will hold our January meeting on **Wednesday January 12th at our new time of 6:30 p.m. in St. Philip Hall.** Unvaccinated members are asked to wear a mask. We will be collecting men's underwear for distribution to the homeless (refer to your email for details). New members are always welcome to join our club.



Jan 10th CCD Classes 4pm - 5pm & 6pm - 7pm
Jan 11th Rosary 7pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
Jan 12th Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
Jan 17th No CCD Classes (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
Jan 18th Rosary 7pm

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

A group of parishioners have come together in support of fostering a culture of life that cherishes and protects **every human life.** If you are interested in being a part of this timely ministry, contact Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 for more details on how you can get involved.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish continues to support "Moms in Need" at the JERSEY SHORE WOMENS CENTER located at 335 E. Jimmie Leeds Road (Building 200) in Galloway. This pregnancy 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 1-6); Pull Ups (Sizes 2T-5T); Wipes; Formula - Enfamil Gentlease (Purple Label); Blankets; Crib Sheets; Baby Bottles (Avent and Dr. Brown); Gift Cards (Target; Shoprite; Amazon; Walmart, Visa); Baby Toiletries (Shampoo, Lotion, Tylenol, Orajel, Diaper Rash Cream).

For more information or to schedule a donation pick up or drop off, call Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

The center also accepts maternity clothing and donations of small portable baby items such as strollers, booster seats, pack n plays, toys and books.

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

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

1st Quarter Sexual Abuse Statement

As you are aware, the protection of children and young adults is of paramount importance in all parishes in the Diocese. We are required to publish, quarterly, the statements listed below.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588

ARCS Open House Wednesday, January 19th

Assumption Regional Catholic School offers a quality catholic education for students in grades:

PreK3 (Full Day), PreK4 (Full Day, Kindergarten (Full Day) and grades 1st through 8th

Religion classes daily including sacramental preparation

Students attend mass monthly

Low student/teacher ratio for PreK3 through 8

New families who are coming from a non-catholic school or are currently home schooled and register their students in grades 1-7 will receive the following reductions off their tuition for their first year (rates are based on the 2021-2022 school year):

First child current tuition \$5,250 - \$1,500 (grant) = \$3,750 for the year or ~\$375 for 10 months

Second child current tuition \$4,253 - \$1,190 (grant) = \$3,063 for the year or ~\$306.30 for 10 months

Third child + current tuition \$3,443 - \$990 (grant) = \$2,453 for the year or ~\$254.30 for 10 months

To schedule an appointment time please email cflammer@arcsgalloway.org

Bishop Sullivan to participate in 2022 March for Life



Join Bishop Sullivan in Washington, DC for the 2022 March for Life. This free event features a live concert and inspiring speeches. The March will begin at noon on the National Mall. Bishop Sullivan will meet participants from the Diocese of Camden at the corner of New Jersey and Constitution Avenues. More details to come!