

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

“Lord, You have come to the Seashore...”

January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord

You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



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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

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PERMANENT DEACON: Len Long

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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Mon.- Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

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ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

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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 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 Joseph Gianni by Joe Bavosa In Honor of Joe & Peggy Ruggiero on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Sunday	January 12 (Baptism of the Lord)
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
Monday	January 13
8:30AM	Troy Smith by Anne Grove
Tuesday	January 14
8:30AM	Edward Domenick by LaMar Buffington & Family
Wednesday	January 15
8:30AM	Edward Domenick by Ralph & Nancy Gattis
Thursday	January 16
8:30AM	Charles Allen Willever by George & Cookie
Friday	January 17
8:30AM	Edward Domenick by Jim & Trish Levins
Saturday	January 18
8:30AM	Ann Serale by Linda A. Serale & Family
4:00PM	James Harvey by Wife Madeline Anna DiGiacomo by Laurel Haeser Joseph Guglielmo by Jim & Lora Constantine Joseph McDade by David Craig Alan Kozub by Jerry
Sunday	January 19
8:00AM	Donald Fegan by Jean West
9:30AM	Mary & Ralph Gervasio by Sister, Anne Grove Giovanni by Sister, Elena & Family Joe Guglielmo by Donna & Jeff Piekarski James McDonald by Wife Janis & Family Patricia Sweeney by Rosanne Formica Link
11:00AM	Nick Stabile by Mary Accordino



“What you do after you say you believe”

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’: Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholic Stewards, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

**Collections for:
January 5th & 6th**

Offertory: \$
E-Giving: \$
School: \$
\$



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. 12 Hospitality Sunday after all morning Masses
- Jan. 13 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Social Events Meeting 7:00pm (PMR)
- Jan. 14 Rosary 7:00pm
- Jan. 20 NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES (MLK Day)
- Jan. 21 Rosary 7:00pm

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Larry Holmes, Sr., Msgr. Michael Coyne

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, Stacie Williams, Rob Moody, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Annmarie Staffieri, Andy Papp, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Diane Anderson, Robert Granieri, Jimmy Olizo, Joe Cawley, Fran Vanzant, Stephanie Dehnhard

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

Many of the world’s people live without adequately purified water, resulting in outbreaks of cholera and high infant mortality. In our own country, many Native Americans cannot get access to clean water because their water supply has been tainted by abandoned mines. Look up Cross Catholic Outreach, which is devoted to “delivering safe water to poor communities” among other endeavors (corsscatholic.org)

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Ministry Schedule January 18th & January 19th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	M. Stinson, W. Litwinczuk, B. DeLucry
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Levins	G. Gallagher, A. Solari, D. Phillips
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Robbins	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Pashley	R. Barone	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flanagan

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

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a very uplifting Advent and Christmas season for me. Very busy with a lot of homilies and funerals. The Christmas season ends this present weekend with the Baptism of the Lord. From my perspective, it went too fast. It was spiritual, entertaining, and there was a very important outreach.

We had Jackie and the Gents leading us with Christmas carols, young people and the adults very much got into it. Afterward, we had a good meal with a hall full of people who were hungry.

We also had a great Christmas celebration with the combined Knights of Columbus and Lions. The Side Story Band put on quite a performance. Many of us felt we were back in college again. Everyone had a great time! A big thank you to Mike Brindisi for putting it all together.

I was honored to be able to give the blessing for the "Famous Polar Bear Plunge". Trish Cosgrove did a fabulous job as usual, organizing the event. A lot of money was raised for our veterans and families. Again, the entertainment was quite good!

The Masses for Christmas went well considering that around 1/3 of our active parishioners were away with their families. Many of our sacristans and ministers were not available. There were many fill ins, but they did well! The choir also was missing some key people, but they were still able to come through with great music. Mary Jane Kelso deserves a lot of credit.

Prayer and adoration are essential, but they need to lead to living out the faith. There was good outreach in various ways. We made headlines in the Star Herald with all the gifts going to our seniors. The Giving Tree was a huge success, hurricane relief gift cards went to the hurricane victims in North Carolina. The St. Dismas Ministry and the True Spirit Coalition did their usual great job.

This year many of our young people went out for Christmas carols to our shut ins. The people really appreciated seeing the children and receiving a little gift.

We received so many compliments about our decorations in church. A visiting Deacon said it was done very tastefully, no question about that! Much hard work was put into it. The bulk of it was done by Helene Christian, Barb Cawley, and Paul Staunton.

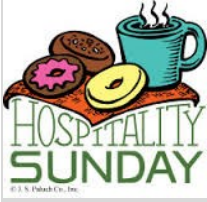
A heartfelt thank you to all of our parishioners who gave Christmas gifts and sent cards to the clergy and staff. We received cookies, candy, cakes, wine, and other delicious things. I continue to be amazed at your goodness to us. You are the most generous group of people I have come across.

Finally, thank you for being catholic, for loving your faith, for being faithful to mass attendance and for your example. Some people don't feel a need for God, but you still love him. You inspire me everyday.

God Bless You,

Fr. Ed

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday is TODAY! after all morning Masses. Join us for a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation in the church hall. Also, the nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings. See you there!

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 Mulvenna 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

Holy Spirit High School proudly presents Boogie Nights: A 70's Throwback Gala!

Join us for a night filled with **food, music, dancing, raffles, and auctions** as we celebrate the incredible achievements of the **Championship Teams of the 1970s!**

This event is all about **nostalgia, celebration, and honoring the past** — all while having an absolute blast!

Don't miss out on this amazing night!

Whether you're an alumni from the 70's or not, **everyone is invited** to come celebrate, have fun, and **support Holy Spirit High School!**

Secure your tickets and sponsorships today by calling 609-646-3000 or visiting www.holyspirithighschool.com

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.

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

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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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