

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

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

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

### WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM  
or by appointment

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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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ASSUMPTION REGIONAL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,  
609-652-7134

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**DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 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 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 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.**

**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:** 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

**January 13**

Giulio Alberto Pacchione by Helen Pacchione  
James Harvey by Wife Madeline  
Barbara Jane Ballasy by Mary & Bill Gallagher  
Robert Simons by Jim & Lora Constantine  
Jamie O'Neill by Jim & Lora Constantine  
Gorman Family by Elizabeth Gorman

**Sunday**

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

**January 14**

Ernestine H. Hummel by Joseph & JoAnne Frediani  
Diana & Charles McEvoy by Children  
Maria & James Mackey by Children  
Ethel Kum by Coyle Family  
Mary Carroll Dischinger by Paul & Chris Mercurio  
Ryan Gibson by Tom & Regina Muccifori  
MaryLou Senkarik by Family  
Stacey Porpora by Family

**Monday**

8:30AM

**January 15**

Patrick Scully by Gail & George Flood

**Tuesday**

8:30AM

**January 16**

Giovanni Culmone by Family

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**January 17**

William Gallagher by Gallagher Family

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**January 18**

Baby Camila by Nancy & Ralph Gattis

**Friday**

8:30AM

**January 19**

Dorothy Collins by Trish & Jim Levins

**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**January 20**

Linden Wineland, Jr. by Lange Family  
Hugh Hilferty by Roy Sutton  
Louis Borkowski by Diane Borkowski  
Christian Borkowski by Diane Borkowski  
Roland Massaroni by Cesare & Cathy Rotondi

**Sunday**

8:00AM

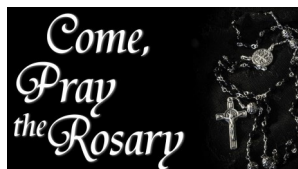
**January 21**

Marie Mogan by Mogan Family  
Lou Marchesani, Jr. by Toni & Andy Solari  
Ralph & Mary Gervasio by Anne Grove  
Catherine Daddario by Diane & Andrew Litecky  
Joseph Rifice, III by Pat Jackson & Family  
Lilian Dillon by LaMar Buffington



**In Memory of:**

**James Harvey**  
by  
**Wife Madeline**



**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"

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" John 1:38

When we recognize ourselves as Christian Stewards, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and other, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

### Collections for: January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$6,041.00  
E-Giving: \$ N/A  
School: \$ 828.00  
\$6,869.00



To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: [stthomasbrigantine.org](http://stthomasbrigantine.org) and click on the **Parish Giving** button or click on the QR code.



### Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating January Anniversaries

Our prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to live your vows.



**Nancy & Bob Ferri, 50 Years**  
**AnnMarie & Greg Hanson, 30 Years**

## Prayer Requests



### FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Patricia Castellano**

Please keep their families in your prayers.

### FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Steve Shincarick, 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, Pat Castellano, Gail Squicimari, 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, Richard Wilson

### 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 Rehill, 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

**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

Two of John's disciples saw Jesus walk by and immediately went to follow him. They trusted John's declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of God." They trusted Jesus' invitation: "Come, and you will see." The lives of these disciples changed for the better because of their trust. Unfortunately, not everyone can say the same. Some people with power chose to break trust. For instance, predators lure millions of people into human trafficking after promising a better life. It often happens in plain sight. Consider getting trained in how to spot human trafficking to help save people from the pain of broken trust. Establish your church as a safehouse.

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### Ministry Schedule January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	M. Stinson, J. D'Ascenzo, B. DeLucry
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	J. Levins	K. Mogan, A. Solari, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Dougherty	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	R. Barone	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flangan

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





**Thank you from Fr. Ed, Msgr. Morgan, Msgr. Pashley, Fr. Bob, Deacon Lenny, Msgr. Mannion and the staff.**

Thank you for all the gifts, cards, cookies, candy and the other goodies that were given to us during the Christmas holiday.

**Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!**



#### **WEEK 1**

1/01/24	329	Sandra Covert	\$100.00
1/02/24	705	Paul Staunton	\$ 50.00
1/03/24	573	Chris Filoon	\$ 50.00
1/04/24	028	Andrea Pelosi DeCoons	\$ 50.00
1/05/24	361	Carol Pancoast	\$ 50.00
1/06/24	336	Linda Fanrak	\$ 50.00
1/07/24	259	Joseph Maguire	\$ 50.00

***Congratulations to our Week 1 winners!***

#### **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

## **What's Happening**

Jan. 15 NO CCD CLASSES (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)  
 Jan. 16 Rosary 7:00pm  
 Jan. 21 Hospitality Sunday after morning Masses (Hall)  
 Jan. 22 CCD Classes 4:00pm -7:00pm  
                     KoC Free Throw Contest (CER)  
 Jan. 23 Rosary 7:00pm

### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**



**Hospitality Sunday** will be held **next Sunday, January 21st** after all morning Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. Also, our nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.

## **Religious Education**



### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

On **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00am - 12noon**, there will be a mandatory **Confirmation Retreat**. All students making confirmation **MUST ATTEND**. The retreat will be held in the **Parish Meeting Room**, located behind the Rectory office.

### **Children's Liturgy**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** has resumed at the 9:30 mass. Children attending K through 2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 if you'd like to join our dedicated team of Children's Liturgy catechists.

**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.

## **SWEETHEART BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**after each morning Mass 8:00, 9:30**  
**& 11:00am**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a  
"Sweetheart Breakfast" in honor of  
**Valentine's Day.**



Breakfast includes: Pancakes, sausage,  
bagels & drinks.

**\$8<sup>00</sup> per adult & \$4<sup>00</sup> per child.**

Each lady will receive a favor for  
Valentine's Day.

## **2023 Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Contest Winners**

1st/2nd Grade: Ava Gregorio, First Place;  
Savannah Hunt, Runner Up

3rd/4th Grade: Nora Kennedy, First Place;  
Hunter Vanzant, Runner Up

5th/6th Grade: Tommy Vanzant, First Place;  
Riley Gross, Runner Up

7th/8th Grade: Annabella Casamento, First Place;  
Lyla Smith, Runner Up

Their posters were submitted to the Knights of Columbus  
District level competition. Good Luck to all!

## **2024 Epiphany 3 Kings**





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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FREE THROW Championship**



***Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14***

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

Date: **Monday, January 22, 2024** Time: **6:30 to 8:30 pm**

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

Contact: **Gil - 609-870-5427**

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



St. Thomas continues to support “Moms in Need” at the Jersey Shore Women’s Center in Galloway. This crisis 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 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.

**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.

**Contact: Eileen Robbins 610-721-7438**



**RETROUVAILLE:  
REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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](http://www.njveteranshelpline.org)  
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

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