

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Do whatever
he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



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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

Principal: Joanne McKnight

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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.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



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
Monday	January 20
8:30AM	Edward Domenick by Gail & Mike Gallagher
Tuesday	January 21
8:30AM	Arlene Kiesel by Friends at the Raman
Wednesday	January 22
8:30AM	Anna DiGiacomo by Kathy Bennett
Thursday	January 23
8:30AM	Anna DiGiacomo by Nancy & Ralph Gattis
Friday	January 24
8:30AM	Anna DiGiacomo by Gail & Mike Gallagher
Saturday	January 25
8:30AM	Christine Spinelli by Anna Marie Romani
4:00PM	Anna DiGiacomo by Fran Streeper
	Joe Guglielmo by Fran Streeper
	Victor & Jane Kozub by Son
	LaMarr Gable by Corrigan Family
	Anthony Stolfo by Sharon Conway
Sunday	January 26
8:00AM	Louis Marchesani, Jr. by Family
9:30AM	Helen Gitto by Sharon & Larry DeGiacomo
11:00AM	Vito Pizzo by Wife
	Helen Kelso by Joe & MJ Kelso
	Troy Smith by Loretta & Tom Smith
	Edward Domenick by Kathy & Bill Bennett
	Ed Rehill by Rehill Family
	Stacey Ann Schneller by Judy & Chris

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.



In Memory of:

Al Staffieri

by

Joe Rifice



“What you do after you say you believe”

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the Stewardship life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

**Collections for:
January 11th & 12th**
Offertory: \$ 5,924.00
E-Giving: \$ 1,308.00
School: \$ 8.77.00
\$ 8,109.00



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.



**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, 51 Years

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, 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

Tomorrow is celebrated as the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His refusal to be silent about racial injustice in the United States marks him as a prophet for all times. Despite many victories, Dr. King’s work to promote racial justice is yet unfinished; people of color continue to struggle with racism in its myriad of forms. Read the US Bishop’s document *Open Wide Our Hearts*, and discuss as a parish team how your community can help stand up to racism.

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Ministry Schedule January 25th & January 26th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry, J. D’Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	L. Camerota	G. Espinoza, B. O’Connor, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Pashley	B. Bologna	R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	Deacon, F. Sucharski, R. Wilson

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

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!

What's Happening

Jan. 19 Hospitality Sunday after morning Masses (Hall)
Jan. 20 NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES (MLK Day)
Jan. 21 Rosary 7:00pm
Jan. 25 1st Reconciliation 10:00am
Jan. 27 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Jan. 28 Rosary 7:00pm

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.



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

We are excited to invite you to be part of an important initiative as we shape the future of Holy Spirit High School. Join us for an open, informal drop-in session to meet with strategic planning leaders and share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback.

When: Saturday, January 18, anytime between 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: Holy Spirit High School Cafeteria

What: Roundtable discussions with groups focusing on:
Academics - Chairs Nancy Campbell Barbetto and Carol Fabietti
Advancement - Chairs Hillary Mejia and Dennis Forte
Admissions + Enrollment - Chair Mike Finnerty
Catholic Mission + Identity - Chair Fr. Nilsen
Facilities - Chairs Andrew Chavez and Gerald Abbott
Finance - Chairs Mike Reynolds and Ernest Hugard
Governance - Chair Carol Fabietti
Student Life - Chair Kevin Burns

Below is a picture of Fr. Ed and the 3 Kings on the Feast of the Epiphany.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 is the Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Therefore, **we will have Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00am – 12:00pm.** We ask that you try to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in support of the unborn.

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium vitae*



JOIN US!

**FAMILY & FRIEND
PAINT NITE FUNDRAISER**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH
6:30 P.M.
OLSS, AC CAFETERIA
609.345.0648**

No experience? No problem!
This isn't a serious art class—all skill levels are welcome. Whether you leave with a work of art or a colorful mess, it's all about the fun!


Cost: \$10.00 per person and space is limited so buy your ticket now by scanning the QR code above.

 Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to purchase televisions for our Art and Music Classrooms!



**ST. JOSEPH
WINTER
SHELTER**
— at —
**QUAREMBA
HALL**

For information about the St. Joseph Winter Shelter and to sign up to volunteer, please follow the link on our website:
www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael
 Or use this QR code:



Thank you for your support,
Your Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal



JANUARY 24, 2025

Buses from South Jersey to Washington, D.C.

The Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring buses to Washington DC for the National March for Life 2025 on the 24th of January. We will have one pickup location each in Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties. There is no cost for the bus, although riders are asked to contribute \$5 each toward a tip for the drivers. These 2 buses will be departing for Washington at 7 AM and returning to South Jersey by 8 PM. Please contact Rob Fini at (215) 680-7556 or RobFiniSr@gmail.com with any questions, for locations and to reserve a spot.

A third bus will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glassboro at 8 AM, and returning approximately at 9 PM. The cost is \$30 per person and payment must be dropped off or mailed AND received at the parish office prior to the trip. Mary. Mother of Mercy Parish, 500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028. Ph. # 856-881-0909 Please contact Shannon Cassidy at Dre@mary-mom.com

A fourth bus from Incarnation, Mantua will depart after Mass at 7 AM. Bus departs from Incarnation at 7:45, and arrives in Washington approximately 11 AM. Bus Capacity (Safety Bus Company): 56, bus includes a bathroom facility. Light refreshments, served about mid-way to Washington. Washington drop off area is near 7th & Independence. To reserve a seat: contact Bob LaPalomato at 856-994-3476 or Incarnation church office at 856-468-1314. Donation appreciated: \$20 per adult to help offset cost.



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**.



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 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit 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
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

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