

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me.

Luke 4:18



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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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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK 

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

January 25

Christine Spinelli by Anna Marie Romani
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

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

January 26

Louis Marchesani, Jr. by Family
Helen Gitto by Sharon & Larry DeGiacomo
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

Monday

8:30AM

January 27

Helen Sargent by Twin Sister Roey

Tuesday

8:30AM

January 28

Anna DiGiacomo by Linda Serale & Family

Wednesday

8:30AM

January 29

Fred Gattis by Parents

Thursday

8:30AM

January 30

Joe Guglielmo by Joe Migatz

Friday

8:30AM

January 31

Joe Guglielmo by Gail & Mike Gallagher

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

February 1

Ursula & Dave Brinkerhoff by Anne Grove
Anna DiGiacomo by Janice & Ricchina
Joseph Guglielmo by Lona M. Catona
Joyce Corrigan by Joe Corrigan & Family
Celine Powell by Eileen & Joe Kelly
Louis Costanzo by George & Beckie Kuhl
Ralph Russo by Catherine Colacurcio

Sunday

8:00AM

February 2

Anna DiGiacomo by Barb & Joe Cawley
Carlo Sena by Sharon & Larry DeGiacomo
Johnny Bewley by Worthington Family
John T. Daniels, Jr.
by Capt. (Ret.) James V. & Mrs. Amy Daniels
Joe Migatz, Jr. by Guy & Kathy O'Connor & Family
Carolyn Guyer by Michael & Betsy Dougherty
Richard Tomasso by Anne Grove

9:30AM
11:00AM

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.



“What you do after you say you believe”

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part - to share all we have in Stewardship, without expecting anything in return.

- Collections for:
January 18th & 19th
Offertory: \$ 8,544.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,700.00
School: \$ 850.00
\$ 12,094.00

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle in your Estate Planning.



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:

Peter Keane

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, Forest Castellanie, Wesley Winkler

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

If we are to bring glad tidings to the poor, we must find reliable ways to stay informed about who they are. If we are to proclaim liberty to captives, we must know the ways they are held bound. Visit Catholic Relief Services to see what ways your parish can be active: https://www.crs.org/.

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Ministry Schedule February 1st & 2nd

Table with 4 columns: Time, Presider, Lector, and Eucharistic Minister. Rows include SAT 4:00PM, SUN 8:00AM, SUN 9:30AM, and SUN 11:00AM.

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

What's Happening

Jan. 27 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 Jan. 28 Rosary 7:00pm
 Jan. 29 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee 6:00pm (Hall)
 Feb. 03 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 Feb. 04 Rosary 7:00pm
 KoC Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
 Feb. 05 Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
 Feb. 08 Confirmation Retreat 9:00am - 12:00pm (PMR)



Knights of Columbus®

Dear Eighth Grade Students of Saint Thomas Parish,

On behalf of the Brigantine Knights of Columbus Council #7020, you are cordially invited to participate in our upcoming Council Spelling Bee, which is scheduled to take place as follows.

Location: St. Philip Hall
Date: Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:00 pm
Contact: Bill Amend @ 609-513-6391



The Women's Club of St. Thomas
 A caring community of Christian
 Women within our Church

Greetings to all Women's Club members.
 We will hold our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m., in St. Philip Hall.** Members of the Brigantine Fire Department will be discussing emergency safety issues, including the use of a defibrillator. As always, new members are always welcome to join our club.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The **Office of the Diaconate** is holding a meeting to provide information and answer questions concerning the life and ministry of a permanent deacon. If you, or someone you know, believe that Christ is calling you to serve the Church as a deacon please attend this meeting:

When: Tuesday Feb. 18th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Where: The Diaconate Center
(133 N. 3rd St., Hammonton)**

Who: Any man ages 30 – 55

Please confirm your attendance by calling the Diaconate Office (856-583-2858) or emailing Linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org.

**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

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.**



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

JOE CONKLIN COMEDY SHOW

with Dennis Horan & Vince Valentine


Join us for an evening of laughter!
Joe has been a radio personality for over 30 years and is known for his celebrity impressions. He is fearless and hilarious!



Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025

Doors open: 6:00pm (Parish Hall)
 Showtime: 7:00pm

\$50 per person* (incl. snacks) BYOB - 50/50 raffle; Tickets: Weekend Masses, at Parish office (M-F 8:30am-4pm) or Online sales at JoeConklin.com (*non-refundable ticket/additional fee with online sales; Questions? (856) 424-1454)

 **Catholic Church of St. Mary - Parish Hall**
 2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



1st Saturday Reflection Day With the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Date: February 1, 2025

Time: 10am-1pm

Location: St. Michael Church,
Atlantic City

Guest Preacher: Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession,
 Meditation on the Mysteries of the
 Rosary, Holy Mass 12 noon



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.

VITALity Calls of Joy!

Why start your week with a VITALity Call of Joy?

- Uplifting conversations
- Social interaction
- Easily connect from home
- Free program



This Life to the Fullest Member benefit includes:

- Meaningful phone conversations
- Compassionate listening
- Full confidentiality

To sign up for **Calls of Joy**, go to:

- <https://vitality.camdendiocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/>
- Scan QR code to the right
- Or call 856-583-6123



Not a Life to the Fullest Member? Join for free at: www.vitality.camdendiocese.org

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
www.vitality.camdendiocese.org



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.

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