

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

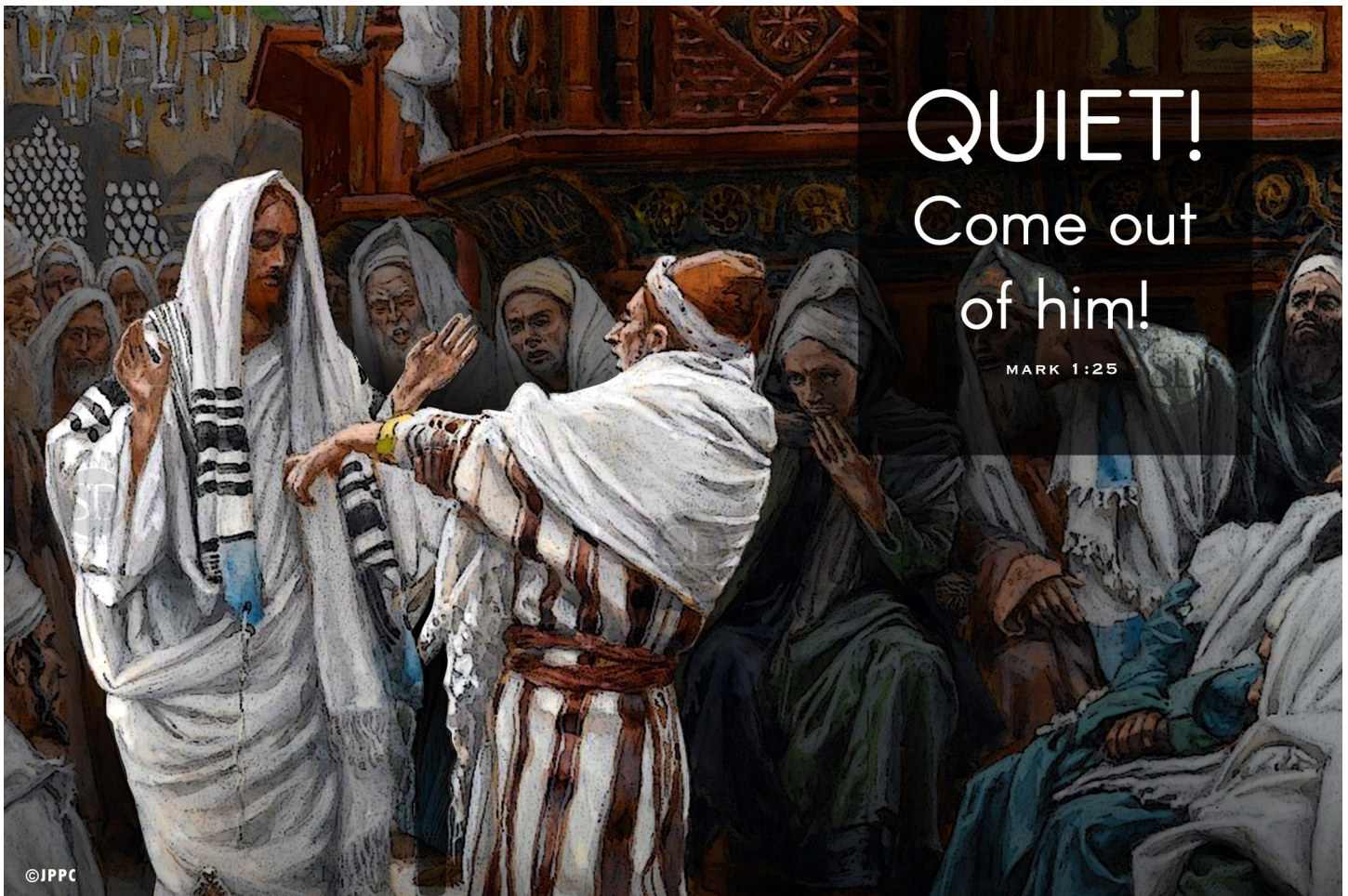
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*"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."*

January 28, 2024

4th 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,  
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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 Mass 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 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 27**

Gerald Miller by John & Diane Wybranski  
Lynda Sutton by Roy Sutton  
Patricia Johnston by Sheila Daily  
Lynda Sutton by Alice Spragers  
Stella Stockham by Sister

**Sunday**

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

**January 28**

Alex Zavala by Linda Camerota  
Michael Esposito, Jr. by Pontillo Family  
John T. Daniels, Jr. by Capt.(Ret) James V. Daniels & Family  
Nick Stabile by Lynne & Bob Flanagan  
Michael Esposito by Kathe & John Murray

**Monday**

8:30AM

**January 29**

Frederick Gattis by Parents

**Tuesday**

8:30AM

**January 30**

Louis Marchesani, Jr. by Manny Ketterer

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**January 31**

Baby Camila Hanson by Barb & Joe Cawley

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**February 1**

Nick Stabile by Terry & Joe Chiarolanza

**Friday**

8:30AM

**February 2**

Tracy Stecher by Aunt Kathleen & Paul

**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**February 3**

Ursula & Dave Brinkerhoff by Anne Grove  
Rose Christidis by Mr. & Mrs. Cesare Rotondi  
Nick Stabile by George & Beckie Kuhl  
Dolores Fleisch by Mary & Bill Gallagher  
Patricia Castellano by Danielle Smith

**Sunday**

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

**February 4**

Robert "Bobby" Bowen by Julie Tingle DeSimone  
Joseph Rifice, III by LaMar Buffington & Family  
Barbara Fullerton by Coyle Family  
Fred Schrandt by Mary Alice Noonan

**Welcome to Our Parish Family**



**Enzo Alfred Acunto**  
**Lyla Stacey Porpora**

**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**





**"What you do after you say you believe"**

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."  
1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then, in Stewardship spend your time praying instead of worrying.

**Collections for: January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Offertory: \$5,976.00**

**E-Giving: \$2,306.00**

**School: \$ 768.00**

**\$9,050.00**



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.



### 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.

## Prayer Requests



### **FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**James Lezzano**

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, Gail Squicciarri, 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, Mary Spence

### **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,  
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

Jesus encounters a man with an unclean spirit raging within him. The story may read like a scene from a Halloween thriller at first glance. How do unclean spirits find their way into human bodies? Do they really exist? Medical professionals may call it something different, but there is no doubt that many people struggling with mental illness experience a similar phenomenon. For instance, a person with schizophrenia may hear different voices in their head. Like the man in today's Gospel, many people with mental illnesses long to be seen, encountered, and healed. Pause and be present next time you meet someone having an episode on the street or in the pews.

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### Ministry Schedule February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	B. DeLucry, F. Streeper, M. Stinson
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	To Be Determined	J. Robbins	K. Mogan, A Solari, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Ed	R. Pennestri	P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos, J. Staffieri
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	M. Dougherty	Deacon, L. Flanagan, G. Shindle

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



ST. THOMAS 4EVERYONE

## Lunch & Learn SENIOR SERIES



*Is it normal aging...? Is it dementia...? Is it early alzheimers...?*

# WHERE are my keys?

**Dementia is not part of aging.** Learn more about this misconception and helpful lifestyle changes you can make to help prevent or delay Dementia. Information and Question & Answer Sessions will be lead by **Mimi Schaible**, Director of Care Coordination for Vitality Healthcare.

WHEN: February 22<sup>nd</sup>

TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm

WHERE: St. Philip Hall at St. Thomas Church

WHO: 60+ Years Old

**RSVP to reserve your spot!**

Light lunch, 50 people max.

Call 609.266.2123, ext 3

Leave your name and number  
of attendees.

Questions?

Call

Eileen Robbins  
610.721.7438

## 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**.

## What's Happening

Jan. 29 CCD Classes 4:00 - 7:00pm

Jan. 30 Rosary 7:00pm

Feb. 05 CCD Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Feb. 06 Rosary 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)

Feb. 07 Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)

Feb. 10 Confirmation Retreat 9:00am - 12noon (PMR)

Feb. 11 Sweetheart Breakfast after all morning Masses

Feb. 12 CCD Classes 4:00 - 7:00pm

## SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
after each morning Mass 8:00,  
9:30 & 11:00am  
(in St. Philip Hall)

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.



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.



### WEEK 3

1/15/24	146	Ann Ricca	\$ 50.00
1/16/24	509	Judi Vasilou	\$ 50.00
1/17/24	465	Anne Grove	\$ 50.00
1/18/24	198	Kaylee Stenderowicz	\$ 50.00
1/19/24	073	Anna Marie Alaburda	\$ 50.00
1/20/24	487	Fr. Edward Maher	\$ 50.00
1/21/24	354	Norma Anderson	\$ 50.00

**Congratulations to our Week 3 winners!**





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(1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 2/28)  
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**CONTACT US**  
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609-652-7134



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**KINDERGARTEN**  
Our Kindergarten is a place where your child will grow as a reader, writer, and problem solver. In Kindergarten your child will be encouraged to become a confident learner and independent student.

## 1st Saturday Reflection Day with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal



**Date:** February 3, 2024  
**Time:** 10am - 1pm  
**Location:** St. Michael Church,  
Atlantic City  
**Guest Speaker:** Fr. Mariusz, CFR  
**Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary. Holy Mass at 12 noon**

For more info: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael)

## 2024 HOLY SPIRIT SPARTANS Night at the Races



February 9, 2024 at 6pm  
The Golden Nugget AC Hotel, Casino & Marina

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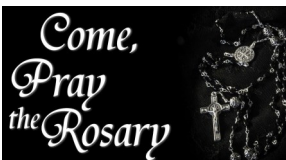
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## Rosary for Peace

Come join us every **Tuesday at 7pm** as we gather and pray the Rosary. **All are welcome.**

## 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)  
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