Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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

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July 31, 2022 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

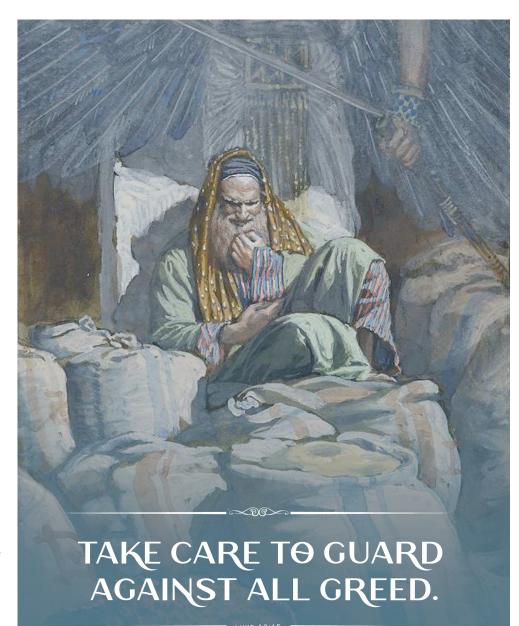
> Next Week: 40 Hour Devotion

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS SAT: 4:00PM SUN: 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM & 5:30PM (9:30 livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION Saturday: 3PM or by appointment



PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher

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PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Krzysztof Wtorek

PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Len Long

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Deacon Len Long & Deb Widmann

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm office@stabrig.org **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY:** Mary Jane Kelso, kelso.music@stabrig.org

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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. Also, we have special programs for children & adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their sacraments. 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.

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.

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8:30AM	July 30 Marilyn DeMari by Connie & John Schreiner, John & Michele Schreiner and Chris & LeeAnn Dragovitz		
4:00PM	Johanna Laviano by Lou Laviano Marie Zizzamia by Lou Laviano Gloria Baurkot by Joanne Reilly Edith Glenda Roesberg by Charlene Goff Alice Stinson by Bordonaro Family		
Sunday 7:00AM	July 31 Lynda Sutton by Charles Hubbs Kevin Oleksiak by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family		
8:00AM	James Poulson by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family Joan Bokunewicz by Christine & Jim Roesberg		
9:30AM	Dominic & Rachel Mazzulo by Heffner Family Salvatore Inzone, Sr. by Noel Family		
11:00AM	Jean D'Adamo by Maria Underwood Joseph Maiorano by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer		
5:30PM	Nick & Margie DiFranks by Family		
Monday 8:30AM	August 1 Barbara Marcinkowski by Rehill Family		
Tuesday 8:30AM	August 2 Pat Kowaleski by LaMar & Family		
Wednesday 8:30AM	August 3 Louise Cassady by St. Thomas Staff		
Thursday 8:30AM	August 4 Jean D'Adamo by Catherine Giovanetti		
Friday 8:30AM	August 5 Betty Ricchini by Nelson/Lenahan Family		
Saturday 8:30AM 4:00PM	August 6 Catherine & Frank Grove by Anne Grove Johanna Laviano & Carmela Laviano by Lou Laviano James Heisler by Nancy & Tony Aliantro		
Sunday 7:00AM	August 7 Lynda Sutton by Frank Sprangers Elizabeth Tilli by Ann Quinn		
8:00AM	Theresa Mong by Pat & Kit Cooke Jennifer Rodden by Riordan Family John Scheurich by LeeAnn & Phil Guenther Richard Lyons by Coyle Family William McCarthy by Betty Lloyd & Mary Bew		
9:30AM	Ed Mong by Will & Jane LaVerghetta		
11:00AM	Patrick & Ernestine Caulfield by Son Virginia Kelly by Conrad Weiler by Family		
5:30PM	Michael Lange, Sr. by Shindle Family William & Jennifer Rodden by Oleksiak Family		





Stewardship is a way of life based on the Gospel. As disciples, we are called to be faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your continued generosity and participation in our parish.

Weekend of July 23rd & 24th Offertory: \$10,493.00 E-Giving: <u>\$ 1,750.00</u> \$12,243.00

Mission Co-Op: \$11,227.00



Interested in Online Giving?

To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: **stthomasbrigantine.org** and click on the **Parish Giving** button.

You Are Invited 3rd Annual Benefit Dinner

Presented by: Jersey Shore Women's Center "Helping Pregnant, Parenting and Abortionvulnerable women in the South Jersey area".

When: Friday, August 12, 2022

Where: Seaview, a Dolce Hotel Galloway NJ

Time: 6pm cocktail hour 7pm dinner & program

Cost: Single \$125, Couples \$200

Keynote Speaker: Abby Johnson

For more information, questions, or to purchase tickets, please call Kathy or Brian Mulvenna at 609-266-2268

Liturgy and Life

A recent luxury car commercial pushes conspicuous consumerism as the American way, even poking fun at less prosperous societies. But it's as clear now as it was in Jesus' time: the more we own, the more potential barriers we have in our relationship with God. If we have too many belongings, we suffer for it. Take a survey of your possessions. Do one thing to reduce what you own. For example, give away clothes or donate shoes, donate a car, or cut your cable channels.

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FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christopher George Coco, Diane Duffy, Lisa Musumeci-Sanchez

FOR OUR SICK:

Maryann Atack, Derek Caster, Jim Covert, Erin Fender, Anthony Mauceri, Joan DiBona, Baby Aurora Gross, Lisa Lee, Ralph Lillie Family, Kitty Huegel, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Melanie Caprio, Robert Moody, Armstrong Family, Celine Powell, Christian Afanador, Carol Graham, Richard Warren Marsdale, Frank DiBona, Ryan Ladd, Joan Orlando, Peter Staffieri, Christine Staffieri, Mary Seader, Kristina McDaniel, Dominic Delia, Benjamin Berkowitz, Gary Zimmerman, Donald Jarvela, Regis Goergen, Chris Britton, Mary Jane Burbridge, Joe Fumo, James Offit, Louise Frola, Linda Cullen, Jeffrey Geisler, Diane Kuczynski, David LoManto, Nancy Coco, John Lee, Michelle Dwyer, Dolores Vesper, Colonel William John Boylan

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

1st Lt. Robert Glanville, USMC, Maj. Jeffrey Moon, USAF Lt. Connor F. Burbridge, US Army, Sgt. Matt Krimm, US Army, Maj. Matt Valnoski, US Army, Cpl. Tristen T. Barry, USMC, Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army, Cpl. Ronald DeWaal, USMC, Capt. Mark J. Marsella, USMC, PFC Jaryd Witkowski, US Army

Prayer Chain Network: The network prays for the immediate needs of others. To make a confidential request, please contact Barry Scholcoff at 609-266-7888.

Ministry Schedule August 6th & 7th				
Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	M. Harvey, J. D'Ascenzo, P. Lipari	
SUN. 7:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	E. Stafford	G. Gallagher, D. Phillips	
SUN. 8:00AM	To Be Determined	J. Levins	A. Solari, A. Grove	
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Leighton	R. Pennestri	J. Staffieri, M. Brindisi, S. Smith	
SUN. 11:00AM	Bishop G. Gordon	R. Barone	Deacon, R. Wilson, G. Shindle, T. Tomlin	
SUN. 5:30PM	Fr. Ed	B. Bologa	B. DeLucry	

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

"Jesus is waiting for you" <u>Sunday August 7, 2022</u> 5:30pm Mass *Immediately following Mass til 10:00pm* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Forty Hour Devotion

<u>Monday August 8, 2022</u> 8:30am Mass *followed by:* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1:30pm Mass Special Anointing of the Sick Mass (Celebrant is Fr. Bob) *Continuing with:* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm Note: Confession available – 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday August 9, 2022 8:30am Mass followed by: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm Rosary for Peace 7:00pm Closing Mass Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving (Homilist, Rev. Carlo Santa Teresa) & Procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament All invited – Tell your friends and family!

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick Monday August 8th at 1:30pm

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is, as the words of St. James make clear, for the sick. The church emphasizes that this Sacrament is for the living, the sick, the aged, and not merely for those in immediate danger of death. It is an encounter with Christ the Healer, Christ the Divine Physician. Much happens with the Anointing of the Sick. It is primarily geared toward inner healing. The Sacrament also strengthens a person's resolve not to be afraid of death. Of course, families and friends of the sick are urged to attend the Mass. Father Bob will be the main celebrant. If you are interested, call the Rectory at 609-266-2123, or email us at: office@stabrig.org.

Why Forty Hours?

Forty Hour Devotions have long been a tradition in the catholic church. St. John Neumann was the first to bring the practice to the U.S. when he instituted the Forty Hour Devotion into the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The practice became very popular in Philadelphia and spread to many other dioceses, including our own. As we are just about to begin our Eucharistic Devotion at St. Thomas the Apostle, perhaps we can examine the tradition a little closer.

Forty is a significant number in the Bible. It rained for forty days and forty nights after Noah built his arc. The Israelites spent forty years in the desert before they entered the promised land. Jesus fasted for forty days before he began his public ministry. He also rested in the tomb for forty hours after the crucifixion. In each case the number forty designated a long period of time in which people prepared for a new beginning. The forty hour devotion of the Blessed Sacrament also designates a time in which people can reflect, worship, pray and make a new beginning.

We do hope you will be able to attend a large part of the three days. "Jesus is waiting for you." Some will come and make a visit for a few minutes. Others will make a holy hour that certainly is the ideal. It can be very powerful focusing your eyes on the Lord within the Monstrance. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host." Also looking at our beautiful crucifix. He has a very attractive face. His great love for us on the cross is apparent.

During your time of adoration, it is helpful to bring a bible and spend time praying certain passages. Chapter six of John's Gospel is good in that it deals with the Eucharist. Spiritual reading can be helpful. Perhaps you just might want to sit and just in the presence of your Lord God. It is a way for us to become more like him. We become more like those we associate with.

When you begin your hour of adoration, make it for a special intention. It could be for a son or daughter or a grandchild who is having problems or perhaps peace of mind for yourself, or someone you know. Whatever it may be, the Lord is there to listen to you!

This is a time like no other to pray, reflect, worship, and make it a new beginning. It is a time of grace for you and the whole parish.



\$101,300

Your *House of Charity* gift enables our staff of Hospital Chaplains to provide comprehensive help to those in need. They administer the Sacrament of the Sick in the many hospitals throughout our area, conduct pastoral visits with patents, families and hospital staff, help coordinate the visits of parish Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and assist in a diocesan-wide effort to teach our Catholic faithful more about the Sacrament of the Sick.

OUR PARISH GOAL IS: \$101,300 Our Parish has raised \$91,771.50 to date, which is **90.6%** of our goal.



Cost: \$20 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office during business hours.

SPECIAL When 3 tickets are purchased at one time, your name will automatically be placed into a special drawing for a \$200 Gift Certificate to Dock's Oyster House Restaurant.

Drawing is Friday, August 19th @ 7:00pm at our annual "Famous Chicken BBQ"



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