

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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Ascension of the Lord

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*So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right
hand of God.*

Mark 16:79

**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.

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 is distributed on the Baptismal Font side of the church.

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.**

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

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Saturday	May 31
8:30AM	Phyllis Smith <i>by Pat Jackson</i>
4:00PM	Joseph & Kathryn Price <i>by Richard & Linda Lee</i>
	LaMarr Gable <i>by Joanna Guglielmo</i>
	David J Simon <i>by Phyllis & Steve Sheckelton</i>
	Mary Ann DeJulius <i>by Women's Club of St. Thomas</i>
	Peter J. McGaughran <i>by Metz Family</i>
	Carolyn Graham <i>by Anthony & Roseann DiMaggio</i>
Sunday	June 1
8:00AM	Anthony Conti <i>by Family</i>
9:30AM	Romilda Maria Bucci <i>by Richard & Linda Lee</i>
11:00AM	Michael Trendler <i>by Family</i>
	William Alan Kuprenech <i>by Turzanski Family</i>
	Louis Capodice <i>by Kathe & John Murray</i>
	Francis Shallow <i>by Myra Sendrick</i>
	Robert Burns <i>by Kathe Murray</i>
	Sheila Wolfson <i>by Coyle Family</i>
	Giancarlo Maratea <i>by Coyle Family</i>
Monday	June 2
8:30AM	Vera & Tom Manning <i>by Family</i>
Tuesday	June 3
8:30AM	Joe Migatz, Jr. <i>by Corrigan Family</i>
Wednesday	June 4
8:30AM	Betty Collins <i>by Kris G. & Jimmy K.</i>
Thursday	June 5
8:30AM	LaMarr Gable <i>by Linda Serale</i>
Friday	June 6
8:30AM	Anna DiGiacomo <i>by Anne Grove</i>
Saturday	June 7
8:30AM	Fred Gattis <i>by Parents</i>
4:00PM	Gregory Nacios <i>by Marcia & Ron Williams</i>
	Joyce & Charlie Romeo <i>by Marcia & Ron Williams</i>
	Thomas Deppe <i>by James & Benny Friel</i>
	LaMarr Gable <i>by Gil & Sylvia Scutti</i>
	Terence Rieti <i>by Frank Burbridge</i>
	Robert Sambucci <i>by Ann & Don Sambucci</i>
Sunday	June 8
8:00AM	Joe Migat z, Jr. <i>by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer</i>
	Philip Moherek <i>by Ken & Marge Schroeder</i>
	Angela Burbridge <i>by Family</i>
	Jackie Bray <i>by Butch & Suzanne Reed & Family</i>
9:30AM	Marie Fritz <i>by Janice & Ricchina</i>
11:00AM	Anna DiGiacomo <i>by Elena Italiano</i>
	Patrick Schmidtt <i>by Kathe & John Murray</i>
	Ardell Burnell <i>by Kathe & John Murray</i>



"What you do after you say you believe"

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.." Revelations 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living Stewardship gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

Collections for: May 17th & 18th

Offertory: \$ 7,629.00

E-Giving: N/A

School: \$ 1,252.00
\$ 8,881.00

*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.



Welcome to Our Parish Family



We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized during the month of May:

Nathan Connor Sweeney
Louis Timothy Fitzpatrick

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL YOUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rosemary Ford, Anthony Harvey Jr.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Marie Twist, John Gans, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, Andy Papp, Zoe Rodriguez, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Leah Loreaux, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Diane Anderson, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, Dora Meyers, Jimmy Olizo, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Robert Granieri, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Forest Castellanie, Tom Gullone, Jeannie Stanton, Stephanie Dehnhard, Joe Olin, Steven Pirolli, Joanne Messick, Ann Marie Alaburdo, Don Andrews Jr.

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, 1st Lt. Aidan Crosby, US Army, Ofc. Vincent J. Barone, US Navy, Sgt. Michael Lange III, 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for all who will come to faith through the word of the disciples, asking that we might be "brought to perfection as one," in charity with one another and with him. By this oneness, Christ says, the world will know God's love. Mystagogy, the revelation of God's mysteries, is a lifelong process of all who belong to Christ. Notice and record how God reveals his presence to you this week in your daily life, and especially in the Sunday liturgy. Is there division in your parish community? Think of ways you can contribute toward reconciliation and healing, then take steps to create "oneness."

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Ministry Schedule June 7th & June 8th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	B. DeLucry, W. Litwinczuk, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	To Be Determined	L. Camerota	B. O'Connor, G. Espinoza, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	B. Bologna	P. Zuber, G. Scutti, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	M. Dougherty	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flanagan

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

Night at the Races

We had a good time at the Night at the Races. Everything went smoothly thanks to a lot of competent workers guided by Mike Brindisi. An inspector came and she was very satisfied with everything.

The prizes were good! We are so grateful for all those who donated them. We are unable to give out money prizes, so the baskets are essential. We especially thank Andre from Andre's Restaurant. He catered the affair. He provided us with meatballs, sausage, salad, and stuffed rigatoni from Italy. It was a fabulous meal! The great news, he did it all for FREE. May God Bless Andre and his family for their generosity.

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, June 4th at 6:30 p.m., in St. Philip Hall**. The club will be holding an end of the year social along, with elections for the 2025-2026 board. Dues paying members will have an opportunity to vote. As always, we welcome new members to join the club.



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, June 7th, from 9:00am - 2:00pm in St. Philip Hall**. Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org or by calling **1-800-733-2767 (1800REDCROSS)**. Your donation will greatly help in saving lives. We hope you can join us.



Learn tips to prevent falling!

Don't become a statistic!

- Over 65 years old,
1 out of 4 persons fall
- Over 80 years old,
1 out of 2 persons fall

Learn about the importance of home safety, good lighting, exercise, balance, good vision, hearing, foot care and much more!

Presentation by Vitality Healthcare.

WHEN: Thursday **June 12th**

TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm

WHERE: St. Philip Hall at St. Thomas Church

WHO: 60+ Years Old

RSVP to reserve your spot!

Light lunch, 100 people max.

Call 609.266.2123, ext 3

Leave your name and the number of attendees.

Questions?

Call

Eileen Robbins

610.721.7438

Respect Life Ministry



2025 Baby Bottle Campaign

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Thomas distributed baby bottles to be filled with coins, cash or checks, over Mother's Day weekend (May 10 - 11), Empty bottles are available in the hall at the Little Catholic Shop counter. The bottles will be collected on Father's Day weekend (June 14 - 15). All donations collected will go to the Jersey Shore Women's Center to help mothers and children in need. If you have questions or need more information, call Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

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.



Support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund's Spring Sprint for Scholarships appeal running now through June 30. Last year, the fund provided scholarship assistance for 165 Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden. For many of these families, this support enabled them to continue sending their children to Catholic school. For more information or to contribute, visit:

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southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint

To donate offline, please send payment to:
South Jersey Scholarship Fund
631 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102



Knights of Columbus

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.

SATURDAY: Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm

We have items for every room of your house. Also, we have seasonal decorations. Remember, if you have gently used items (**except clothing and shoes**), that you wish to donate, please drop them off during business hours. **We look forward to seeing you**

Please be advised that ALL DONATIONS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT 601 BAYSHORE AVE. DURING BUSINESS HOURS. Any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at **609-266-2123** and leave your name and contact number and your call will be returned.



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

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



2025 APPEAL: “OUR JOURNEY UNITED IN HOPE”

This year’s theme: “Our Journey United in Hope,” reflects the theme of the Jubilee Year, “Pilgrims of Hope.” It calls us to walk together bringing hope to others.

Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we support those in need throughout the six counties of the Diocese of Camden.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL PROVIDES:

SOCIAL, COMMUNITY AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Your generosity provides services through Catholic Charities offices in each county of South Jersey. VITALity’s Hospital Chaplaincy is able to provide spiritual and emotional support to patients, their families and staff through your donations. Together, we offer support to the weak, vulnerable, and disenfranchised.

EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Lay leadership training, intercultural ministries, ministry with the deaf and persons with disabilities, marriage enrichment, adult faith formation, liturgical catechesis and other evangelization efforts, along with your gifts, kindle the fire of faith into a bright beacon for all to see.

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Your donation enables programs like Summer in the City, Catholic Scouting, Theology on Tap, college campus ministries and Newman Centers, and support for a growing number of parish-based Youth Ministry programs and many more activities to build community and prepare our youth and young adults for the mission that God has chosen for them.

VOCATIONS, SEMINARIAN & PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION, CARE OF PRIESTS

Your support ensures that pastors and clergy continue to bring the light of Jesus into the world. Through prayers and support, we currently have seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Camden.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION – “FORMING MINDS AND HEARTS IN GRACE”

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church. Catholic schools build faith, develop leadership ability and provide academic excellence in a safe environment. Your gift will help keep tuition affordable for families to send children to schools that will support Catholic values, develop character and provide academic excellence.

INCENTIVES FOR PARISH INITIATIVES

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

**We invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort.
During Catholic Ministries Appeal Weekend, please make your sacrificial gift to help
continue the mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Camden!**
