

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ

[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

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

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A good tree does not bear  
rotten fruit, nor does a rotten  
tree bear good fruit.

*Luke 6:43*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

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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.

**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 FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
8:30AM	<b>Anthony Conover</b> by <i>Pat Duus</i>
4:00PM	<b>Jean L. Hammer</b> by <i>Smiley Family</i>
	<b>Denise Reilly Morgan</b> by <i>Kim &amp; Chuck Urban</i>
	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Joe Migatz</i>
	<b>Garry Passio</b> by <i>Mayer Milich</i>
	<b>Charles Guenther</b> by <i>Bert &amp; Julie Estlow</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
8:00AM	<b>Bernard P. O'Connor, Jr.</b> by <i>Bill &amp; Sue Ferris</i>
9:30AM	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by <i>Elizabeth Reilly McKenna</i>
	<b>Lisa Feret Wilson</b> by <i>Mackey Family</i>
	<b>Kathleen &amp; Henry Zuber</b> by <i>Mackey Family</i>
	<b>Albert Staffieri</b> by <i>Pat Jackson</i>
	<b>Robert Burns</b> by <i>Judy Wall</i>
	<b>Mary Carotenuto</b> by <i>Bill &amp; Kathy Clark</i>
	<b>George Pagoulatos</b> by <i>Mike &amp; Rita</i>
11:00AM	<b>Nick Stabile</b> by <i>Mary Accordino</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
8:30AM	<b>Charles J. Bendel</b> by <i>Turzanski Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
8:30AM	<b>Dolores Seidelmann</b> by <i>Husband &amp; Daughter</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 5 (Ash Wednesday)</b>
8:30AM	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Kathy &amp; Bill Bennett</i>
12:00PM	<b>Service with Ashes</b>
4:00PM	<b>Service with Ashes</b>
6:30PM	<b>Harriet Reay</b> by <i>Roseann Smith</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
8:30AM	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Judy Wall</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
8:30AM	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Anne Grove</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
8:30AM	<b>Fernando Alonso</b> by <i>Marie Cassaro</i>
4:00PM	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by <i>Rotondi Family</i>
	<b>Kayila Sienna Bowen</b> by <i>Friends</i>
	<b>LaMarr Gable</b> by <i>Andrea Pelosi-DeCoons &amp; Denise Ponte</i>
	<b>Ralph Russo</b> by <i>Carmella &amp; Gary Siems</i>
	<b>MaryAnn DeJulius</b> by <i>Fran Streeper</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
8:00AM	<b>Ed Schehl</b> by <i>Bill Fellows</i>
9:30AM	<b>John Michael &amp; Matthew Ryan Gaudreau</b>
11:00AM	<b>Troy Smith</b> by <i>Kristen Burke</i>
	<b>Anna DiGiacomo</b> by <i>DoAnn &amp; Roger Bernhammer</i>
	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by <i>Turzanski Family</i>
	<b>Thomas Hock</b> by <i>Family</i>
	<b>Dorothy Albani</b> by <i>Family</i>
	<b>Michael Trendler</b> by <i>Family</i>
	<b>"Mr. Bob" Bodine</b> by <i>Bill &amp; Kathy Clark</i>



### "What you do after you say you believe"

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God has called you to Stewardship to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

**Collections for:**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 6,541.00**  
**E-Giving: \$ 1,800.00**  
**School: \$ 1,153.00**  
**\$ 9,494.00**

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



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 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.

## Prayer Requests



### FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**James Ruggiano, Rev. Paul Harte**

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, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Annmarie Staffieri, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Andy Papp, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Diane Anderson, Joe Cawley, Robert Granieri, Jimmy Olizo, Forest Castellanie, Tom Gullone, Stephanie Dehnhard, Wesley Winkler, Jeannie Stanton

### 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

March is Women's History Month in the United States. The following national statistics are provided by Emory University School of Medicine: 85% of victims of domestic violence are women; every 9 seconds a woman is beaten; 1 out of 3 women have been sexually assaulted or beaten; more than 3 women are killed by husbands or boyfriends each day. Consider as a parish staff how you can make your parish a safe zone for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

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### Ministry Schedule March 8<sup>th</sup> & March 9<sup>th</sup>

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	M. Stinson, B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	B. Bologna	C. Rooney, A. Solari, B. O'Connor
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	M. Dougherty	R. Pagoulatos, P. Zuber, G. Scutti
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	Deacon, R. Wilson, T. Tomlin

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



## ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>)

**8:30am - Mass** with ashes

**12:00pm - Prayer Service** with ashes

**4:00pm - Prayer Service** with ashes

**6:30pm - Mass** with ashes

## “LENTEN LITTLE BLACK BOOKS”

The “**Little Black Books**” are available this Lenten Season. They are located at the entrances to the church. **PLEASE TAKE ONE!**



### DURING LENT:

**A MASS** will be celebrated **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING** during Lent at **6:30pm**, (beginning on **March 11**) followed by the Rosary at 7pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Friday evening at 7:00pm in the Church during Lent.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** will meet **every Wednesday** from **March 5<sup>th</sup> thru April 16<sup>th</sup>** at **9:15am** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. **All are welcome to attend as we are always happy to welcome new members.**

### Lenten Rules & Regulations:

**Weekdays of Lent:** There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Days of Abstinence:** (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:** These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59.

**Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

## What's Happening

**Mar. 03** Religious Ed, Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm

**Mar. 04** Rosary 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)

**Mar. 05** Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)

**Mar. 07** Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

**Mar. 08** Women's Club Dance 7:00pm -10:00pm (Hall)

**Mar. 10** Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm

**Mar. 11** Mass 6:30pm

Rosary 7:00pm



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

### Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day

The Women's Club is having a St. Patrick's Dance on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 p.m. in St. Philip Hall. BYOB and snacks. Come dance to some wonderful music by DJ Jack Fahey and enjoy some spectacular live entertainment, all for the price of a \$20 ticket. Purchase tickets from Dot (267) 226-2010 or Nancy (609) 335-1264. Get that ticket and come have some Irish fun with us.

**Women's Club of St. Thomas**

**Presents**

*Learning, Living, and Loving Lent*

### A Night of Reflection

The Women's Club of St. Thomas proudly presents its annual Lenten Night of Reflection on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in St. Philip Hall. Our guest speaker, Maria Carmel Richardson, from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, will speak on the topic of “Learning, Living and Loving Lent”. All women parishioners are welcome to join our club members for this special event.







**Knights of  
Columbus®**

## Eighth Grade Spelling Bee Winners



The Brigantine Knights of Columbus conducted its annual spelling bee at St. Philips Hall on Wednesday, February 19th. Pictured are participants - First place- Sean Highberger, Second Place- Jadyann Mule', Third Place- Sierra Fischer, Fourth Place- Nate Philpot. Also shown L-R- DGK Ken Herman, Grand Knight Dennis Reilly, St. Thomas Church Pastor Fr. Ed Maher and Spelling Bee Committee Chair Bill Amend.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



The annual baby needs drive will be held from **Sunday, March 9th through Sunday, April 13th** in support of **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 they need.

The center's current needs are Diapers - Size 4-7; Pull Ups - Size 2-3T to 5-6T; Baby Wipes; New Infant & Toddler Clothing - Size 9 months - 5T; Hooded Bath Towels & Washcloths; Crib & Bassinet Sheets; Receiving Blankets; Humidifiers.

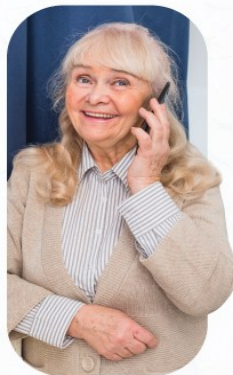
Donations can be placed in the Pack n Play located in the front of the church on the parking lot side. For more information on how you can support the Jersey Shore Women's Center or assistance with a donation drop off or pick up, call Brian or Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

**Gift Cards** (Target, Walmart, Amazon) are also appreciated and can be **inserted into the labeled drop box next to the pack n play.**

## VITALity Calls of Joy!

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- <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](http://www.vitality.camdendiocese.org)

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services  
631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102  
[www.vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://www.vitality.camdendiocese.org)



## 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](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael)

Or use this QR code:



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

## 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.**



### Golf and Dinner Fundraiser

**Jersey Shore Women's Center - Galloway**

**Renault Winery Golf - May 19th 9:30-6:00**

**Mass - Lunch - Golf - Dinner - Prizes - Fun**

The JSWC provides support to all women and their families in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need. Through all stages of a woman's life, we walk alongside her, providing education and promoting healthy families.

More information and registration at

[go.dojiggy.io/jswc25](http://go.dojiggy.io/jswc25)

Questions?

Contact Mike Dougherty at 215-262-5726

## Caregiving for Parents with Dementia

*All are welcome to join us  
for a special presentation!*

**Thursday, March 13  
7 - 8 p.m.**

#### Location:

St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall 285 Route 206,  
Hammononton, NJ 08037

*Light refreshments will be provided by the parish  
To RSVP: Parish Office - (609) 704-5945*

#### Presentation includes:

- Overview of Dementia
- Dementia Caregiving Challenges & Recommendations
- Support and tips for Caregivers
- Resources available
- Q&A

#### Presenter:

- Mimi Schabbe, RN, MSN MBA
- Director, Care Coordination and Consultation & Resource and Referral Help Line

#### Hosted by:

- VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
- St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish, Hammononton, NJ 08037

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### 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)  
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

#### Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:

**1-855-5HOPE4U**