

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

Lent



First Sunday of Lent

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March 9, 2025

**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

Saturday	March 8
8:30AM	Fernando Alonso <i>by Marie Cassaro</i>
4:00PM	Joe Guglielmo <i>by Rotondi Family</i>
	Kayila Sienna Bowen <i>by Friends</i>
	LaMarr Gable <i>by Andrea Pelosi-DeCoons & Denise Ponte</i>
	Ralph Russo <i>by Carmella & Gary Siems</i>
	MaryAnn DeJulius <i>by Fran Streeper</i>
Sunday	March 9
8:00AM	Ed Schehl <i>by Bill Fellows</i>
9:30AM	John Michael & Matthew Ryan Gaudreau
11:00AM	Troy Smith <i>by Kristen Burke</i>
	Anna DiGiacomo <i>by DoAnn & Roger Bernhammer</i>
	Joe Guglielmo <i>by Turzanski Family</i>
	Thomas Hock <i>by Family</i>
	Dorothy Albani <i>by Family</i>
	Michael Trendler <i>by Family</i>
	"Mr. Bob" Bodine <i>by Bill & Kathy Clark</i>
Monday	March 10
8:30AM	Anna DiGiacomo <i>by Paul & Jane Staunton</i>
Tuesday	March 11
8:30AM	Kenneth Coulter <i>by John & April Spaltro</i>
6:30PM	Szymanski-Freytag Families <i>by Asha Freytag</i>
Wednesday	March 12
8:30AM	LaMarr Gable <i>by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer</i>
Thursday	March 13
8:30AM	Elizabeth Collins <i>by Jim & Marylou Dooling</i>
Friday	March 14
8:30AM	Jerry Highberger <i>by Mom & Dad</i>
Saturday	March 15
8:30AM	Steve Anthony <i>by Duus Family</i>
4:00PM	LaMarr Gable <i>by George & Beckie Kuhl</i>
	Pat Sweeney <i>by Fran Johnson</i>
	MaryAnn DeJulius <i>by Janice & Ricchina</i>
	Thomas Lavin <i>by Family</i>
	Michael Schmidt <i>by Stephanie Gundermann</i>
Sunday	March 16
8:00AM	Helena Coffey <i>by Ken & Catherine Polarek</i>
	John Bewley <i>by Deb & Anthony Phillips</i>
	Joseph Mlgatz, Jr. <i>by Anne Grove</i>
	Tony Stolfo <i>by Mike & Gail Gallagher</i>
	Dorothy & William Clark <i>by Richard & Gerry Michelfelder</i>
	Tara Peterson <i>by 7th Grade CCD Class</i>
9:30AM	Joe Guglielmo <i>by Jeanne Pierattelli</i>
11:00AM	Edward Domenick <i>by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer</i>



"What you do after you say you believe"

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.: Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" -the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely Stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Collections for: March 2nd & 3rd

Offertory: \$ 8,581.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,018.00
School: \$ 1,062.00
\$11,661.00

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.



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:

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

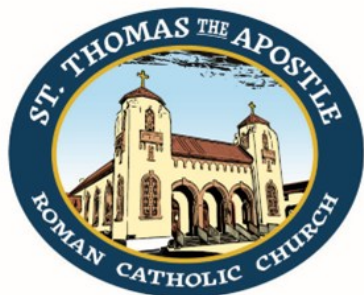
In Lent, we seek to make our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving an offering of "first fruits," recognition of our total dependence on God. As you begin this season of Lent, take care to choose practices that will be reminders of your dependence on God., Consider focusing on prayers of thanksgiving and praise as well as sacrifices that acknowledge God's abundant gifts.

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Ministry Schedule March 15th & March 16th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	W. Litwinczuk, B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	F. Burbridge	G. Espinoza, B. O'Connor, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	R. Pennestri	P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	E. Stafford	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flanagan

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



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

SUN: 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

TUES. EVENINGS: 6:30PM

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



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 5th thru April 16th at 9:15am in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend as we are always happy to welcome new members.

Lenten Guidelines:

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.



The Women's Club of St. Thomas

A caring community of Christian
Women within our Church

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 12th, 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.**



The St. Thomas Lenten Night of Recollection will be held on **Thursday, March 20th at 7:00pm** with Fr. Pat Brady. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

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.**



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

Hunger Never Takes A Vacation

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"
Matthew 25:35



**DROP OFF AT YOUR
LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**
MARCH 15-16, 2025

ITEMS IN MOST NEED:

- > CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA
- > CANNED VEGETABLES
- > CANNED SOUPS
- > CANNED FRUIT
- > CANNED BEEF STEW/ CHILI
- > MACARONI AND CHEESE (BOX)
- > PASTA WITH CANNED SAUCE
- > DRIED MASHED POTATOES (BOX)
- > CEREAL/RICE
- > COFFEE AND TEA

A Diocese of Camden Food Drive Sponsored by:



Brigantine's Local Food Bank:

True Spirit Coalition

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942
Brigantine, NJ 08203

Needed: 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.

*Prepare
For The Death
Of Our Lord Jesus*



What's Happening

- Mar. 10** Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Mar. 11 Mass 6:30pm
 Rosary 7:00pm
Mar. 12 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)
 Women's Club Night of Reflection 6:00pm (Hall)
Mar. 14 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Church)
Mar. 17 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00p - 7:00pm
Mar. 18 Mass 6:30pm
 Rosary 7:00pm

OPENING SOON FOR THE SEASON March 29th

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 (fall, Halloween, and Christmas) 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.



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

Questions?

Contact Mike Dougherty at 215-262-5726

"COME WALK WITH ME"

Irish tenor Mark Forrest will lead a **"Come Walk With Me" Holy Hour at St Vincent de Paul Parish in Mays Landing on Sunday, March 23rd at 7pm.** For more information or questions, contact the parish office at **609-625-2124**. Mark has performed for two popes and is a fixture at the Man-Up South Jersey Men's Conference each year. He and his wife have several children with special needs and run a horse farm which ministers to families with special needs. Come and enjoy what is sure to be a beautiful and inspiring holy hour.



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

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. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.