

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

Lent



Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 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

Saturday	March 15
8:30AM	Steve Anthony by <i>Duus Family</i>
4:00PM	LaMarr Gable by <i>George & Beckie Kuhl</i>
	Pat Sweeney by <i>Fran Johnson</i>
	MaryAnn DeJulius by <i>Janice & Ricchina</i>
	Thomas Lavin by <i>Family</i>
	Michael Schmidt by <i>Stephanie Gundermann</i>
Sunday	March 16
8:00AM	Helena Coffey by <i>Ken & Catherine Polarek</i>
	John Bewley by <i>Deb & Anthony Phillips</i>
	Joseph Mlgatz, Jr. by <i>Anne Grove</i>
	Tony Stolfo by <i>Mike & Gail Gallagher</i>
	Dorothy & William Clark by <i>Richard & Gerry Michelfelder</i>
	Tara Peterson by <i>7th Grade CCD Class</i>
9:30AM	Joe Guglielmo by <i>Jeanne Pierattelli</i>
11:00AM	Edward Domenick by <i>Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer</i>
Monday	March 17
8:30AM	Kate Connor by <i>Glick-Samson Family</i>
Tuesday	March 18
8:30AM	LaMarr Gable by <i>Lynne & Bob Flanagan</i>
6:30PM	Pat Sweeney by <i>Staunton Family</i>
Wednesday	March 19
8:30AM	Bonsignore Family by <i>Anna & Family</i>
Thursday	March 20
8:30AM	Geraldine Kilroy by <i>Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family</i>
Friday	March 21
8:30AM	LaMarr Gable by <i>Manny Ketterer</i>
Saturday	March 22
8:30AM	Jennifer Yeats by <i>Joan DeVecchis</i>
4:00PM	Charles J. Bendel by <i>Turzanski Family</i>
	Eric Schaetzle by <i>Parents</i>
	Joan Gamad by <i>George & Beckie Kuhl</i>
	LaMarr Gable by <i>Doh & MaryLou Dulay</i>
	MaryAnn DeJulius by <i>Laurel Haeser</i>
	Joseph J. Messick, Sr. by <i>Joanne & Family</i>
Sunday	March 23
8:00AM	Helena Coffey by <i>Ken & Catherine Polarek</i>
9:30AM	Joseph Guglielmo by <i>Rose Mary & Paul Zulli</i>
	Tony Stolfo by <i>Marie & Mike Brindisi</i>
	Ferdinando Alonso by <i>Larry, Sharon, & Lori</i>
	Kaiya Bowen by <i>Cassello & Family</i>
	Celine Powell by <i>Pat Jackson</i>
	Albert Staffieri by <i>Kathy & Brian Mulvenna</i>
11:00AM	Anna DiGiacomo by <i>Annie & Mark Weichman</i>



"What you do after you say you believe"

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a Stewards sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

**Collections for:
March 8th & 9th**

**Offertory: \$ 8,174.00
E-Giving: \$ 3,949.00
School: \$ 1,187.00
\$13,310.00**

Diocesan Central/Eastern Europe: \$3,192.00



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.



Please join us at **Jeffries & Keates Funeral Home, 228 Infield Ave., Northfield, NJ** on **Tuesday, March 18th at 11:30am** for a very informative and upbeat Lunch and Learn presentation with our preplanning specialists to learn more about prefunding your funeral.

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eric Knuttel, Katie Quinlan

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, Presley McBride

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, Vincent Joseph Barone, US Navy

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

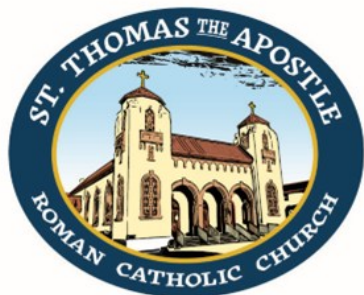
Abram questions God about an heir. Many people today can surely understand Abram's pain., as they too struggle with childlessness. Countless millions are spent each year on fertility treatments and in vitro fertilization, yet in the US alone, thousands of children are in foster care or grow up without a permanent home. Some are considered too old to be "adoptable," and so spend their entire childhood in foster care. In the rest of the world, many children have been left orphans by war or disease. Consider adopting or opening your home to a foster child, or make a contribution to a local organization that offers aid to neglected and abused children.

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Ministry Schedule March 22nd & March 23rd

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	M. Stinson, F. Streeper, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	L. Camerota	C. Rooney, D. Phillips, A. Solari
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Pashley	R. Barone	Deacon, F. Sucharski, R. Wilson

*******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.

LENTEN NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

Speaker: Fr. Pat Brady

DATE: MARCH 20TH (Thursday)

TIME: 7:00pm

The evening will include exposition and benediction. Please join us!



Mar. 17 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00p - 7:00pm

Mar. 18 Mass 6:30pm
Rosary 7:00pm

Mar. 19 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)

Mar. 20 Night of Recollection 7:00pm (Church)

Mar. 21 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Church)

Mar. 24 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm

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.

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.

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

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*



**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

Damaged Vehicle???

If you are the owner of a Black vehicle that was damaged on the 300 block of 8th Street S. on Saturday afternoon/evening, March 8th, please contact the parish office @ 609-266--2123.

