


# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

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

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

March 03, 2024



**"Destroy this temple and in  
three days I will raise it up."**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**



**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. 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. Grades 1 - 4 attend from 4pm - 5pm and 5 - 8 attend from 6pm - 7pm. Also, we have special programs for adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their sacraments.

**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.

# Mass Intentions

**FOR THE WEEK**



**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**March 2**

Ann Manno by Coyle Family  
Johanna & Bill Weisbecker by Family  
Carmel Geoghegan by George & Gail Flood  
Darlene Flood by Joe Bavosa  
Mattie Pantozzi by Joe Bavosa

**Sunday**

8:00AM

**March 3**

JoAnn Marchesani by Manny Ketterer  
Linden Wineland, Jr. by Jim & Lora Constantine  
Dolores R. Seidelman by Husband & Daughter  
Barbara Bound by Parker Family  
Nick Stabile by Toni & Andy Solari

**Monday**

8:30AM

**March 4**

Joann Marchesani by Anne Grove

**Tuesday**

8:30AM  
6:30PM

**March 5**

Helen McClain by Gary & Carmella Siems  
Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**March 6**

Baby Camila by Jane & Will LaVerghetta

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**March 7**

Anthony DeAquino by Lisa & Steven Roseman

**Friday**

8:30AM

**March 8**

Karl Grentz by Gary & Carmella Siems

**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**March 9**

Margaret Lopez by Parker Family  
Gloria Eizzie by Fran Streeper  
Michael Park by LaMar Buffington  
Roland Massaroni by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rotondi  
Michael Trendler by Family

**Sunday**

8:00AM  
9:30AM  
11:00AM

**March 10**

Bernadette Krebs by Deb & Anthony Phillips  
Fran Mulvenna by Jennifer Semanchik  
Joan DiBona by Tom & Betty Eрман  
Joe Rifice, III by Ronald Vogel & Family  
Patricia Castellano by Lynne & Bob Flanagan

**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 SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS**

**SAT: 4:00PM**

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

**WEEKDAYS**

**MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM**  
**Tues. Evening 6:30PM**

**CONFESSION**

**Saturday: 3PM**  
**or by appointment**  
**Wednesday Evening**  
**7:00 - 7:30PM**

**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**

**BULLETIN EDITOR:**

**Barb Cawley, ext. 102**  
**bulletin@stabrig.org**

**DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM**



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

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."  
Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue in Stewardship.

### Collections for: February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$7,497.00

E-Giving: \$1,443.00

School: \$1,021.00  
\$9,961.00



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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** has resumed at the 9:30 mass. Children attending K through 2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 if you'd like to join our dedicated team of Children's Liturgy catechists.

**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:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Zoe Rodriguez, Madeline Harvey, Melanie Hudson, Jerry Kilroy, Cynthia Giordano, Matt Fannon, Logan Seitz, Kristina McDaniel, Aurora Mary Gross, Charlie Arsenault, Diana Certo, Gail Squicciarri, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczycki, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto, Brody Pomager, Katrina Yearicks, Diane Kuczynski, Barbara Smaldore, Brian Cavallari, Bill Whalen, Joanne Miller, Asha Freytag, Pat Marziano, Charles Kuczynski, Douglas Boehme, Sr., Colleen Brown, Mary Spence, Robert Moody, Shawna O'Brien Lee, Bob Long, Steve Long, Sally Sooy, Dominic Delia

### 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, Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army  
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, USGC,  
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

Today's Gospel presents an emotion we do not often see in Jesus: anger. Jesus encounters money changers turning the sacred temple space into a marketplace and flips, turning over tables and driving out the profiteers. Through Jesus, we see anger as a holy practice that can move a person to seek justice. The police killings of Black men like George Floyd evoked an outpouring of anger among communities of color and others horrified by the disregard for Black lives. Many turned their anger into antiracism advocacy efforts. Get involved with a local racial justice movement. Allow your anger at systemic racism to move you to action.

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### Ministry Schedule March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	L. Camerota	G. Gallagher, A. Solari, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Dougherty	R. Pagoulatos, J. Staffieri, G. Scutti
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	To Be Determined	R. Barone	Deacon, R. Wilson, T. Tomlin

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

## ***DURING LENT:***

**A MASS** will be celebrated **EVERY TUESDAY EVENING** during Lent at **6:30pm**, (beginning on **February 20**) followed by the Rosary at 7pm.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard **every Saturday** at **3:00pm** and **Wednesday evening** during Lent from **7:00 - 7:30pm**.

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

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** will meet **every Wednesday** from **Feb. 14th thru March 27th. at 9:15am** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. **All are welcome to attend as we are always happy to welcome new members.**

### **Lenten Prayer Group** **February 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Treat yourself this Lent!** Come explore the Sunday Scriptures in a faith sharing setting amongst fellow parishioners, with similar aspirations of drawing closer to God. Each **Friday during Lent**, we will assemble in the **Parish Meeting Room** (behind the rectory office) from **5:45pm to 7:00pm** to pour over the readings to discover anew their meaning for our lives. Music, meditation and commentary will guide us on our journey. **See you there!**

### ***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.



### **Women's Club**

#### **The Cross You Carry – An evening of Reflection** **March 6, 2024 (Wednesday)**

In this evening of reflection, we will explore how we can let life become its own Lenten discipline, calling us to prayer, sacrifice and generosity through the ordinary experiences of each day.

Our speaker, Krista Baum, will be sharing her story of challenge, determination, courage and hope as she tackled an unexpected cancer diagnosis. She will share the lessons and insights she learned while going through this process that we may be able to apply to “the cross we carry” in our own personal lives.

All women of the parish are welcome to this special event in **St. Philip Hall at 6:00PM**

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Our music ministry is unique here at St. Thomas. We sing at all celebrations, including funerals. Members can make a commitment according to their own schedules. You do not have to commit to a particular Mass time. Instrumentalists are welcome, as well. To become a part of this beautiful ministry, please **see Mary Jane in the choir loft or email her at [kelso.music@stabrig.org](mailto:kelso.music@stabrig.org)**.



- Mar. 04 CCD Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Mar. 05 Mass 6:30pm  
Rosary 7:00pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
- Mar. 06 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)  
Women's Club Night of Reflection 6:00pm (Hall)  
Confession 7:00pm - 7:30pm
- Mar. 07 Social Events Meeting 7:00pm (PMR)
- Mar. 08 Lenten Prayer Group 5:45pm - 7:00pm (PMR)  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church
- Mar. 11 NO CCD CLASSES
- Mar. 12 Mass 6:30pm  
Rosary 7:00pm
- Mar. 13 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)  
Confession 7:00pm - 7:30pm
- Mar. 15 Lenten Prayer Group 5:45pm - 7:00pm (PMR)  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church



### WEEK 8

2/19/24	051	Kenneth Schroedor	\$100.00
2/20/24	115	Pat Orchard	\$ 50.00
2/21/24	423	Bert & Jessie Estlow	\$ 50.00
2/22/24	285	Danielle Smith	\$ 50.00
2/23/24	694	Christopher & Christina Corbett	\$ 50.00
2/24/24	420	George Baker	\$ 50.00
2/25/24	159	Wendy DiAntonio	\$ 50.00

***Congratulations to our Week 8 winners!***

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



The annual baby needs drive will be held from **Sunday, February 11th through Sunday, March 24th** 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.**



## MEN'S HOLY WEEK RETREAT

**March 28th - 30th, 2024**

**Our 100th Anniversary**

**If interested, contact  
Bob Quinn @ 609-713-2860**





## Lent & Holy Week Masses South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

*Please join us in celebrating  
our Masses in our chapel mausoleums!  
Masses will begin at 10 AM*

3/21 | New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr

3/25 | Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland

3/26 | Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill

3/26 | All Saints Cemetery, Newfield

*For more information, visit  
[SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org)*

## **FaithFULL Food Drive** SUNDAY | MARCH 17, 2024



### WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING:

It's requested that parishioners donate non expired food only. Please aim for healthy 'no salt added,' 'low-sodium,' and whole grain options. Below please find the most needed items for those experiencing food insecurity.

- > CANNED BEANS
- > DRIED PASTA AND RICE
- > CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- > COOKING OILS AND VINEGARS
- > CANNED FRUIT | FRUIT CUPS
- > PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
- > CANNED AND HEARTY SOUPS
- > DRIED MASHED POTATO



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## God's Transformative Love

*Moving into the Heart of What Matters Most*



Prayer is our relationship with the God who is passionately in love with each of us. This time will allow you to come to know and experience God's unconditional love and to be transformed by it. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch.

Presented by Sr. Virginia Nolan IHM

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - \$60 per person**

You may opt to stay overnight on Monday, March 18 for an additional \$95.

**Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center**  
101 11th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247  
Register by March 12 at  
[www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com) or call 609-964-7700



### 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**

### 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