

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ
www.stthomasbrigantine.org

4th Sunday of Lent

"Lord, You have come to the Seashore."

March 10, 2024

*whoever lives the truth
comes to the light*

**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.

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

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 Erman

Joe Rifice, III by Ronald Vogel & Family

Patricia Castellano by Lynne & Bob Flanagan

Monday

8:30AM

March 11

Joanne Marchesani by McKenna Family

Tuesday

8:30AM

6:30PM

March 12

Joseph Rifice, III by Ralph & Nancy Gattis

Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday

8:30AM

March 13

Assunta DiJoseph by Janice & Ricchina

Thursday

8:30AM

March 14

Gerald James Highberger by Mom & Dad

Friday

8:30AM

March 15

Joseph Rifice, III by Msgr. Pashley

Saturday

8:30AM

4:00PM

March 16

Elizabeth Maguire by Maguire Family

Joseph Andolfi by Lea & Frank Sacco

Joseph Wasschutz by Aunt Pat & Mark

Rose Sayer by Mom & Mark

Yolanda Amaya Torres by Dulay Family

Ronald Vuillermet by Wife Phyllis

Sunday

8:00AM

March 17

Marie Mogan by Mogan Family

Joseph Rifice, III by Donna Malinowski

Philomena Arena by Bill & Kathy Bennett

9:30AM

11:00AM

Dominic & Rachel Mazzulo by Raymond & Mary Heffner

Deceased Members of Cawfield Family by David Cawfield

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

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DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM



"What you do after you say you believe"

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask us to live Stewardship being grateful and generous with our God-given gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increasing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Collections for: March 2nd & 3rd

Offertory: \$7,461.00

E-Giving: \$2,890.00

School: \$1,032.00

\$11,383.00



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.



Envelopes for Easter Flower donations in remembrance of loved ones can be found in the entrances to the church. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the Easter Season. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support and generosity.

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances R. "Fran" Byers

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, Armand Savino

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 states a disturbing truth; "People preferred darkness to light." Jesus Christ, the light of the world, came to bring eternal life to all, yet some people continue to do wicked things. For instance, gunmen continue to open fire in schools at alarming rates. Children today grow up with active shooter training, and many will experience a real threat at some point in their education. The unwillingness of many government officials and voters to protect our children casts a dark shadow on our country. Call your local legislators and demand stricter gun laws so that our children's lights can continue to shine.

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Ministry Schedule March 16th & 17th

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

*******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 16th thru March 22nd**

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.

What's Happening

- 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
- Mar. 18 CCD Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Mar. 19 Mass 6:30pm
Rosary 7:00pm
- Mar. 20 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)
KoC Meeting (4th Degree) 6:00pm (Hall)
Confession 7:00pm - 7:30pm
- Mar. 22 Lenten Prayer Group 5:45pm - 7:00pm (PMR)
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Church

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday is next **Sunday, March 17th** after all morning Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. Also, our nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.

...and the WINNERS are...

WEEK 9

2/26/24	489	Bernadette Eckerdt	\$ 50.00
2/27/24	537	Liz O'Kane	\$ 50.00
2/28/24	366	Marcella Pettorossi	\$ 50.00
2/29/24	455	Michelle & John Newbeck	\$ 50.00
3/01/24	051	Kenneth Schroedor	\$ 50.00
3/02/24	397	Robert Marziani	\$ 50.00
3/03/24	181	Judy Wall	\$ 50.00

Congratulations to our Week 9 winners!



CHRISM MASS WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
OUR LADY OF HOPE
BLACKWOOD

Bishop Dennis Sullivan celebrates the annual Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Saint Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, in Blackwood.** All are welcome to attend the Mass!

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Sullivan blesses oils for sacramental use throughout the diocese. The priests of the diocese also reaffirm their ordination vows at this Mass.

Also, watch the livestream:

[facebook.com/CamdenDiocese](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenDiocese);
[YouTube.com/camdendiocese](https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese)



4Ever Young Lunch & Learn Program

At our 4Ever Young Lunch & Learn Program, Mimi Schaible of Vitality Healthcare educated us on the misconceptions and helpful lifestyle changes to help delay Dementia.



MEN'S HOLY WEEK RETREAT

March 28th - 30th, 2024

Our 100th Anniversary

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



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.**



"FR. ANTHONY'S PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER"

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

1421 New Road, Northfield, NJ 08225

Sunday, March 17, 2024

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Pre-Sale tickets are available at the weekend Masses and at the Parish office Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$15 Adults, \$10 Children

Tickets at the door: \$17 Adults, \$10 Children

Menu: Pasta w/ Homemade Tomato Sauce and Meatballs, Sausage, Caesar Salad with Homemade Dressing, Homemade Dessert and Beverage. You can dine with us or you may purchase dinner to go! Come join us for an afternoon of delicious food, great company, music, and lots of fun! **For more information please call 609-646-5611.**



Knights of Columbus **(WILL BE OPENING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD)**

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.

Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm

We have items for every room of your house. Also, 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 soon.**

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 ext. 102** and leave your name and contact number and your call will be returned.

NEED A RIDE AROUND BRIGANTINE???

The Brigantine Community Center (CER) offers a free shuttle for any senior resident who cannot drive themselves. The driver will take you to your destination (in Brigantine only) and then take you back home. This shuttle is offered Monday through Friday, from 9:15 AM to 11:45 AM. Please call to reserve your ride at least 1-2 days before. (609) 264-7350 ext. 4

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