A sunset over the ocean with a cross silhouette in the foreground. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sunset. A dark silhouette of a cross stands on a small island in the foreground.

I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.

John 11:25

Easter

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

“Lord, You have come to the Seashore...”

March 31, 2024

**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 7:30PM	March 30 (Holy Saturday) NO MORNING MASS Dominic DiGiacomo by Family Isabel Zambrana by Joe & MJ Kelso
Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	March 31 (Easter Sunday) Thomas Cahill by Manny Ketterer Bonsignore Family by Anna Italiano Family by Elena Italiano Culmone Family by Elena Italiano Ernest & Kathleen Chubb by Family AnnaMay McAlinden by Annie & Mark Weichman Patricia Castellano by Women's Club of St. Thomas
Monday 8:30AM	April 1 Joey Rifice, III by Rehill Family
Tuesday 8:30AM	April 2 Giuseppe Calabro by Granddaughter, Elena
Wednesday 8:30AM	April 3 Kathryn Graham Pashley by Son
Thursday 8:30AM	April 4 JoAnn Marchesani by Jim & Trish Levins
Friday 8:30AM	April 5 Richard J. Ciullo by Denise & Christopher Ciullo
Saturday 8:30AM 4:00PM	April 6 Mario M. Ragazzone by Tunis Family James Harvey by Wife Madeline Stephen Tomassi by Family Socorro Solis Castillo by Mike & Doreen Smith JoJo Weitz by Roy Sutton
Sunday 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	April 7 Philomena Arena by Women's Club of St. Thomas Peter Kling by Kathleen Littel Jack (John) Parker by Kathleen Zuber & Son Paul Nick Stabile by Anna DiGiacomo

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS
SAT: 4:00PM
SUN: 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS
MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

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

BULLETIN EDITOR:
Barb Cawley, ext. 102
bulletin@stabrig.org
DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM

Welcome to Our Parish Family

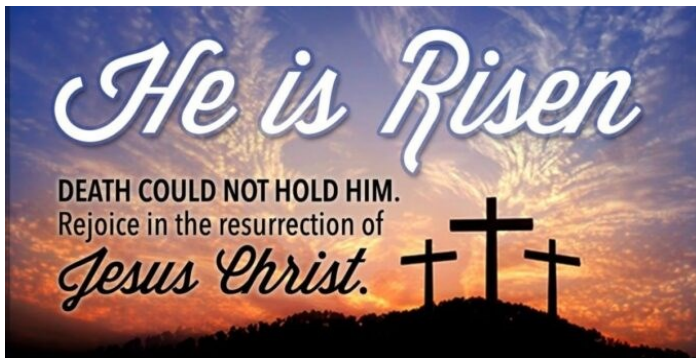


We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized during the month:

Robert James Woerner, Jr.
Giorgiana Dee Cassara

Rite of Reception into the Catholic Church

At the Easter Vigil, we welcome and congratulate
Rolando Garcia and Bruce Hunt
into the Catholic Church.



Parish Giving

Online Giving



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, 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, 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

Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb in the darkness of Easter morning and sees the stone removed. She alerts Peter and the beloved disciple, who begin to search frantically for Jesus. Soon after, the Lord appears to Mary. The resurrected Christ reveals himself and then sends Mary out to tell his disciples the Good News. Jesus entrusted a woman to preach the Easter miracle. During the time she ran to the disciples, Mary Magdalene was the entirety of the Church. She held the truth in her heart: the Lord has been raised. Alleluia! Consider listening to the Catholic Women Preach podcast and advocating for greater female leadership within the Church.

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Ministry Schedule April 6th & 7th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	F, Burbridge	F. Streeper, M. Stinson, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Dougherty	G. Gallagher, D. Phillips, A. Solari
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	J. Levins	M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos, P. Zuber
SUN. 11:00AM	To Be Determined	R. Barone	Deacon, F. Sucharski, T. Tomlin

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



...and the WINNERS are...

Week 12

3/18/24	379	Donna Dannelly	\$ 50.00
3/19/24	650	Mary Komorowski	\$ 50.00
3/20/24	540	Barbara Jaffe (Bandit)	\$ 50.00
3/21/24	412	Jerry Beaver	\$ 50.00
3/22/24	105	Jennifer Stroby	\$ 50.00
3/23/24	578	Fr. Bob Matysik	\$ 50.00
3/24/24	257	Joseph Maguire	\$ 50.00

Congratulations to our Week 12 winners!

What's Happening

- Apr. 01 Parish Office Closed
No CCD Classes
- Apr. 02 Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
- Apr. 07 Divine Mercy Sunday Service 2:00pm
- Apr. 08 NO CCD CLASSES
Confirmation Practice 6:00pm (Church)
- Apr. 10 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)
Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
- Apr. 11 Confirmation 5:00pm (Church)

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Parish will be celebrating this beautiful event **next Sunday, April 7, 2024**, inspired by Saint Faustina Kowalski., **starting at 2 PM.**

The painting of Jesus that she inspired will be shown, and a short talk of her devotions, to trust in God's endless goodness, and to show mercy onto others, will be discussed by Deacon Len. He will also lead in the reading of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

There will be **confessions at 2 PM**, and the Hour of Mercy at 3 PM. Confessions at this time are very important and will be spoken about.

The Knights of Columbus will participate in this Holy event and provide Divine Mercy Cards to all who participate.

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**.

1st Saturday Reflection Day with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Date: April 6, 2024

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: St. Michael Church,
Atlantic City

Guest Speaker: Fr. Stephen, CFR

**Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession and Meditation on the
Mysteries of the Rosary.
Holy Mass at 12 noon**



For more info: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael



St. Thomas continues to support “**Moms in Need**” at the Jersey Shore Women’s Center in Galloway. This crisis pregnancy center provides support to all women and their families, in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need.

CURRENT NEEDS:

Diapers– Size 3-7; Wipes; Shampoo, Lotion, Diaper Rash Cream; Sheets; Infant, Toddler (2-5) and Maternity Clothing (new or GENTLY used).

Donations can be placed in the **white basket** outside the confessional in the vestibule.

The center is always in need of bassinets and small portable baby items such as strollers, booster seats, pack n plays and high chairs. These items can be taken to the Community Presbyterian Church Thrift Store on Saturdays from 9am-12noon or call Brian & Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 to schedule donation pick up or drop off.



Knights of Columbus

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



The Knights of Columbus welcomes men 18 and over to join their Council. **The Knights Council meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in St. Philip Hall.** If you would like to become an online member of the Knights of Columbus, scan the QR Code with your phone and join now. You can also contact Grand Knight Dennis Reilly for additional information.



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BRIGANTINE COUNCIL #7020

www.KoFC.org/JoinUs

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To order or receive a full list of the retailers, please contact Janet Parker at 856-524-3491 or jpv0505@yahoo.com. *When you purchase through us, Assumption School earns a percent of every dollar you spend. If you're shopping or eating at the stores/restaurants, why not help support our catholic school at no extra cost to you.*



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



PRIVATE DAY OF PRAYER



Villa Maria by the Sea *Retreat Center*

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

Enjoy a day with the Lord on your own!

Cost is \$25 per person. Lunch will be provided.

101 11th Street, Stone Harbor, PA 08247
Register by April 3 by calling 609-964-7700 or
visit www.VMbytheSea.com

Saturday
APRIL 20, 2024
9AM - 1PM

Starting at
Holy Trinity Parish
St. James Church
Ventnor, NJ

CHECK-IN STARTS AT 8 AM



The Way of St. James on the Road of Life an Intergenerational Pilgrimage Walk

for seniors & their families
2.5 mile Walk, Morning Prayer,
Lunch, Mass and more!



FREE EVENT

Sponsored by



TO REGISTER



CHRISTINE WILLARD | 856-583-6121
VITALITY-EVENTS@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG

Diocesan Holy Year 2025 Pilgrimage – Rome & the Shrines of Italy

For more than 700 years, the Roman Catholic Church has celebrated jubilee years. First every 100 years, then in accord with biblical precedent every 50 years, and finally every 25 years to make pilgrimage graces more accessible to the faithful. Next year, 2025, the Church will celebrate an ordinary jubilee with the theme, Pilgrims of Hope.

Join people from across the Diocese of Camden for this Pilgrimage of Hope March 24 through April 2 and visit Rome, Montecasino, the Shrine of Saint Padre Pio, the Cave of Saint Michael, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Bolse-na, Orvieto and much more. The price is \$4,996 per person double occupancy from Philadelphia including airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily with wine at dinner. Tips and personal items not included. An extension is available for those who wish to visit Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice, returning from Venice to Philadelphia on April 6. The cost for the extension is \$1,974 per person double.

For more information visit www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy or contact Father Hughes at Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org

True Spirit Coalition *Hunger Never Takes a Vacation*

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942

Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

All items must be new:

Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Pasta & Peanut Butter

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.**

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