



# *Saint Thomas the Apostle Church*

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

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

May 11, 2025

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

My sheep hear my  
voice; I know them,  
and *they follow me.*

*John 10:27*



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

**ASSUMPTION REGIONAL**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Galloway,  
609-652-7134 [www.arcs.org](http://www.arcs.org)

Principal: Joanne McKnight

### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

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**DEADLINE - WED., 10:00AM**

**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

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
8:30AM	<b>Bernard O'Connor, Jr.</b> by Maryellen & Bernie O'Connor
4:00PM	<b>Gregory Nacios</b> by Marcia & Ron Williams <b>Joyce &amp; Charlie Romeo</b> by Marcia & Ron Williams <b>LaMarr Gable</b> by Joe & MJ Kelso <b>Mary Ann DeJulius</b> by Roseann & Anthony DiMaggio <b>Joan Welsh</b> by Kathleen Schlotterback <b>Mary Shuster</b> by Kathleen Schlotterback <b>Peter Besrutschko</b> by Barbara Jaffe
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 11</b>
8:00AM	<b>Vincenza &amp; Thomas Gervasio</b> by Daughter <b>Dolores R. Seidelmann</b> by Husband & Daughter <b>Maria Culmone</b> by Elena Italiano
9:30AM	<b>Mariantonia &amp; Giuseppina</b> by Anna & Family
11:00AM	<b>John T. Daniels, Sr.</b> by Ret. Capt. James V. & Amy Daniels <b>Frances Greiman</b> by Kathe & John Murray <b>Robert Burns</b> by Women's Club of St. Thomas <b>Albert Staffieri</b> by Marissa & Al Staffieri <b>Crocifissa &amp; Anna Italiano</b> by Elena Italiano
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 12</b>
8:30AM	<b>Frank R. Grove</b> by Wife
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 13</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joseph Migatz, Jr.</b> by Lou Marchesani
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
8:30AM	<b>Shirley Sabatini</b> by Ralph & Nancy Gattis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 15</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joseph Migatz, Jr.</b> by Ralph & Nancy Gattis
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joanne DiFranks</b> by Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
8:30AM	<b>Michael, William, &amp; Thoams Lavin</b> by Family
4:00PM	<b>Adam M. Busch</b> by Turzanski Family <b>Thomas Barr</b> by Michael & Betsy Dougherty <b>LaMarr Gable</b> by Bill & Irene Zin <b>Mary Ann DeJulius</b> by Magro Family <b>Frank Culmone</b> by Daughter & Grandchildren <b>Mary Prusack</b> by Barbara Jaffe <b>Peter Besrutschko</b> by Mike & Liz O'Kane
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
8:00AM	<b>Shirley Sabatini</b> by Joe & Barb Cawley <b>Joe Migatz, Jr.</b> by Andy & Toni Solari <b>Louis Costanzo</b> by Toni & Dick Wilson <b>John Sklarz</b> by Your Sister Patricia & Family <b>Antoinette Virgilio</b> by Karol Anderson <b>Valentino Ciullo</b> by Christopher Ciullo
9:30AM	<b>Robert Burns</b> by Danielle Smith
11:00AM	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by Trendler Family





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

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.: (Acts 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, Jesus fills his Stewards with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**Collections for:**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 9,497.00**  
**E-Giving: \$ 2,782.00**  
**School: \$ 1,246.00**  
**\$ 13,525.00**



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.



### 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 YOUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Thomas Kessler**

*Please keep their families in your prayers.*

### FOR OUR SICK:

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Marie Twist, John Gans, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, Andy Papp, Zoe Rodriguez, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Leah Loreaux, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Diane Anderson, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, Dora Meyers, Joe Cawley, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Robert Granieri, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Wesley Winkler, Jimmy Olizo, Forest Castellanie, Tom Gullone, Jeannie Stanton, Stephanie Dehnhard, Steven Pirolli, Joe Olin, Joanne Messick, Ann Marie Alaburdo

### 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, 1st Lt. Aidan Crosby, US Army, Ofc. Vincent J. Barone, US Navy, Sgt. Michael Lange III, 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

Jesus espouses the characteristics of a Good Shepherd. He is selfless, willing to lay down his life for the sheep. He is welcoming, willing to lead those inside and outside his flock. He is faithful, willing to use his power for the greater glory of God. These are the sorts of characteristics we might hope for in all leaders. Unfortunately, abuses of power are all too common in public life. How can we hold our civic leaders accountable? What would it be like to have "good shepherds" in positions of power within the government? Study up on your local politicians and commit to voting in the next election for morally strong leaders.

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### Ministry Schedule May 17<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup>

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	B. DeLucry, W. Litwinczuk, J. D'Ascenzo
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	To Be Determined	B. Bologa	G. Gallagher, A. Solari, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Msg. Morgan	J. Levins	G. Scutti, R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	Deacon, F. Sucharski, L. Flanagan

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



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH  
WELCOMES  
BISHOP JOSEPH WILLIAMS  
MAY 11, 2025**



**Congratulations  
Confirmation Class of 2025**

Olivia "Adeline" Bell  
Grace "Theresa" Burns  
Sophia "Maria Christina" Carmagnola  
Ava "Elizabeth" Cera  
Bella "Jude" Cera  
Galilea "Anne" Ceron  
Daniel "Sebastian" Chavez  
Sierra "Cynthia" Fischer  
Ella "Catherine" Fuller  
Leland "Thomas" Gross  
Sean "James" Highberger  
Andrew "William" Hunt  
Maggie "Ann" Kelly  
Emily "Elizabeth" Macready  
Laurence "Thomas" Michelfelder  
Anna "Joan" Murray  
Lyla "Carmen" Smith  
Avery "Clare" Watson  
OCIA: Trishia "Jude" Haeser

— Upcoming Ordination —



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Rev. Mr. Timothy Mulranen  
&  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Piro**

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH  
MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH  
500 GREENTREE RD, GLASSBORO, NJ 08028



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**SOUTH JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

OUR JOURNEY  
*United* IN **HOPE**

By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you are supporting those who comprise the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged. When we support the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, we can bring the light of **hope** to those in the Catholic community of South Jersey.

**Support the 2025 South Jersey  
Catholic Ministries Appeal**

[www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma](http://www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma)



**This Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS \$25 - ON SALE NOW IN THE PARISH OFFICE & AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES**

**Tickets are \$25 each and include a dinner buffet. BYOB**

**St. Philip Hall, Doors open @ 5:00pm**

**BASKET RAFFLE with amazing gifts including:** Michael Kors Bag, Bella Russo Bags, Eagles Package (Large Shirt, XL Shirt & Coffee Mug), LB One Rest. Gift Cert. w/ bottle of wine, Phillies Package (4 Game Tickets, Calendar, Baseball, Coffee Mug, and Baseball Cap), Tropicana Overnight Stay, Brigantine Golf Links Foursome, and many A.C. Restaurant gift certificates: Dock's Oyster House, Cafe 2825, White House, Chart House, Vic & Anthony's, Kelsey & Kim's, Margartaville, plus many more.



### 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Thomas will be handing out baby bottles to be filled with coins, cash or checks, after all morning masses over Mother's Day weekend (May 10 - 11), The bottles will be collected on Father's Day weekend (June 14 - 15). All donations collected will go to the Jersey Shore Women's Center to help mothers and children in need. If you have questions or need more information, call Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268.

St. Thomas continues to support "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 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.



**Learn tips to prevent falling!**

#### **Don't become a statistic!**

- **Over 65 years old, 1 out of 4 persons fall**
- **Over 80 years old, 1 out of 2 persons fall**

Learn about the importance of home safety, good lighting, exercise, balance, good vision, hearing, foot care and much more!

Presentation by Vitality Healthcare.

**WHEN: Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm**

**WHERE: St. Philip Hall at St. Thomas Church**

**WHO: 60+ Years Old**

#### **RSVP to reserve your spot!**

Light lunch, 100 people max.

Call 609.266.2123, ext 3

Leave your name and the number of attendees.

#### **Questions?**

Call

Eileen Robbins

610.721.7438



## 2025 First Communion and May Crowning



Support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund's Spring Sprint for Scholarships appeal running now through June 30. Last year, the fund provided scholarship assistance for 165 Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden. For many of these families, this support enabled them to continue sending their children to Catholic school. For more information or to contribute, visit:

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[southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint](https://southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint)

To donate offline, please send payment to:  
South Jersey Scholarship Fund  
631 Market Street  
Camden, NJ 08102

*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*

