

May 12, 2024

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ  
[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

### WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM  
or by appointment

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[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 Joan Dollinger

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mary Jane Kelso,

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

The Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

**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. Call the parish office for further information and registration.

**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 will be distributed on the Baptismal Font side of the church, please seat yourself accordingly.

**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

**May 11**

**Parishioners of St. Thomas**

**Gregory Nacios** by *Marsha & Ron Williams*  
**Joyce & Charlie Romeo**  
by *Marsha & Ron Williams*  
**Simon & Florence Gretch** by *Joe & MJ Kelso*

**Sunday**

8:00AM  
9:30AM

**May 12**

**Frank Grove** by *Anne Grove*

**Maria Crociffissa** by *Daughter Elena*  
**John T, Daniels, Sr.**  
by *Capt. (Ret.) James V. Daniels & Family*  
**Barbara Gorman** by *Family*  
**Isabel Zambrana** by *Joe & Susan Marsalla*  
**George Pagoulatos** by *Rita & Mike*  
**Mariatonia Drogo** by *Daughter Anna*

11:00AM

**Monday**

8:30AM

**May 13**

**Joseph Rifice, III** by *Madeline Harvey*

**Tuesday**

8:30AM

**May 14**

**JoAnn Marchesani** by *Florence & Joe Schmidt*

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**May 15**

**Joyce Mahon** by *Trish & Jim Levins*

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**May 16**

**Jarrod Hamilton** by *Trendler Family*

**Friday**

8:30AM

**May 17**

**Philomena Arena** by *Stan & Alicia Seksinsky*

**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**May 18**

**Steven J. Hagmaier** by *Brittany & Steve May*  
**Gregory Nacios** by *Family*  
**Philomena Arena** by *Connie Haining*

**Sunday**

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

**May 19 (Pentecost Sunday)**

**Anthony Vinci** by *Linda Camerota*  
**Carmelina Borda** by *Larry & Sharon DeGiacomo*  
**Frank Culmone** by *Elena & Family*  
**Linda A. McGuinness**  
by *Celeste & Joe Pascarella*  
**Robert Long** by *Mike & Gail Gallagher*  
**Francis Barone** by *Coyle Family*  
**Sally Sooy** by *Tom & Gina Gribbin*



**In Memory of:**

**Barbara Gorman**

by  
**Family**



**“What you do after you say you believe”**

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” 1John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be a strong Christian Steward in all circumstances and to joyfully shar your witness with others.

**Collections for:  
May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 6,183.00**  
**E-Giving: \$ 3,530.00**  
**School: \$ 1,048.00**  
**\$10,761.00**



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.



**Congratulations to Our Parishioners  
Celebrating May Anniversaries**

Our prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to live your vows.



**Jane & Will LaVerghetta, 69 Years**  
**Doris & Joes Gross, 64 Years**  
**Nancy & Ralph Gattis, 62 Years**  
**Mary & George Guerin, 59 Years**  
**Patty & Bob Ward, 43 Years**

*Prayer Requests*



**FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Margaret DiFranks**

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 Squiccimarrri, 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 Kulczycky, 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, Dominic Delia, Armand Savino, M. Mazzoni, Nancy Purcell, Carmela Jacobs, Thomas Gullone, Edwinna DiRenzo, Robert Darin, Jim Schwab

**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**

As Jesus takes his place at the right hand of God, his followers are tasked with sharing the Good News. What does such sharing look like today in a multireligious world? How can we proclaim the Gospel far and wide while also honoring the religious beliefs of other faiths? The goal of healthy interfaith dialogue is not to convert one another, but rather to deepen mutual respect and understanding. In honor of today’s Gospel, consider visiting a local mosque or synagogue to learn from their members.

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**Ministry Schedule May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass	Prsider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	B. DeLucry, M. Stinson, J. D’Ascenzo
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	L. Camerota	A. Solari, D. Phillips, G. Gallagher
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Ed	B. Bologna	P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	J. Levins	Deacon, F. Sucharski, L. Flanagan

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



## 1st Holy Communion May 4, 2024



### May Crowning



### 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.

### SOCIAL EVENTS MEETING

There will be a social events meeting on **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. We will be discussing the Chicken BBQ. All are welcome to attend.



### 2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Thomas the Apostle will be handing out baby bottles to be filled with coins, cash or checks, after all masses over MOTHERS Day weekend (May 11-12). The baby bottles will be collected on FATHERS Day weekend (June 15-16). All donations 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 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.

**NOW OPEN!**

### Knights of Columbus

**Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.  
SATURDAY 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.



### Martha's Helpers

If you are interested in helping our Martha's Helpers Ministry (cleaning the church), please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you with further information. This ministry cleans our church every other Thursday, so if you have an extra 1 1/2 - 2 hours and looking for something fulfilling to do, please join us. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### 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).



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**

### 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:**

### Cleaning Supplies and Laundry Detergent

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.**

### 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

### ARCS Regional Catholic School

You can purchase gift cards all year long from Assumption. There are hundreds of retailers that participate in the gift card program, such as ShopRite, Wawa, Walmart, Amazon, Acme etc.

To order or receive a full list of the retailers, please contact Janet Parker at 856-524-3491 or [jpv0505@yahoo.com](mailto: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.*

### 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, Bolsena, 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](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy) or contact Father Hughes at: [Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org)**

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## Banns of Ordination to the Priesthood

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain Reverend Mister Ricardo Lozano Cruz to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, the 18<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for these men and for the young men of their parish who are being called by God to service in the Church. At the same time the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, by contacting their pastor before the ordination in accord with the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Mary Immaculate, patroness of the Diocese of Camden, intercede for these men and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.



### 2024 APPEAL: "Through Him and For Him"

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.

In every way, the work of our ministries emanates from the Eucharist. As Saint John Paul II said, "The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom." The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus Christ, it is the spiritual food that gives us strength to carry out His work each day and everything we do as Catholics emanates from that.

This year's theme: "Through Him and For Him" continues our focus on the nation-wide Eucharist Revival and reminds us that "in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself."

*through Him & for Him*



#### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

#### 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**