

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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

331 8th Street So.
Brigantine, NJ 08203
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Please visit our website:
www.stthomasbrigantine.org

May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

Night at the Races
Saturday, May 21st
Doors open @ 5pm
Tickets \$25



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM
SUN: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM
(9:30 livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM
or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Krzysztof Wtorek

PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Len Long

**FAITH FORMATION &
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
Deacon Len Long & Deb Widmann

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY:

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**WELCOME TO
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH**

To Schedule Baptisms & Weddings
Please call the Parish Office.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held after the 11:00am 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. Also, we have special programs for children & 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: Monday

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.

St. Thomas Church
Brigantine



St. Thomas the Apostle
Church of Brigantine, NJ

Mass Intentions

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

May 14

Ralph Molavo by Millie & Bill Hall
Debbie Rodia by Aunt MaryAnn
Joanne DiFranks by Family

Sunday

8:00AM

May 15

Mom Seksinsky by Stan & Mary Alicia
Nicholas Marchesani by Joe & Joanna Guglielmo
Alice Stinson by Lisa & Michael Luisi
Joe Maiorano by Tony Stolfo
Jeanne Stretch by Joe & Joanna Guglielmo
Thomas J. Echardt by Bernadette Eckardt
Alice Stinson by DoAnn & Roger Bernhammer
Sal & Lucy DeAngelo by Children

9:30AM

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

May 16

Carmela Gentile by Joe & MJ Kelso

Tuesday

8:30AM

May 17

Hartley McNeill by Cookie Sutton

Wednesday

8:30AM

May 18

Lynda Sutton by Mike & Gail Gallagher

Thursday

8:30AM

May 19

Joseph P. Worts by Bryson & Marycay Sundberg

Friday

8:30AM

May 20

Sue Lenahan by Linda

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

May 21

Dominic & Gloria Gervasio by Anne Grove
Helen DeJulius by DoAnn & Roger Bernhammer
Edward Mong by Madeline Harvey

Sunday

8:00AM
9:30AM

May 22

Carmela Gentile by Dick & Toni Wilson
Michael Foti by Leona Wharton
Joseph Maiorano by Madeline Harvey
Joseph Schreiner by Kowaleski Family
Charles Bernhammer by Roseann & Anthony DiMaggio
Angelo Barone by Coyle Family
Gerald J. Highberger by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer
Lucila Baylon by Doh & MaryLou Dulay

11:00AM

**Congratulations to Our Parishioners
Celebrating May Anniversaries**

Jane & Will LaVerghetta, 67 Years

Doris & Joe Gross, 62 Years

Nancy & Ralph Gattis, 60 Years

Toni & Dick Wilson, 55 Years

Patty & Bob Ward, 41 Years

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

If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like it to be
published in the bulletin, please email: bulletin@stabrig.com
with your name and number of years.

A Letter from our Pastor

A few months ago I went up to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Gibbsboro for the funeral Mass of Msgr. John Frey. As I was going out of church I picked up the bulletin and there was a wonderful Pastor's letter written by Msgr. Louis Marucci. He was the former Executive Director for the House of Charity. I am going to borrow from that letter. I am sure he would not mind. He has been a big help to me over the years. There is a good story contained in the letter.

A lady of high rank went out begging on a miserably cold day. She wore ragged clothes, put a shawl on her head, and carried a basket. She wanted to test the *charity* of her neighbors. At some houses, she was given things of absolutely no value; at others, she was disregarded with harsh words. Only in one place was she treated with kindness, which was the cottage of a poor man. Here, she was taken into a warm room and fed a warm meal.

The next day, all the people the lady visited were unexpectedly invited to the castle, where servants led them to the spacious dining hall. Place cards showed each guest where to sit at the table. On the plate before each person was the same thing that person had given to the disguised lady the day before. Some plates were completely empty. Only the poor man was served a heaping plate of delicious food. Then the Countess entered the dining room and explained to the guests, "Yesterday, to test your charity, I went about the village dressed as a beggar. Today, I am serving you the same thing you gave me yesterday."

This story reminds me of one of Jesus' most important lessons: **"The measure with which you give will be measured back to you."** That means whatever you do for the least of your brother or sister will be done unto you. OR... **Whatever you do not do for your brother or sister will not be done for you.** The Gospels are filled with such lessons that challenge us to know that *stewardship* is a disciple's way of life. Stewardship challenges us to share the resources that God has given to us in justice and charity in the world around us. I genuinely believe that *stewardship* is the most appropriate way to live out the Christian call to holiness. The lessons we learn from the Gospel highlight the right and proper use of the earth's goods. Our salvation is contingent upon justice, generosity, and purity of heart.

You will soon be receiving a letter to support the House of Charity Campaign. We have done well with past campaigns. It is a struggle to meet the goal but with the help of God we are able to reach it. Our goal this year is \$101,300 which is the same as last year. The big change we are faced with this year is that many of our "good givers" have died this past year. In order to make up for that we need to increase the number of donors and if possible, increase the donation. St. Basil says it comes back to us with interest.

As you know, the House of Charity provides funding to support Catholic Charities, the poor in the City of Camden and Atlantic City, programs for youth, support of Seminarians, and numerous other vital ministries throughout the Diocese.

This is a great way to look beyond our parish to those who are truly needy. May God continue to Bless you in all you do.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Ed Maher



Stewardship is a way of life based on the Gospel. As disciples, we are called to be faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your continued generosity and participation in our parish.

Weekend of May 7th & 8th

Offertory: \$ 7,982.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,725.00
School: \$ 870.00
\$11,577.00



Interested in Online Giving?

To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: stthomasbrigantine.org and click on the **Parish Giving** button.



Liturgy and Life

Today's Gospel prompts the queries: Would others recognize us as disciples of Jesus by how we love? Do we reflect the love of our Creator in our charity? Take some time for quiet reflection. Ask God to reveal where or whom in your life you love well and where you fall short in how you love. Notice if there is a person or situation that challenges you and plan to consciously bring patience, love, and charity to that person or situation this week. If you recognize a pattern of sin in your life, free yourself to love well by receiving God's mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation.

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FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Winifred Callahan

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Maryann Atack, Derek Caster, Jim Covert, Erin Fender, Anthony Mauceri, Joan DiBona, Baby Aurora Gross, Lisa Lee, Ralph Lillie Family, Kitty Huegel, Beth LaSerre, Fran Byers, Melanie Caprio, Robert Moody, Armstrong Family, Celine Powell, Christian Afanador, Carol Graham, Richard Warren Marsdale, Frank DiBona, Ryan Ladd, Joan Orlando, Peter Staffieri, Christine Staffieri, Mary Seader, Kristina McDaniel, Dominic Delia, Benjamin Berkowitz, Gary Zimmerman, Donald Jarvela, Regis Goergen, Chris Britton, Mary Jane Burbridge, Joe Fumo, James Offit, Louise Frola, Linda Cullen, Jeffrey Geisler, Diane Kuczynski

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

1st Lt. Robert Glanville, USMC, Maj. Jeffrey Moon, USAF
Lt. Connor F. Burbridge, US Army, Sgt. Matt Krimm, US Army,
Maj. Matt Valnoski, US Army, Cpl. Tristen T. Barry, USMC,
Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army, Cpl. Ronald DeWaal, USMC,
Capt. Mark J. Marsella, USMC, PFC Jaryd Witkowski, US Army,
Marine Recruit Joseph Sucharski, USMC

Prayer Chain Network: The network prays for the immediate needs of others. To make a confidential request, please contact Barry Scholcoff at 609-266-7888.

Ministry Schedule May 21st & 22nd

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	F. Streeper, P. Zuber
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	E. Stafford	B. O'Connor, G. Gallagher, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	M. Harvey	J. D'Ascenzo, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

*****SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

If you cannot attend, Please find a replacement. THANK YOU!

**TICKETS ON
SALE NOW!**

Night at the Races



Saturday, May 21st

Door open : 5PM

Races Start: 6:15PM

St. Philip Hall

Cost: \$25 per ticket (full buffet, chicken, meatballs, sausage, pasta, salad, coffee & dessert)

Ticket also includes \$50 play money

*****Basket Raffle*****

There will be an array of exquisite baskets donated by some of our local businesses. Come out and have an enjoyable evening, show your support for St. Thomas Church and our business owners.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 15th

(pancakes, sausage, coffee & juice)

The Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast in honor of all mothers. It will be held in **St. Philip Hall** this **Sunday, May 15th** after all morning Masses. Breakfast is **Complimentary for Ladies**. Come join us!

Cost: Men \$6

Children 12 & under: \$3

**** Come say hello to Fr. Jose, our former associate. Fr. Jose is visiting and will be at the pancake breakfast between 9am and 11am. We know he will love to see everyone. ****

IMPORTANT DATES



May 15	KoC Pancake Breakfast (hall)
May 17	Rosary 7pm
May 21	Night at the Races 5:00pm (hall)
May 24	Rosary 7pm
May 30	Parish Office Closed (Memorial Day)
May 31	Rosary 7pm

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.

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.

***Answer the call...
speak for those who can't.***



St. Thomas Respect Life Ministry

Have you always wanted to do more for the Respect Life Movement but didn't know how?

Not everyone is called to be a sidewalk counsellor or stand in front of an abortion clinic and pray. There are other ways you can help protect unborn babies as suggested by the USCCB.

Actively promoting life is the responsibility of every Catholic. We can and will work together to promote a culture of life in America.

Join us for an Information night on May 19th at 7:00pm in St. Philip Hall. Contact Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 or mickymulvenna@comcast.net for additional information.

**Bishop Sullivan's Ireland Trip
July 2022**

Join Bishop Sullivan for a tour of Ireland this July – **departing from Philadelphia on July 5th and returning to Philadelphia on July 17th.** \$4,450 per person double occupancy. \$869 single supplement. Enjoy 11 nights in premium four-star hotels (including a castle stay) with full Irish breakfast daily and 8 table d'hôte dinners. Visit Donegal and the Wild Atlantic Way. Remember the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Derry's walled city. Look up at the Cliffs of Moher from a boat cruise. See Clifden, the Shrine of Knock, Galway, Limerick, Cashel, Waterford, Kilkenny, Powerscourt and more. Enjoy pub visits and traditional Irish music along the way. To register go online to <https://isleinntours.com/bishop-sullivan-07220220705/>. For more information contact Robert.hughes@camdendiocese.org or call 856-583-2807.



***Journey to Italy and Sicily
with Fr. Anthony Manuppella, Pastor
St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, Northfield, NJ***

**September 14 - 28, 2022
12 Days/13 Nights - \$5,399.00 air & land**

Single Supplement \$1,029.00

**For more information, call Steve Corrigan at
Back Bay Travel - 609-246-6470**

WE ARE OPEN

**The TOM PARK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS STORE
is now OPEN for the 2022 season.**

**The store is now open every Saturday from
8:00am - 1:00pm**

We are located at 601 Bayshore Avenue

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 or contact the parish office at **(609)266-2123 ext. 102** and leave your name and phone number. **We look forward to seeing you soon.**



The Knights of Columbus welcome 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's 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 Paul Tomlin at paultomlin22@gmail.com for additional



SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN NOW!

BRIGANTINE COUNCIL #7020

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