



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter



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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

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,
609-652-7134 www.arcs.org

Principal: Joanne McKnight

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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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Saturday	May 17
8:30AM	Michael, William, & Thomas Lavin <i>by Family</i>
4:00PM	Adam M. Busch <i>by Turzanski Family</i>
	Thomas Barr <i>by Michael & Betsy Dougherty</i>
	LaMarr Gable <i>by Bill & Irene Zin</i>
	Mary Ann DeJulius <i>by Magro Family</i>
	Frank Culmone <i>by Daughter & Grandchildren</i>
	Mary Prusack <i>by Barbara Jaffe</i>
	Peter Besrutschko <i>by Mike & Liz O'Kane</i>
Sunday	May 18
8:00AM	Shirley Sabatini <i>by Joe & Barb Cawley</i>
	Joe Migatz, Jr. <i>by Andy & Toni Solari</i>
	Louis Costanzo <i>by Toni & Dick Wilson</i>
	John Sklarz <i>by Your Sister Patricia & Family</i>
	Antoinette Virgilio <i>by Karol Anderson</i>
	Valentino Ciullo <i>by Christopher Ciullo</i>
9:30AM	Robert Burns <i>by Danielle Smith</i>
11:00AM	Joe Guglielmo <i>by Trendler Family</i>
Monday	May 19
8:30AM	Shirley Sabatini <i>by Trish & Jim Levins</i>
Tuesday	May 20
8:30AM	Sue Lenahan <i>by Linda</i>
Wednesday	May 21
8:30AM	Dominic & Gloria Gervasio <i>by Anne Grove</i>
Thursday	May 22
8:30AM	Joseph Migatz, Jr. <i>by Jane & Will LaVerghetta</i>
Friday	May 23
8:30AM	Anna DiGiacomo <i>by Kurt & Carla Marrone</i>
Saturday	May 24
8:30AM	Katie Quinlan <i>by Shirley & Don</i>
4:00PM	Anna DiGiacomo <i>by Deb & Ray Widmann</i>
	LaMarr Gable <i>by Rob & Betsy Rubino</i>
	Mary Ann DeJulius <i>by LaMar & Family</i>
	Hugh Walsh <i>by Bob & Carole Frederick</i>
	Carolyn Graham <i>by Fran Streeper</i>
Sunday	May 25
8:00AM	Anthony Conti <i>by Family</i>
9:30AM	Thomas P. & Catherine Kelly <i>by Joe & Eileen Kelly</i>
	Richard Melito <i>by Barbara & Charles Cooper</i>
	Donald Browning & Al Mostranglie <i>by Rich & Theresa Coppola</i>
	Gregory Nacios <i>by Family</i>
	Joseph Guglielmo <i>by Mackey Family</i>
	Marian Grello <i>by Cooper Family</i>
	Katie Quinlan <i>by Marie & Mike Brindisi</i>
11:00AM	Nick Stabile <i>by Mary Accordino</i>
	Harriet Reay <i>by Roseann Smith</i>



"What you do after you say you believe"

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.: John 13:34

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part for Stewards - Jesus' love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

**Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle
in your Estate Planning.**

**Collections for:
May 10th & 11th**

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT PRINT



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.



In Memory of:

Sue Lenahan

by

Linda

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL YOUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Riker

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, Don Andrews Jr.

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

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? Notice whether 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.

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Ministry Schedule May 24th & May 25th

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Morgan	F. Burbridge	F. Streeper, W. Litwinczuk, J. D'Ascenzo
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	L. Camerota	B. O'Connor, C. Rooney, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr Ed	R. Pennestri	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Bob	J. Murray	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

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



ST. THOMAS 4EVERYONE

Lunch & Learn
SENIOR SERIES



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 12th**

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



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



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, June 7th, from 9:00am - 2:00pm** in **St. Philip Hall**. Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org or by calling **1-800-733-2767 (1800REDCROSS)**. Your donation will greatly help in saving lives. We hope you can join us.

**What's
Happening**

May 20 Rosary 7:00pm

May 21 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)

May 26 Parish Office Closed (Memorial Day)

May 27 Rosary 7:00pm

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.



Respect Life Ministry



2025 Baby Bottle Campaign

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Thomas distributed baby bottles to be filled with coins, cash or checks, over Mother's Day weekend (May 10 - 11), Empty bottles are available in the hall at the Little Catholic Shop counter. 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.



Knights of Columbus®

Knights of Columbus

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.

SATURDAY: Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm

We have items for every room of your house. Also, we have seasonal decorations. Remember, 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**

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



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
Brigantine, NJ 08203

(609)266-7942

Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

All items must be new:

Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce

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.**



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

What is mental health? Mental health refers to our overall well-being and affects how a person feels, thinks or behaves. It can change as we age and go through life stages. Our mental health can impact our physical health, ability to navigate stress and our interactions with others.

Some signs to be aware for mental health include:

- Changes in mood – this can be affected by weather, people, activities or other circumstances.
- Changes in sleep patterns - sleeping too much, not getting enough sleep or waking frequently from sleep can affect mental health.
- Changes in eating patterns - eating more or less than usual or choosing foods higher in salt, sugar and carbohydrate content with little or no nutrients can have an impact.
- Unusual difficulty concentrating - having to think hard to recall things such as dates, names and what you were doing that is not normal for you.
- Being fearful and constantly worrying about health, finances or other aspects of life.
- Decline in chronic health or mental health issues can be due to stress.

Tips to Support Mental Health:

- Be mindful - Mindfulness of your thoughts, words and behavior is a good indicator of your mental health.
- Track your mood – Make notes on how you feel and when you feel them to help identify patterns of negative emotions and feelings.
- Identify coping strategies – We all cope with emotions differently. Do you stress-eat, smoke, or drink alcohol when you're upset? Do you call a friend, pray or go for a walk when you feel down? Think about how your coping strategies work for you.
- Maintain regular exercise, eat healthy, balanced meals and get adequate sleep.
- Make one small change at a time – taking on too much can be overwhelming.

If you are reading this and find that you are frequently more irritable or exhibiting signs of stress or poor mental health, consider contacting a health provider for guidance and reach out to a trusted family member or friend.

Please contact us with any questions or if you need assistance at 888-268-4825 or visit www.vitality.camdendiocese.org. Seniors are invited to join our Life to the Fullest Membership Program which informs and connects seniors to the resources they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free! Email Christine Willard at christine.willard@camdendiocese.org for more information.



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Memorial Day Mass Schedule at Cemeteries

Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us

Please join us for our Memorial Day Masses held on Monday, May 26, in most of our Catholic

Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice.

For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at:

SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.



South Jersey Scholarship Fund

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

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

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