



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Remember Those Who Have Sacrificed This **MEMORIAL** **DAY**



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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mary Jane Kelso,
kelso.music@stabrig.org

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION: Deacon Len Long
Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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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 24
8:30AM	Katie Quinlan by Shirley & Don
4:00PM	Anna DiGiacomo by Deb & Ray Widmann
	LaMarr Gable by Rob & Betsy Rubino
	Mary Ann DeJulius by LaMar & Family
	Hugh Walsh by Bob & Carole Frederick
	Carolyn Graham by Fran Streeper
Sunday	May 25
8:00AM	Anthony Conti by Family
9:30AM	Thomas P. & Catherine Kelly by Joe & Eileen Kelly
	Richard Melito by Barbara & Charles Cooper
	Donald Browning & Al Mostranglie
	by Rich & Theresa Coppola
	Gregory Nacios by Family
	Joseph Guglielmo by Mackey Family
	Marian Grello by Cooper Family
	Katie Quinlan by Marie & Mike Brindisi
11:00AM	Nick Stabile by Mary Accordinio
	Harriet Reay by Roseann Smith
Monday	May 26 (Memorial Day)
8:30AM	Anthony Conover by Linda & David Powell
Tuesday	May 27
8:30AM	Shirley Sabatini by Jane & Will LaVerghetta
Wednesday	May 28
8:30AM	LaMarr Gable by John & Kathe Murray
Thursday	May 29
8:30AM	Mary Schepise by Rich & Iris Schepise
Friday	May 30
8:30AM	Shirley Sabatini by Corrigan Family
Saturday	May 31
8:30AM	Phyllis Smith by Pat Jackson
4:00PM	Joseph & Kathryn Price by Richard & Linda Lee
	LaMarr Gable by Joanna Guglielmo
	David J Simon by Phyllis & Steve Sheckelton
	Mary Ann DeJulius by Women's Club of St. Thomas
	Peter J. McGaughran by Metz Family
	Carolyn Graham by Anthony & Roseann DiMaggio
Sunday	June 1
8:00AM	Anthony Conti by Family
9:30AM	Romilda Maria Bucci by Richard & Linda Lee
11:00AM	Michael Trendler by Family
	William Alan Kuprenech by Turzanski Family
	Louis Capodice by Kathe & John Murray
	Francis Shallow by Myra Sendrick
	Robert Burns by Kathe Murray
	Sheila Wolfson by Coyle Family
	Giancarlo Maratea by Coyle Family



"What you do after you say you believe"

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Joun 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Stewards make God their first choice and not their last resort.

Collections for: May 10th & 11th

Offertory: \$ 9,268.00

E-Giving: \$ 2,544.00

School: \$ 826.00

\$ 12,638.00



To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish web-site: stthomasbrigantine.org and click on the **Parish Giving** button or click on the QR code.



Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome
May 8, 2025

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL YOUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Wesley Winkler

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, Jimmy Olizo, Cheryl Kenney, Rob Moody, Fran Vanzant, Robert Granieri, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Forest Castellanie, Tom Gullone, Jeannie Stanton, Stephanie Dehnhard, Joe Olin, Steven Pirolli, 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

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.

Ministry Schedule May 31st & June 1st

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, M. Stinson, B. DeLucry
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Levins	G. Gallagher, A. Solari, D. Phillips
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	E. Stafford	M. Brindisi, P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	Deacon, R. Wilson, J. Murray

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Will and Jane LaVerghetta as they celebrate their **70th** Wedding Anniversary on May 29, 2025

REMINDER:

The parish office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 26th** in observance of **Memorial Day**.



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.



OUR JOURNEY
United IN **HOPE**

Next Weekend, May 31st & June 1st

Next weekend, May 31st and June 1st, we will be holding our Catholic Ministries Appeal In-Pew Weekend. In preparation, you should receive a mailing from Bishop Williams that will include the 2025 South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal materials. I ask that you please consider donating to this year's campaign. It is important that we come together to support our ministries. They need resources to continue serving those in need.

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

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.



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



**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.

**Neighbors
Helping
Neighbors**



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



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.



**SPRING SPRINT
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

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