

# 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...”*

November 3, 2024  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is no other  
commandment  
*greater* than these.

MARK 12:31

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

### 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

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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. 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

**November 2 (All Souls Day)**

**All Souls**  
**Vitiello, Falsetti, & Miniaci Families**  
**Dennis W. Davis** by *Bill & Fran Paullin*  
**Dolores Morrello** by *Joe & MJ Kelso*  
**Sally Sooy** by *Barbara Schaffer*

**Sunday**

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

**November 3**

**Leonard T. Schultz** by *Sister, Fran*  
**Antoinette “Toni” Garnett** by *Ed & Family*  
**Glenn G. Waltrip** by *Annie Weichman*  
**Barbara Smaldore** by *DoAnn & Roger Bernhammer*  
**Robert Long** by *Knights of Columbus #7020*  
**Kathleen Zuber** by *Patricia Scully*  
**Joseph DeGovann** by *John & Kathe Murray*  
**Maria Mattessich** by *Family*

**Monday**

8:30AM

**November 4**

**All Souls**

**Tuesday**

8:30AM

**November 5**

**All Souls**

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**November 6**

**All Souls**

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**November 7**

**All Souls**

**Friday**

8:30AM

**November 8**

**All Souls**

**Saturday**

8:30AM  
4:00PM

**November 9**

**Stephen Brown** by *Sue Kershner*  
**Carmela Gentile** by *Daughter Carmel*  
**Joey Rifice, III** by *Mom & Dad*  
**Michael Trendler** by *Family*  
**Sally Sooy** by *Barbara Schaffer*  
**Dorothy Strag** by *Gail & Anthony Squiccimarr*

**Sunday**

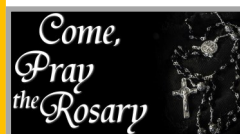
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**November 10**

**Sally Sooy** by *Joe & Marie Carroll*  
**Carmen Faillace** by *Nutile Family*  
**Nancy Mazzilli** by *Toriello Family*  
**Don Fegan** by *Barb & Joe Cawley*  
**Rocco Cambria** by *Mary Accordino*  
**Rita Durante** by *Sunshine Bingo Club*  
**Fr. William Vandegrift** by *Sheila Daily*

9:30AM

11:00AM



**Rosary for Peace**

Come join us every **Tuesday at 7pm** as we gather and pray the Rosary.



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

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offering and sacrifices.” Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He want us to share out of our love for Him, not our of obligation., Living Stewardship in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is call us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

**Collections for:  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory:** \$ 7,774.00  
**E-Giving:** \$ 1,922.00  
**Mission Sunday:** \$ 1,147.00  
**\$10,843.00**



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.



- Nov. 4 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Nov. 5 Rosary 7:00pm
- Nov 6 Women’s Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
- Nov, 10 Hospitality Sunday (Hall)
- Nov. 11 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
- Nov. 12 Rosary 7:00pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)

*Prayer Requests*



**FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**David Bakely, LaMarr Gable, Joan Gamad**  
 Please keep their families in your prayers.

**FOR OUR SICK:**

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Steve Steranko, M. Mazzoni, Marie Twist, Kristina McDaniel, Jim Covert, Aurora Mary Gross, Celine Powell, Zoe Rodriguez, Diane Certo, Melanie Hudson, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Presley McBride, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Carol Graham, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, James Ruggiano, Andy Papp, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Stacie Williams, Leah Loreaux, Annmarie Staffieri, Damon Galmin, Jr., John Gans, Dora Meyers, Mary Lou Lizun, Rob Moody, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Anthony Conover

**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, 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

**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 proclaims the greatest practice of faith: love. The commandments are clear: love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. Yet clear commandments are not always the easiest ones to put in to practice. Love can be a profound challenge, particularly the depth of love to which Jesus call his disciples. This level of love can leave people vulnerable to hurt. What would it be like to live in a world where people never had to suffer heartache alone? Check in with a friend who experienced a breakup, death, or other change in a significant relationship. Make your love for them known,

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**Ministry Schedule November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Pashley	ML DiFranks	B. DeLucry, J. D’Ascenzo, W. Litwinczuk
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	L. Camerota	K. Mogan, A. Solari, D. Phillips
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	R. Pennestri	R. Pagoulatos, M. Brindisi, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	Deacon, J, & K. Murray

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

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**November 2023 - October 2024**

Joan Widmann  
Rita Durante  
Lawrence Francis Carlin  
Joan DiBona  
David Worthington  
James J. Bell  
Kenneth Victor Price Jr.  
Frank Ciaccio  
Patricia Louise Castellano  
Dora Gregovski  
Theresa J. Szczepanski  
Philomena Arena  
Lorraine Latzko  
Barbara Smaldore  
Raymond Taylor Killian  
Kathleen Zuber  
Sally Sooy  
Lisa Feret Wilson  
Michael Farrell  
Rosemary D. Kelly  
Theresa Cain  
Mary Spence  
June M. Greutz  
Geraldine Kilroy  
Michael A. Colondrillo  
Edward Richard Domenick Sr.  
Anna Rita DiGiacomo  
Mildred Boyer  
Christine Coia Spinelli  
Ben Michael Spinelli  
Joseph S. Guglielmo  
Helena M. Coffey  
Kathleen M. Carlin  
David Bakely

**REST IN PEACE**

**All Souls Month &  
Remembrance Mass**

Traditionally, the month of November is set aside to remember our loved ones who have gone home to the Lord. Our tradition here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is to have a weekend in November dedicated to our Parishioners who have died in the past year (October 2023 – October 2024). Our Remembrance Masses will be on the weekend of **November 2 & 3.**

A scroll will be placed next to the Ambo (pulpit) and will be displayed from November 2 (All Souls Day) through the end of November. It will include the names of those Parishioners who have died in the past year. **During the Prayer of the Faithful at the 4:00pm, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am Masses,** we will read the names of those who have died this past year. While the names are being read, we will toll the church bells and at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful, the Priest will close with a special Blessing Prayer. This way, those who have passed will be remembered and no matter which mass you attend, everyone in your family may experience this beautiful ceremony. We believe this will be a beautiful way to remember your loved ones.

**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.

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** must be received in the office by **WEDNESDAY, 10 days prior** to the weekend of publication. They may also be emailed to [bulletin@stabrig.org](mailto:bulletin@stabrig.org).

**BULLETIN INSERT REQUESTS** must be received in the office **3 WEEKS** prior to the publication date. Once approval is granted, the requesting group will be responsible for putting the inserts into the bulletins when they are delivered. Thank you for your cooperation.

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday will be held **NEXT Sunday, November 10**, after all morning Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. We hope to see you there. The nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.



## Hospitality Sunday & Poinsettia Sale

Come join us on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** during **Hospitality Sunday**. Not only will you enjoy complimentary coffee, doughnuts, and cinnamon buns, but you'll have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia plant for the Christmas Season. We will have 4" & 6" pots available. More information will follow in future bulletins.



### The Women's Club of St. Thomas A Caring community of Christian Women within our Church

The St. Thomas Women's Club Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 PM**. We will be collecting **Tastykakes for Veterans** this month. New members are always welcome.

## 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)**.

# RESPECT LIFE

*respect · love · protect*

**PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR**  
**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**  
**331 8TH STREET SOUTH, BRIGANTINE, NJ**  
**Respect Life Ministry**

**TODAY, Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
**3:00pm**

**Holy Hour**  
**Adoration**  
**Litany**  
**Rosary for the Unborn**



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.



Mental Health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being. **Depression** is a common mental health condition that affects older adults – however it is **NOT** a normal part of aging.

For some older adults with depression, sadness may not be their main symptom. Symptoms can include: *appearing to feel tired, trouble sleeping, irritability and/or experiencing attention problems*. It is important to be aware of this in our own lives and in the lives of our loved ones.

Below are some proactive ways to help prevent depression as an older adult:

- Prepare in advance for major life changes such as retirement or moving from your home.
- Stay in touch with family regularly. Let them know when you feel sad.
- Exercise regularly with activities you enjoy.
- Eat a balanced diet to help avoid illness that can bring on disability or depression.

A call to our **Resource and Referral Help Line** (1-888-268-4825) will connect you to knowledgeable care coordinators for assistance regardless of income or religious affiliation. Learn more about Care Coordination and Consultation at [www.vitality.camdendiocese.org/care](http://www.vitality.camdendiocese.org/care).

*VITALity Life to the Fullest membership program informs and connects seniors to the information they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free to all seniors age 65 and over living in the South Jersey area. For more information, visit [www.vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://www.vitality.camdendiocese.org) or email [christine.willard@camdendiocese.org](mailto:christine.willard@camdendiocese.org)*

### True Spirit Coalition

*Hunger Never Takes a Vacation*

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942  
Brigantine, NJ 08203

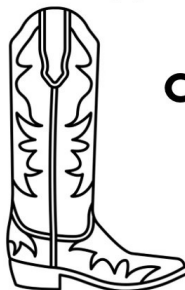
Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

**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.**

## St Thomas Woman's Club is having a Country Western Dance and "Wine Pull" at St Philips Hall Brigantine Ave



**Friday November 15th**

**7 to 10pm**

**BYOB**

**\$20**

**DJ JACK FAHEY**

**FOR TICKETS**

**CALL NANCY 609-335-1264**

**OR**

**DOT 267-226-2010**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**OPEN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**  
**8:00AM - 1:00PM**  
**Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.**

We have items for every room of your house. Also, **we have seasonal (fall, Halloween, and Christmas) 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.**

### 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**