

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

November 10, 2024
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

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

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM
or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher
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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

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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

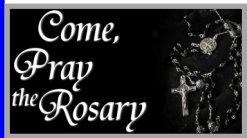


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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	November 9
8:30AM	Stephen Brown by Sue Kershner
4:00PM	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 Squicimarrri
Sunday	November 10
8:00AM	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
9:30AM	Rita Durante by Sunshine Bingo Club
11:00AM	Fr. William Vandegrift by Sheila Daily
Monday	November 11
8:30AM	Diane Hennessy by Mike & Luanne Manno
Tuesday	November 12
8:30AM	James Miles Davies by Richard & Terry Coppola
Wednesday	November 13
8:30AM	Karl Hornick by Max & Carol Putter
Thursday	November 14
8:30AM	Birthday Wishes for Marie Aglio (Living) by Catherine Colacurcio
Friday	November 15
8:30AM	Carmela Gentile by Daughter & Carmel
Saturday	November 16
8:30AM	Gwen Trautwein by Betsy & Mike Dougherty
4:00PM	James Harvey by Wife Madeline
	Edwinna DiRenzo by Delia Family
	Msgr. A. Jaworowski by Jim Ski
	Msgr. F. Palecki by Jim Ski
Sunday	November 17
8:00AM	Philomena Arena by Tina & Bill & Family
9:30AM	Maria Culmone by Family
	Maria Mattessich by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mattessich
	Msgr. F. Feret by Jim Ski
	Msgr. J. Anderlonis by Jim Ski
	William Rakus by Marcella & Michael Pettorossi
11:00AM	Anthony Gentile, Sr. by Daughter Carmel



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”

“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”
Mark 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point - Stewards are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?

**Collections for:
Nov. 2nd & Nov. 3rd**

Offertory: \$ 8,343.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,712.00
School: \$ 1,161.00
All Saints \$ 1,435.00
\$13,651.00



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.



- Nov, 10 Hospitality Sunday (Hall)
- Nov. 12 Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
- Nov, 13 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)
- Nov. 15 Women’s Club Dance 7:00pm - 10:00pm (Hall)

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Theresa Mathis, Frank Lardiere

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Armand Savino, Claudette Liberto, Steve Steranko, M. Mazzone, 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, John Gans, Leah Loreaux, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Stacie Williams, Annmarie Staffieri, Damon Galmin Jr., Rob Moody, Andy Papp Dora Meyers, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Anthony Conover, Spencer Andrews

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

The widow in today’s Gospel contributed all she had, “her whole livelihood,” to the treasury. Her economic poverty did not stop her from being generous to her community. Jesus celebrates the commitment of this woman, lifting her up as an example of faithfulness. We live in a horribly unjust economic system. People who are poor get poorer while the rich get richer. If only we could all be like the widow who saw herself as so integral to the community that she gave everything for others. Challenge yourself to contribute what you can to your parish or a local service organization.

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Ministry Schedule November 16th & 17th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, J., D’Ascenzo, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Robbins	G. Gallagher. B. O’Connor, G. Espinoza
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Dougherty	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flanagan

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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday IS TODAY, All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation after all morning masses in the church hall. 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 8th** 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.

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 UPDATED

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ALL BULLETIN DEADLINES HAVE BEEN CHANGED. Please contact the Parish Office @ 609-266-2123 for further information. **The changes will be in effect until January 5th, 2025**

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.

TWO Giving Trees

Helping Those in Need

With the Thanksgiving Season upon us and Christmas right around the corner, what better way to give thanks and help others in need.

*This year we are doing two types of Giving Trees. One for the **hurricane relief victims** in the North Carolina area and the second Giving Tree will be for **seniors without families**, as we have in the past years.*



Hurricane Relief Giving Tree November 16th – December 1st

Target and Walmart Gift Cards only

- Please take an envelope from the tree
- Place Walmart or Target gift card in the envelope
- Return envelope in the Gift Card Drop Box by the Giving Trees

Your gift card donations will go directly to the **Basilica of St. Lawrence in Ashville, NC. and their surrounding parishes**. In order for the recipients to receive our gifts by Christmas, we are asking all gift card donations be dropped off by December 1st.



Seniors without Families December 1st – December 12th

- Take a senior tag from the tree
- Purchase requested item(s) listed
- Wrap gift
- Place gift under the tree with the tag visible
important, we need to know who the gift is for!

We work together with "Home Instead", and each gift is specifically matched to a senior who has no family.

The Brigantine Presbyterian Church,
St. Thomas Catholic Church &
Temple Beth Shalom
are delighted to invite you to the
**Annual Brigantine Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service**
to be held in-person at Temple Beth Shalom,
4419 W. Atlantic Avenue, Brigantine on
Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Clergy Officiating:
Pastor Kundan Nasir, Brigantine Presbyterian Church
Father Ed, St Thomas Catholic Church
Rabbi Stephanie Breitsman, Temple Beth Shalom

This service can be viewed on-line via Zoom at
<https://bit.ly/4f5XaU4> or scan here → 

For more about this community interfaith service, please contact
Temple Beth Shalom at 609-266-0403



**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**

A Prayer for All Veterans

O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations.

Amen.

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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC???

OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants, known as catechumens, go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teaching and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. Classes will be held at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**. For more information or to register, please contact **Deacon Len Long at 609-335-6470**.

Thursday evenings 6:30pm - 8:00pm



A HEALTHCARE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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.

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 or email 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.**

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.**



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.

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