

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

MATTHEW 25:1-13

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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

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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www.arcs.org

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Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 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 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. Grades 1 - 4 attend from 4pm - 5pm and 5 - 8 attend from 6pm - 7pm. 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: 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.



Saturday

8:30AM

4:00PM

November 11

Joe Hennessy by Bonnie & John Magro

Thomas Smaldore by LaMar & Family

Jay Monari by Frances Streeper

Sunday

8:00AM

9:30AM

November 12

Marie Smith by Rob & MaryEllen Smith

John Lee by Barb & Joe Cawley

Joan Ackermann by Joe & MJ Kelso

Maria Mattessich by Loretta Langelotti

Sebastiano DiMaria by Angela Italiano

Bonsignore Family by Anna & Family

Jane Maschio by Mariann & Scott Storr & Family

Michael Trendler by Family

James & Mary Walsh by Marie Accordino

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

November 13

Thomas Scafidi by Anthony & Barbara Cocca

Tuesday

8:30AM

November 14

Fr. Jim Dombrowski by Sheila Daily

Wednesday

8:30AM

November 15

Carmela Gentile by Family

Thursday

8:30AM

November 16

John Lee by Ralph & Nancy Gattis

Friday

8:30AM

November 17

MaryAnn Burnes by Burnes & Rehill Families

Saturday

8:30AM

4:00PM

November 18

Thomas Gervasio by Daughter

James Harvey by Wife Madeline

Kathleen Ortico by Anthony & Roseann DiMaggio

Sunday

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM

November 19

Michael L. Bordonaro, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaVigna

Victoria Vandenberg Maldonado by Cynthia & Jim Kay

Ryan Rehill by Mammaw & Family

Dennis Eyde by Jim & Lora Constantine

Gerald James Highberger by Family

Vince Johnson by Annie & Mark

Joanna Kurtz by Debra & Larry Rutter

Joseph Andolfi by DiBona Family

Sebastiano DiMaria by Crocifissa Iannello

Important Bulletin Information

Please be advised that due to the upcoming holiday season and delivery restrictions, the 10:00am Friday deadline for bulletin information submission will be fluctuating, effective immediately. If you have anything that needs to be placed in the upcoming bulletins, please contact the Parish Office for the appropriate deadlines or email bulletin@stabrig.org. This change will be in effect until at least the third week in January. An update will be placed in the corresponding bulletin edition. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



"What you do after you say you believe"

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts in Stewardship today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Collections for the weekend of: November 5th & 6th

Offertory: \$6,035.00

E-Giving: \$3,530.00

**School: \$1,227.00
\$10,792.00**



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.



Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating November Anniversaries

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



Trudy & Damon Galmin, 62 Years

Prayer Requests

FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Delores Morello, Michael Park

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Steve Shincarick, Beth LaSerra, Fran Byers, Zoe Rodriguez, Madeline Harvey, Melanie Hudson, Jerry Kilroy, Cynthia Giordano, Matt Fannon, Logan Seitz, Kristina McDaniel, Aurora Mary Gross, Charlie Arsenault, Diana Certo, Pat Castellano, Gail Squicciarri, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank & Joann DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczycki, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto, Brody Pomager, Katrina Yearicks, Diane Kuczynski, Barbara Smaldore, Brian Cavallari, Bill Whalen, Joanne Miller, Catherine Daddario

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, Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army
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

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

It is tempting to avoid consideration of the mystery of death and dying, as this calls to mind losses we have experienced as well as the prospect of our mortality. And yet, our readings for today remind us that we are called to face the reality of death with hope, wisely recognizing the longing within us to be in God's holy presence and the necessity of making ourselves ready for this anticipated future. Take time with a loved one to reflect together on the mystery of death and the promise of eternal life. Name those you have known who have prepared well for their death and consider what you can learn from their example.

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Ministry Schedule November 18th & 19th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Stinson	B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, B. Ferris
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Murray	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Bob	J. Levins	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flanagan

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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday will be held next **Sunday, November 19th** after all morning Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. Also, our nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.

If you're a nurse or an EMT and are interested in assisting taking blood pressures during Hospitality Sunday, please contact Kathe Murray @ 609-517-8767. Thank you for your assistance.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21st

Hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Brigantine's Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be hosted this year by **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**. It will be held on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30pm**. All are invited to attend and light refreshments will be served after the service. A True Spirit Coalition free will offering will be taken up.

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 on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**. For more information or to register, please contact **Deacon Len Long at 609-335-6470**.

If you already have your Sacraments and want to continue to grow and learn your faith, you are more than welcome to attend.

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS NEEDED

If you are a great baker and would like to share your talent, we are in need of **homemade** baked goods to be served as light refreshments after the Interfaith Service. **If you are interested in baking for this event, please contact the parish office A.S.A.P. at 609-266-2123**. Thank you for your assistance .



The Women's Club

A caring community of Christian Women within our Church

Greetings to all Women's Club members. Due to the painting of the Church, our November meeting is tentatively scheduled for **November 15th in St. Philip Hall** where we will be collecting TastyKakes for our Veterans.

Cookie Walk Time Again!

The Women's Club of St. Thomas will be having their annual Cookie Walk and Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 9th**. We are always in need of bakers. If you can volunteer to bake 7 dozen cookies, please contact:

Winnie Galbraith: 215-429-2760
or email winniegabraith@gmail.com

Cookie drop-off will be on **Friday, December 8th** from 9am to noon.

UPCOMING

Nov. 14th Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
Nov. 15th Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
Nov. 16th KoC 4th Degree Meeting 5:30pm (Hall)



2024 Calendar Raffle

90 Chances to win & only \$20 each

(you can win more than once)

Available Now in the Parish Office!



These 3 month calendars (Jan., Feb., & March) make great gifts for anyone: hostess, mail carriers, neighbors, delivery drivers, etc...

GOOD LUCK!



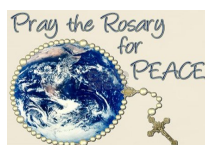
St. Thomas continues to support “**Moms in Need**” at the Jersey Shore Women’s Center in Galloway. This crisis pregnancy center provides support to all women and their families, in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need.

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.



Rosary for Peace

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

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE TUESDAY ROSARY ON NOVEMBER 21ST, WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM, DUE TO THE INTERFAITH SERVICE.

Knights of Columbus

(WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, NOV. 18TH)

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.

Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm

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. **We look forward to seeing you soon.**

Any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at **609-266-2123 ext. 102** and leave your name and contact number and your call will be returned.

Social Events Meeting

There will be a social events meeting on Monday, November 13th at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting Room (behind the Rectory.)

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 7020 “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest will begin on November 20th.

Please call the Parish Office @ 609-266-2123 for further details.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

a Healing Mass

OF HOPE, THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE

For cancer patients, survivors & families who have lost a loved one to cancer.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those in need of its healing grace.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023 @ 6:30PM

The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light
402 Kings Highway North - Cherry Hill, NJ

Following Mass, please join us
for dessert and coffee.



RSVP BY
NOV 27

VITALity-Events@CamdenDiocese.org
856-583-6123



Silent Retreat

Friday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. to
Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m.

What will I do on a retreat? Which is right for me?

Private: Take the time for silence and immerse yourself in prayerful dialogue with God. Spend time in chapel, take walks in a beautiful setting, read scripture, and simply have a conversation with God. Most importantly, take the time to listen for God's voice within you!

Directed: All of the above, plus meet daily with a trained spiritual director who can help you plan your prayer time and discern how God is speaking with you! Limited to 10 participants.

**\$200 Private
\$240 Directed**

Meals included



Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center
101 111th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
Register at www.VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7700

The Gift You Have Received

Give as a Gift! ☆

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$60 per person

Presented by

Sr. Mariann Guiniven, IHM

In an atmosphere of quiet calm and natural beauty we will invite St. Nicholas and the Blessed Virgin Mary, great gift-bearers from the past to share their wisdom with us that we might share our gifts with others.



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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