

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

“Lord, You have come to the Seashore...”

November 17, 2024
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.

Mark 13:28



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:

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Mon.- Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

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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

8:30AM
4:00PM

November 16

Gwen Trautwein by *Betsy & Mike Dougherty*
James Harvey by *Wife Madeline*
Edwinna DiRenzo by *Delia Family*
Msgr. A. Jaworowski by *Jim Ski*
Msgr. F. Palecki by *Jim Ski*

Sunday

8:00AM
9:30AM

November 17

Philomena Arena by *Tina & Bill & Family*
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*
Anthony Gentile, Sr. by *Daughter Carmel*

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

November 18

Thomas & Vencenzia Gervasio by *Anne Grove*

Tuesday

8:30AM

November 19

Ryan Rehill by *MamMaw & Family*

Wednesday

8:30AM

November 20

Joan DiBona by *Frank*

Thursday

8:30AM

November 21

Gervasio & DiCarlo Families by *Anne Grove*

Friday

8:30AM

November 22

Neil J. Vitiello by *Wife, Fran & Children*

Saturday

8:30AM
4:00PM

November 23

Neil J. Vitiello by *Wife & Family*
Theresa Cain by *Women's Club of St. Thomas*
Luisito M. Brown by *Dulay Family*
Gary Butler by *Mary Fox*

Sunday

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

November 24

Thomas Manning by *Family*
Rita & Richard Dougherty
Marie Mestichelli by *Annie & Mark Weichman*
Robert Long by *Terry & Paul Tomlin*
Nick Stabile by *Mary*
Martin Roller by *Brian & Eileen*
Florence Theresa Long
by *Knights of Columbus Council #7020*
Joan DiBona by *Husband Frank*



In Memory of:

James Harvey
by
Wife Madeline



“What you do after you say you believe”

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Mark 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news - it’s never too late to start living Stewardship in a grateful and generous lifestyle.

**Collections for:
Nov. 9th & Nov. 10th**

**Offertory: \$ 8,027.00
E-Giving: \$ 2,304.00
School: \$ 1,196.00
\$11,527.00**



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.



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.

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fernando Alonso, Anthony Conover, Nancy Musumeci, Damon Galmin, Jr., Joseph Mlgatz, Jr., Shirley Sabatini
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, Rob Moody, Andy Papp, Spencer Andrews, Dora Meyers, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Cheryl Kenney

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 Gospel writer Mark draws on intense nature imagery in today’s passage. Images of a darkened sun and moon and falling stars may seem apocalyptic—and yet it also points to the terrifying realities of the climate crisis. The earth can only handle so much desecration. The pollution generated by big corporations is literally darkening the world. While we pray for the Son of Man’s return with great power and glory, we must also act now to save our common home. Connect with the work of organizations committed to climate justice. Write letters to large corporations in your area and encourage them to cut down on fossil fuel use.

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Ministry Schedule November 23rd & 24th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	B. DeLucry, J., D’Ascenzo, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	B. Bologna	A. Solari, D. Phillips, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	R. Pennestri	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, G.Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Levins	Deacon, F.Sucharski, R. Wilson

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

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*



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00am until 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.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Begins on **November 18, 2024** for all Religious Education students. Posters will be judged on the theme of **"Keep Christ in Christmas"**. **Deadline for entries is December 2nd.** Contest winners will be announced and cash prizes awarded by the Knights of Columbus on December 9th. All poster entries will be showcased in St. Philip Hall during the Advent season. Feel free to stop in the hall and admire the talent of our Religious Education students.

It's beginning
to look
a lot like
Christmas!



SUNDAES WITH SANTA

Date: Sunday, December 1st

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Place: St. Philip Hall @ St. Thomas Church, 331 8th Street S.

Available for kids ages 1 - 10

Bring your camera for pictures with Santa.

Come enjoy an afternoon with Santa, making sundaes, and arts & crafts.



DECEMBER

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. Supply will be limited.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA HONOR OUR BURIED VETERANS Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing

Located in Mays Landing, St. Vincent de Paul Church in cooperation with Holy Cross Cemetery is participating in Wreaths Across America for a second year! On Saturday, December 14, parish members, along with other local area groups will meet and place Christmas wreaths on the graves of Veterans in the Holy Cross Cemetery. Please note the wreaths are for placement on ground burial plots.

We are looking for volunteers to donate \$17 to sponsor a Christmas wreath and/or to lay the wreaths on December 14th. For each wreath sponsored, St. Vincent de Paul food bank located right in Mays Landing will receive \$5 to support the food bank. Please consider sponsoring one or more wreaths to honor our deceased Veterans this Christmas season.

The St. Vincent de Paul Regional School is also participating. Should you wish to support the school, simply follow the directions below.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 14, at noon! Bring your family and friends, and join us on National Wreaths Across America Day at Holy Cross Cemetery for a short ceremony with Father March to celebrate and honor the men and women who have served us all. The ceremony will be followed by placing the wreaths on the graves of Veterans.

The deadline to donate is Tuesday, December 3rd.

If you have questions, contact Peter Eschbach at **609-335-3637** or at peter.eschbach@outlook.com



Sweatpants/Winter Coat Drive for:

**Angels in Motion
Brigantine Public School
Atlantic City Public Schools**

Sweatpants for children in BLACK or NAVY BLUE (Sizes S - XXL). Coats for adults.

All donations will be distributed to local families in need.

DROP OFF ONLY AT BRIGANTINE COMMUNITY CHURCH THRIFT SHOP on SATURDAYS: 9:00am to 11:30am. LAST DAY IS DECEMBER 7TH.



- Nov, 19 Rosary 7:00pm
- Nov. 20 KoC 4th Degree Meeting 6:00pm (Hall)
- Nov. 23 KoC/Red Cross Blood Drive 9am - 2pm (Hall)
- Nov, 26 Interfaith Service 7:00pm (Synagogue)
- Nov. 28 Happy Thanksgiving - Parish Office Closed
- Nov. 29 Parish Office Closed

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.

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.**

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 and DECEMBER 21ST

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. We look forward to seeing you.**

PLEASE NOTE: *We ARE NOT accepting donations at this time.*****



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