

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

November 24, 2024
Christ the King



MY KINGDOM
DOES NOT
BELONG TO
THIS WORLD.

JOHN 18:36

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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

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

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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 23
8:30AM	Neil J. Vitiello <i>by Wife & Family</i>
4:00PM	Theresa Cain <i>by Women’s Club of St. Thomas</i>
	Luisito M. Brown <i>by Dulay Family</i>
	Gary Butler <i>by Mary Fox</i>
Sunday	November 24
8:00AM	Thomas Manning <i>by Family</i>
9:30AM	Rita & Richard Dougherty
11:00AM	Marie Mestichelli <i>by Annie & Mark Weichman</i>
	Robert Long <i>by Terry & Paul Tomlin</i>
	Nick Stabile <i>by Mary</i>
	Martin Roller <i>by Brian & Eileen</i>
	Florence Theresa Long
	<i>by Knights of Columbus #7020</i>
	Joan DiBona <i>by Husband Frank</i>
Monday	November 25
8:30AM	Elizabeth Maguire <i>by Maguire Children</i>
Tuesday	November 26
8:30AM	Miles Davies <i>by Barbara Jaffe</i>
Wednesday	November 27
8:30AM	Lynda Iris Allegrini DeMaestri <i>by Michael</i>
Thursday	November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)
8:30AM	Giuseppe “Joe” Vatrella
	<i>by Linda, Ian, Brianna, and Family</i>
Friday	November 29
8:30AM	Rocco Cambria <i>by Tom & Gina Gribbin & Shelby</i>
Saturday	November 30
8:30AM	Theresa Cain <i>by Dominic Palumbo</i>
4:00PM	Tony Borghise <i>by Turzanski Family</i>
	Rose Iorio <i>by Turzanski Family</i>
	Marie Boyle <i>by Sandee Holdsworth</i>
Sunday	December 1 (1st Sunday of Advent)
8:00AM	Sally Sooy <i>by Jan Persson</i>
	Jennifer Shaw <i>by Tony & Nancy Aliantro</i>
	Sal Nesto <i>by Nesto Family</i>
9:30AM	Michael Esposito, Jr. <i>by BiLello Family</i>
11:00AM	John, Nancy, & James Browne <i>by Browne Family</i>



In Memory of:
LaMarr Gable
by
St. Thomas Family

REMINDER:

The Tuesday, November 26th Rosary WILL NOT be held due to the Interfaith Service.



“What you do after you say you believe”

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’”
John 18:36

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth: We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share through Stewardship your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

**Collections for:
Nov. 16th & Nov. 17th**

**Offertory: \$6,963.00
E-Giving: \$1,965.00
School: \$1,055.00
\$9,983.00**



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.



Welcome to Our Parish Family



We warmly welcome the following children who were baptized during the month:

**Dean Patrick Roby
Cassidy Maryellen Donati**

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tony Stolfo, Celine Powell
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, Zoe Rodriguez, Diane Certo, Melanie Hudson, Jim Schwab, Brody Pomager, Joanne Miller, Presley McBride, Leah Loreaux, Diane & Charles Kuczynski, Robert Darin, Michael Feldman, Dominic Delia, Loretta Smith, Carol Graham, Madeline Harvey, Ronald DiPinto, James Ruggiano, John Gans, Stacie Williams, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Annmarie Staffieri, Rob Moody, Andy Papp, Spencer Andrews, Dora Meyers, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro, Cheryl Kenney, Bob Granieri

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 ushers in a different type of kingdom, a kingdom not of this world. Jesus is not your average, power-hungry king. His peaceful, intentional way of serving others is a model for all people in positions of authority. This solemnity offers a natural time to consider the work of modern-day kings, queens, presidents, and other high-ranking officials. How are they using their power? Is it to serve or harm? Are they attending to the needs of the marginalized or only to the privileged? Consider writing to a local or national government official. Tell them your story and encourage them to side with people who are suffering.

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Ministry Schedule November 30th & December 1st

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	F. Streeper, J., D’Ascenzo, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	L. Camerota	G. Gallagher, B. O’Connor, G. Espinoza
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Robbins	P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Pashley	R. Barone	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

*******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 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest is in full swing! 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.

What's Happening

- Nov. 26 Interfaith Service 7:00pm (Synagogue)
- Nov. 28 Happy Thanksgiving - Parish Office Closed
- Nov. 29 Parish Office Closed
- Dec. 01 Sundaes with Santa 2:00pm - 4:00pm (Hall)
- Dec. 02 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm -7:00pm
- Dec. 03 Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)

It's beginning
to look
a lot like
Christmas!



**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.

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.



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.

A Holiday "Family" Event
Sponsored by 4Ever Young
ALL AGES INVITED



Join Us for a Christmas Sing Along With:
Jackie & The Gents!

MONDAY **December 16th**

6:00pm at St. Thomas Church

Pizza & Sandwiches Will Be Served
After The Concert.

Any questions call Eileen Robbins at 610.721.7438.

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**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OPEN SATURDAY, 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.

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

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 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