

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

November 26, 2023

Christ the King



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
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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609-652-7134

www.arcs.org

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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 25

Neil J. Vitiello by Wife Fran & Children
Rose Iorio by Bill & Irene Zin
Diane Hennessy by Beckie & George Kuhl
Kenneth W. Alcott by Mark Massi
Barbara & Edward Gorman by Family

Sunday
8:00AM

November 26 (Christ the King)

Sal Russo by Roey Rehill
Michael L. Bordonaro, Jr. by Denise Driscoll
John & James Browne by Browne Family
Helen Stipo by Theresa Huber
Emilie Marzullo by Richard & MaryPat Geppert
John Lee by Knights of Columbus #7020

9:30AM

11:00AM

Monday
8:30AM

November 27

Linda Carden by Stan & Alicia Seksinsky

Tuesday
8:30AM

November 28

Thomas Gallagher by Diane & Joe Hennessy

Wednesday
8:30AM

November 29

Michael Bordonaro, Jr. by Rehill Family

Thursday
8:30AM

November 30

Diane Hennessy by Ralph & Nancy Gattis

Friday
8:30AM

December 1

Eileen Ward by James & Bernadette Woods

Saturday
8:30AM
4:00PM

December 2

James Berezny by Coyle Family
Gregory Nacios by Ron & Marcia Williams
Genevieve Haines by Alexis & Madeline Harvey

Sunday
8:00AM

December 3 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Salvatore Apa by Cynthia Mariotti
Diane Hennessy by Barb & Joe Cawley
Philip Alburger by Carolyn & Patrick Meehan
David Carr by Joe & MJ Kelso
Karl Riek by Robert & MaryEllen Smith
Bob Simon by Marie & John Hillman
Dolly Lucas by Annie & Mark

9:30AM

11:00AM

LITTLE CATHOLIC SHOP

As the seasons change, so do our products at the Little Catholic Shop. We are now fully stocked for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We have something for everyone, from greeting cards to gifts. Come back to St. Philip Hall and see our inventory. We are open on Sundays after all morning masses. If you would like to shop during the week, stop by the Parish Office and someone will gladly assist you. We look forward to seeing you soon.





"What you do after you say you believe"

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving in Stewardship, of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

**Collections for the weekend of:
November 18th & 19th**

Not available at time of print



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

Welcome to Our Parish Family



**Kaden Roger Carr
Patrick Michael Keck
Summer Lee Weaver**

*Prayer
Requests*

FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Rifice, III

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Steve Shincarick, Beth LaSere, 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, Asha Freytag

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

"The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. 'We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative; hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness....But if we look at the works of mercy as a whole, we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces' (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 9, 2016).

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Ministry Schedule December 2nd & 3rd

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	To Be Determined	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, J. D'Ascenzo, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	To Be Determined	B. Bologa	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, B. Ferris
SUN. 9:30AM	To Be Determined	M. Dougherty	P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos, J. Staffieri
SUN. 11:00AM	To Be Determined	J. Murray	Deacon, L. Flanagan, G. Shindle

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



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!



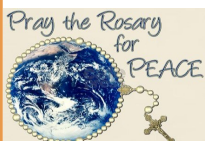
Cookie Walk Time Again!

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9am - 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. Please consider donating as the need for blood is critical. We hope you can join us.

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.



Rosary for Peace

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

Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 9:15am in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

The Giving Tree

Helping Those
in Need



Helping Those in Need

Advent Season is a time to prepare the way of the Lord. Open your hearts and help others celebrate the birth of the Lord.

As in the past, we will have **two giving Christmas trees** next to the Sanctuary this Advent Season, one for *seniors* without families and one for Brigantine families that are in need. With your generosity, we will be able to spread Christmas Blessings throughout our Community. Thank you.

Seniors without Families: Take a senior tag, purchase the requested item(s) listed, wrap the gift and return under the tree **with the tag visible on the gift. Deadline: December 10th.** For your information, we work together with "Home Instead" and each gift is specifically matched with a senior who has no family.

Brigantine Families in Need: this year we are collecting **gift cards only**. Take an empty envelope (labelled Gift Card) from the tree, place a gift card with receipt in the envelope and drop in the **Locked Box** next to the Christmas tree. **Deadline: December 10th.**

Suggested gift cards (in any denomination): Walmart, Target, WaWa & Amazon. With the help of True Spirit, your gift cards will go to families in need within the Brigantine Community.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed at the 9:30 mass. Children attending K through 2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 if you'd like to join our dedicated team of Children's Liturgy catechists.

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.

UPCOMING

Nov. 28th Rosary 7:00pm
Dec. 02nd KoC Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am (Hall)
Dec. 05th Rosary 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)
Dec. 06th Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
Dec. 08th Mass 8:30am & 6:30pm
(Immaculate Conception)
Dec. 09th Cookie Walk 9:00am (Hall)

The First Victim in War is *Truth* Presented by Edward G. Stafford Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 7:00 - 8:15pm Brigantine Community Center

Ed's discussion will focus on the recent and ongoing reporting on the Hamas-Israel conflict.

If you would like to attend this presentation, please RSVP to: <https://bit.ly/49wFBup>

After you complete the **registration form**, you will receive an **acknowledgement of your registration**. Please print it and bring it with you on the 28th.

For more information about this presentation, please contact **Temple Beth Shalom at: 609-266-0403.**

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.*****

Knights of Columbus
(WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH)

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.
Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm

We have items for every room of your house. We have a large selection of Christmas items available. 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.



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.



Many times seniors and others need help but don’t want to ask. **Our St. Dismas Ministry** is ready to help Brigantine Residents who are overwhelmed by financial burdens. Also, we can often set them up with a routine food order from the True Spirit Coalition.

All contacts are in strict confidence. If you know of someone that may need our help, please give them the contact information below or if you would rather, give their name to us and we will handle it very discretely.

Contact: Eileen Robbins 610-721-7438

True Spirit Coalition
Hunger Never Takes a Vacation

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942

Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

All items must be new:

Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Pasta & Peanut Butter

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.**

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.

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

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