

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

October 6, 2024
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever does not
accept the kingdom
of God like a child will
not enter it

Mark 10:15



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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
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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

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ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

www.arcs.org

Principal: Joanne McKnight

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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

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| Saturday | October 5 |
| 8:30AM | Michael Farrell <i>by Bonanni Family</i> |
| 4:00PM | Del Bartlett <i>by Joe & MJ Kelso</i> |
| | Barbara Smaldore <i>by LaMar & Family</i> |
| | Maria Mattessich <i>by Family</i> |
| | Theresa Cain <i>by LaMar & Family</i> |
| Sunday | October 6 |
| 8:00AM | Joseph J. Fumo, IV <i>by Fumo Family</i> |
| 9:30AM | Paul Durante <i>by Wife</i> |
| | Sally Sooy <i>by Riley Family</i> |
| | Kathleen Zuber <i>by Joe & MJ Kelso & Kim Urban</i> |
| | Lisa Wilson <i>by American Legion Ladies Aux.396</i> |
| | Shirley Tohanczyn <i>by Norma Anderson</i> |
| | Claire Camera <i>by Coyle Family</i> |
| 11:00AM | |
| Monday | October 7 |
| 8:30AM | Ray Killian <i>by Esther Casale</i> |
| Tuesday | October 8 |
| 8:30AM | Stephen Y. Blauvelt, Jr <i>by Ken & Marge Schroeder</i> |
| Wednesday | October 9 |
| 8:30AM | Elizabeth Maguire <i>by Maguire Children</i> |
| Thursday | October 10 |
| 8:30AM | Michael Mark Wilson <i>by Family</i> |
| Friday | October 11 |
| 8:30AM | Christina Connelly <i>by Jimmy Skowronski</i> |
| Saturday | October 12 |
| 8:30AM | Deceased Members of Skowronski Family <i>by Jim</i> |
| 4:00PM | Adam Busch <i>by Turzanski Family</i> |
| | Michael J., Farrell <i>by Kathy & Tom Morton</i> |
| | Rosemary Kelly <i>by Women's Club of St. Thomas</i> |
| | Kimberly Sutton <i>by Jim & Lora Constantine</i> |
| Sunday | October 13 |
| 8:00AM | Dolores R. Seidelmann <i>by Husband & Daughter</i> |
| 9:30AM | Calogero D. Maria <i>by Elena Italiano</i> |
| 11:00AM | Anthony Ferrante <i>by Barbara Jaffe</i> |
| | Joyce Kull & Barbara Karagula <i>by Mary Accordino</i> |
| | Robert Long <i>by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer</i> |
| | Carmel Desiderio <i>by John & Kathe Murray</i> |
| | Nick Stabile <i>by Mary</i> |
| | Dell Burnell <i>by Bill & Sue Ferris</i> |



In Memory of:

Christopher David Seksinsky

**by
Family**



“What you do after you say you believe”

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, Stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

**Collections for:
Sept. 28th & Sept. 29th**

**Offertory: \$ 7,689.00
E-Giving: \$ 1,984.00
School: \$ 1,196.00
\$ 10,869.00**



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.



**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND, OCTOBER 5th & 6th**

This weekend, October 5th & 6th, our second collection will be the annual diocesan Pro-Life collection. October is pro-life month and all donations will help support various programs throughout the diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Prayer Requests



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Carlin

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, Celine Powell, Zoe Rodriguez, Diane Certo, Melanie Hudson, LaMarr Gable, 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, Wyatt Joseph O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Andy Papp, Stacie Williams, Leah Loreaux, Annmarie Staffieri, Damon Galmin, Jr., John Gans, Dora Meyers, Mary Lou Lizun, Rob Moody, Joan Gamad

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 teaches on a point of pain for many people across time: divorce. His words may sound legalistic at first glance, but with further reflection, we can recognize radical subversion at work. Jesus overthrows patriarchal norms and sides with the marginalized. He expands the norms for divorce as a push for greater justice for the oppressed. It should be acknowledged that this can be a painful reading to hear for many people who have experienced divorce. This text has been weaponized by too many preachers over the years to judge and condemn. Let us approach this text, as well as those in our community affected by divorce, with great compassion.

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Ministry Schedule October 12th & 13th

| Mass | Presider | Lector | Eucharistic Minister |
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| SAT. 4:00PM | Fr. Ed | ML DiFranks | W. Litwinczuk, J. D'Ascenzo, B. DeLucry |
| SUN. 8:00AM | Fr. Bob | L. Camerota | A. Solari, D. Phillips, K. Mogan |
| SUN. 9:30AM | Msgr. Morgan | R. Pennestri | M. Brindisi, P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos |
| SUN. 11:00AM | Fr. Ed | B. Bologa | Deacon, J. & K. Murray |

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

**Congratulations to Our Parishioners
Celebrating October Anniversaries**

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



Cathy & Cesare Rotondi, 55 Years
Marie & Mike Brindisi, 48 Years



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

It has come to the attention of the Chancellor that Reverend Gustavo Agudelo is currently in the area and is offering retreats. Father Agudelo is not a priest in good standing and does not enjoy faculties within the Diocese of Camden. He is not permitted to offer Mass, hear confessions or to speak/preach within the diocese. **Should Father Agudelo contact you, please inform your pastor immediately.**

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday will be held next **Sunday, October 13**, after all morning Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. We hope to see you there. The nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.

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.



In Commemoration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Feast of St. Francis

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, the annual Blessing of the animals will take place **TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 6th @ 1:00pm** in the church parking lot. You are welcome to bring all your pets, but **They MUST BE leashed or contained** for their safety and for the safety of those around them.

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 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 on Thursday evenings @ 6:30PM**. For more information or to register, please contact **Deacon Len Long at 609-335-6470**.

**CLASSES BEGIN THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 24TH @ 6:30PM**

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MEDICAL GUILD &
VITALITY CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES

cordially invite you and your guests to the

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN WHITE MASS

CELEBRANT COADJUTOR BISHOP JOSEPH WILLIAMS

HONORING DOCTORS, NURSES &
ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
SERVING SOUTH JERSEY

OCT
13
10 AM

THE CHAPEL AT
VIRTUA OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL
1600 HADDON AVE. - CAMDEN, NJ
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MASS

2024 SAINT LUKE AWARD RECIPIENT
DEACON GERARD JABLONOWSKI



*Kindly RSVP for the reception by
Friday, Oct. 11*
VITALITY-EVENTS@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG



*Public Square
Rosary
October 12*

Public Square Rosary Rally

St. Thomas parishioners are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally next **Saturday, October 12, at 12:00 noon** in the front of the **Blessed Mother Statue in the church parking lot**. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 22,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States that weekend. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

Please bring your own chair.



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.

HOLY SPIRIT HIGH SCHOOL

Save the Date!

Fall Open House

Date: Monday, October 28th, 2024

Time: 6PM - 8PM

Location: HSHS Gymnasium

Spartan for a Day

Date: Friday, November 15th, 2024

Time: 8AM - 1PM

Come meet our dedicated staff, explore our programs, and see firsthand why Holy Spirit High School is the perfect place for your child to shine. We look forward to meeting your family and helping you explore all that we have to offer.

Come experience all that Holy Spirit High School has to offer and get a taste of the Spartan spirit! Mark your calendars and we can't wait to see you there!

Knights of Columbus

Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.

SATURDAY: 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.**

Please be advised that ALL DONATIONS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT 601 BAYSHORE AVE. DURING BUSINESS HOURS. 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.

