

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

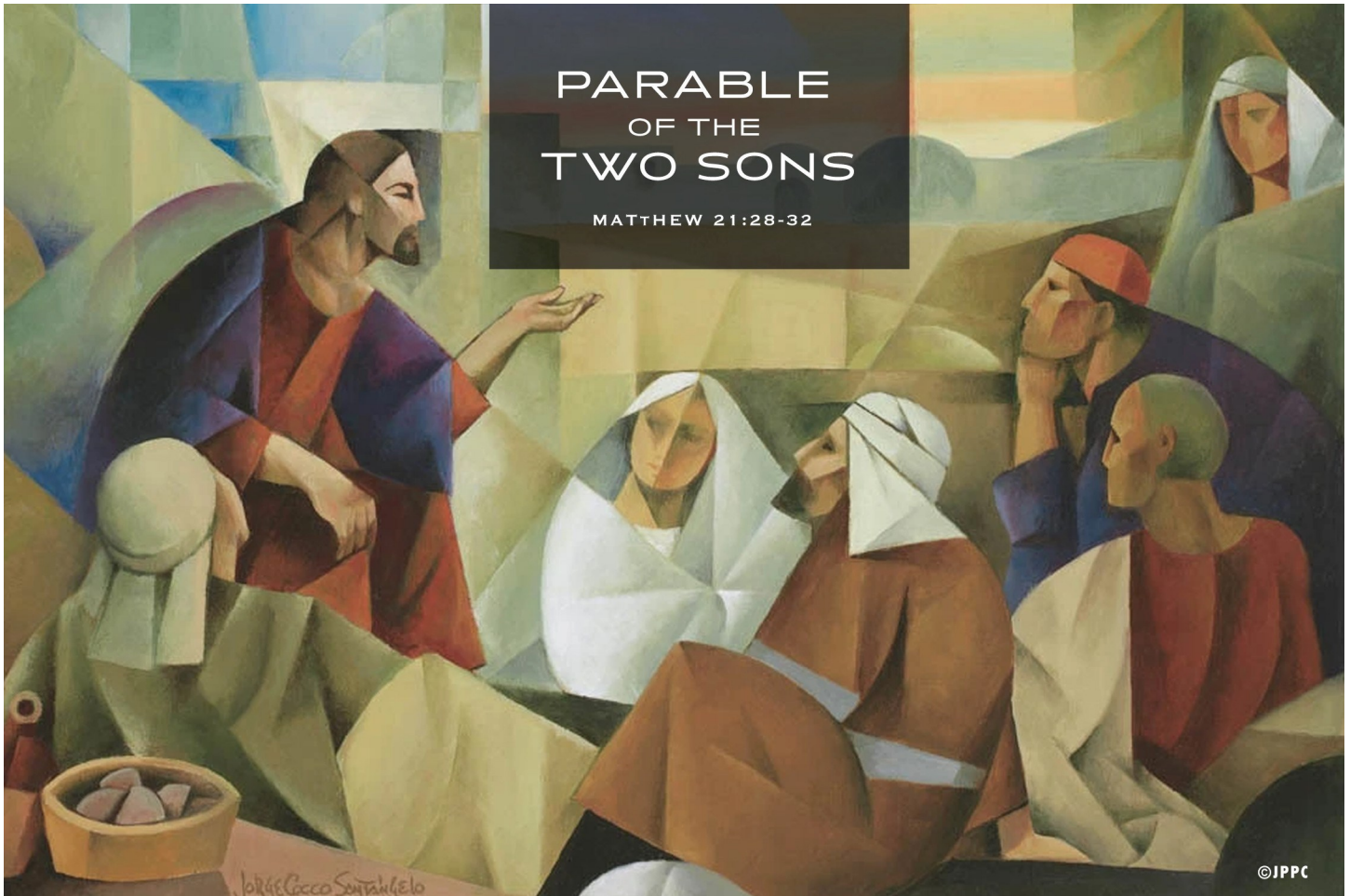
331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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.

***Masses For
The Week***



Saturday
8:30AM
4:00PM

September 30

Frank Grove by Wife
Joe Hennessy by Michael & LuAnne Manno
Emilie Marzullo by Mary Spence & Family
Mary Lou Walker by Mary Spence & Family
Michael Bordonaro by Pat Jackson
Joseph Andolfi by Carmela & Glenn Mulvaney

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

October 1

Mary Ann Borrone by Dennis & Mindy Haney & Family
William Alan Kuprevich by Turzanski Family
Stacey Porpora by Audrey & Rob Mayer
Peter Kling by Kathleen Littel
Giovanni Culmone by Family
Nicholas J. Exadaktilos by Bonanni Family

Monday
8:30AM

October 2

Rose Iorio by Anne Grove

Tuesday
8:30AM

October 3

Ursula & Dave Brinkerhoff by Sister

Wednesday
8:30AM

October 4

Elizabeth Maguire by Maguire Children

Thursday
8:30AM

October 5

Thomas Etts by Barbara Zdep-Mattocks

Friday
8:30AM

October 6

Fr. Bill Vandegrift by Sheila Daily

Saturday
8:30AM
4:00PM

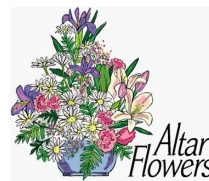
October 7

Robbie Noone by Mike & Gail Gallagher
Anthony J. Alosi, Sr. by Jim & Lora Constantine
Harry McGarrigal by Trendler Family

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

October 8

Clayton Riegel by Bill & Tina Hoffman
Maria Mattessich by Scrivanich Family
Damien Melton by Joe & MJ Kelso
Sondra Jean Pasko by Frank & MaryJane
Vincent Vidas by Carolyn & Patrick Meehan
Stacey Porpora by Steve & Terri Manning
Joseph J. Fumo, IV by Morton Family
Joseph Chrysler by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family
Harry McGarrigal by John & Kathe Murray



In Memory of:

**Mary Lou Senkarik
&
Emilie Marzullo
by
Family**

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.



"What you do after you say you believe"

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self image. But, if we truly believe in Stewardship, everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

Collections for the weekend of: September 23rd & 24th

Offertory: \$ 6,164.00

E-Giving: \$ 1,583.00

School: \$ 1,091.00
\$ 8,838.00



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



Christian Ritchie Colosimo

Olivia Rose Moffitt

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, 54 Years

September - Terry & Paul Tomlin, 45 Years



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nick Stabile, Dick Breen, Martha Rafes

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Steve Shincarick, Beth LaSerre, 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 Squicimari, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank & Joann DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, MaryAnn DeJulius, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczyckj, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto, Brody Pomager, Katrina Yearicks

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, Capt. Mark J. Marsella, USMC PFC Jaryd Witkowski, US Army, Pvt. Matt Rehill, US Army Ofc. Stephen D. Vanzant, U.S. 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

Our readings today offer an invitation to reflect on our call to conversion, which is seldom a once-and-for-all event but rather an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us. *Metanoia* is a change of mind as well as a change of heart made evident in our actions. Ultimately, conversion leads us to adopt Christ's attitude of humble service. As we put the interests of others before ours, we demonstrate the attitude of Christ, a work of grace in us. Be attentive to opportunities to serve others in humility this week and offer these daily actions as a prayer.

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Ministry Schedule October 7th & 8th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	J. D'Ascenzo, B. DeLucry, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	E. Stafford	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, B. Ferris
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	J. Robbins	G. Scutti, R. Pagoulatos, J. Staffieri
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Bob	J. Levins	Deacon, R. Wilson, G. Shindle

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

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9:30 mass **today, Sunday, October 1st**. 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Feast of St. Francis



In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, the annual Blessing of the animals will take place **today, Sunday, Oct. 1st @ 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.

This year, everyone present with their pet will receive a blessing with the relic of St. Francis of Assisi.

Brigantine Interfaith Potluck Dinner

The Brigantine Interfaith Council is inviting all to share a special potluck meal together.

WHEN: Sunday, October 15th

TIME: 1:00PM

**WHERE: Community Presbyterian Church
1501 W. Brigantine Avenue**

We ask that you bring either an appetizer, main course, side dish, salad or dessert to share.

For more information on this event, please contact: Beverly Faunce at (215)512-4978

This special event is sponsored by the Brigantine Interfaith Council: Community Presbyterian Church
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Temple Beth Shalom.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC??? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is now 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 **Monday 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**

*****CLASS STARTS OCTOBER 17TH*****

BRIGANTINE COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

*Connect
with
Heaven*

SATURDAY,

October 7, 2023

9AM - 11AM | St. Phillips Hall

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street South (7th and Brigantine Avenue, Brigantine, NJ 08203)



SPEAKER

Michael Grogan

Ministry Leader

Author, *Connect with Heaven, Encounters with God*.

DONATION

\$25 per person includes full breakfast

All Proceeds to benefit the Connect With Heaven Ministry

FOR TICKETS

Contact Mike Brindisi

608.220.7677 or email

mike@brindisibuilders.com

Hospitality Helpers Needed!

Our first Hospitality Sunday is tentatively scheduled for October 15th. This event will only be successful if we have YOU on our committee!! If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please call the Parish Office - (609)266-2123.

For those who can attend, an initial meeting will take place on Thursday, October 5th @ 9:30am in the Parish Meeting Room.



FLU CLINIC by ACME Pharmacy (Ventnor)

WHEN: Tuesday, October 3rd

TIME: 9:00am - 12noon

WHERE: St. Philip Hall
331 8th St. S

*****Senior Dose*****

Please bring your Medicare B and prescription insurance cards.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Mark your calendar

OCTOBER

**SATURDAY
21**

NIGHT AT THE RACES & BASKET RAFFLE

St. Philip Hall, Doors open @ 5:00pm

Tickets are \$25 each and include a dinner buffet. BYOB

Tickets will be sold after all masses beginning this weekend and available in the Parish Office during business hours Monday thru Friday.

THE SECRETARIAT FOR PASTORAL OUTREACH AND
THE SECRETARIAT FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY AND EVANGELIZATION PRESENTS

OCTOBER 19 | 7-8PM

HOLY HOUR

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS
46 CENTRAL AVENUE | BRIDGETON, NJ 08302

REVEREND MATTHEW WEBER

Music will be provided by the Parish Children's Choir.
Refreshments will be served following the holy hour.



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VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services

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IN CELEBRATION AND HONOR OF
Doctors & Nurses
and all our Healthcare Professionals

October 22, 2023 | 1:00pm

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to Serve*

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SATURDAY

DOORS OPEN - 7:30 AM
CONFERENCE ENDS - 3:15 PM






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MAJOR GENERAL KARL GINGRICH
DIRECTOR, PROGRAM ANALYSIS
AND EVALUATION

MARK FORREST
ACCLAIMED INTERNATIONAL
BISHOP TENDER



MORE INFORMATION AND TO ORDER TICKETS
MANUPSOUTHJERSEY.COM

Diocese of Camden Gingerbread Church Decorating Competition


The Diocese of Camden will be sponsoring a **Gingerbread Church Decorating Competition** at the **Cumberland Mall, Vineland**. Accepted entries will be on display from **Nov. 17 to Dec. 28**. The competition is being sponsored by the diocesan **Office of Family and Youth Ministries**. With gingerbread houses being a staple of the holiday season, the competition and its display of churches will provide a subtle reminder to shoppers of what the season is really all about. Sponsorships will help fund prizes and event decorations.

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN OFFICE OF FAMILY & YOUTH PRESENTS

GINGERBREAD

CHURCH COMPETITION

NOVEMBER 17TH - DECEMBER 29TH

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.

Knights of Columbus



Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.
Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm (Every Saturday)

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.**

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
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Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:
1-855-5HOPE4U