

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ

[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

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

October 13, 2024  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

SUN: 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM SUN.

### WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM  
or by appointment

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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

[office@stabrig.org](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

**ASSUMPTION REGIONAL**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Galloway,

609-652-7134

[www.arcs.org](http://www.arcs.org)

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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

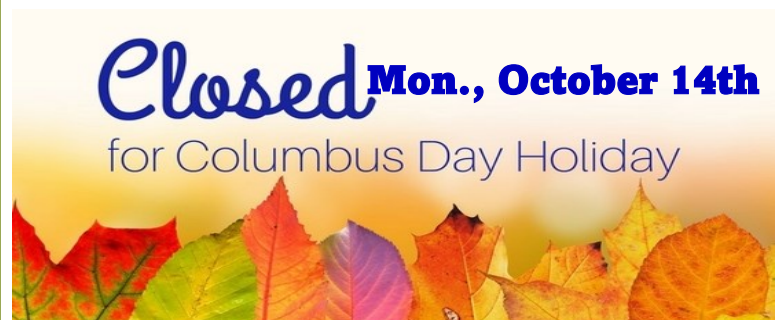


**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 12</b>
8:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of Skowronski Family</b> <i>by Jim Adam Busch</i> <i>by Turzanski Family</i>
4:00PM	<b>Michael J., Farrell</b> <i>by Kathy &amp; Tom Morton</i> <b>Rosemary Kelly</b> <i>by Women’s Club of St. Thomas</i> <b>Kimberly Sutton</b> <i>by Jim &amp; Lora Constantine</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 13</b>
8:00AM	<b>Dolores R. Seidelmann</b> <i>by Husband &amp; Daughter</i>
9:30AM	<b>Calogero D. Maria</b> <i>by Elena Italiano</i>
11:00AM	<b>Anthony Ferrante</b> <i>by Barbara Jaffe</i> <b>Joyce Kull &amp; Barbara Karagula</b> <i>by Mary Accordino</i> <b>Robert Long</b> <i>by Roger &amp; DoAnn Bernhammer</i> <b>Carmel Desiderio</b> <i>by John &amp; Kathe Murray</i> <b>Nick Stabile</b> <i>by Mary</i> <b>Dell Burnell</b> <i>by Bill &amp; Sue Ferris</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 14</b>
8:30AM	<b>Don Marrandino</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 15</b>
8:30AM	<b>Frank Burbridge, Sr.</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 16</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joyce Corrigan</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 17</b>
8:30AM	<b>Cousin Nancy</b> <i>by Kathy &amp; Bill Bennett</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 18</b>
8:30AM	<b>Nick Stabile</b> <i>by Mary</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 19</b>
8:30AM	<b>Deceased Members of Konieczny &amp; Gliwa Families</b> <i>by Jim</i>
4:00PM	<b>Sally Sooy</b> <i>by Barbara Schaffer</i> <b>Buzz Newbirkow</b> <i>by Gabe &amp; Abby Baker</i> <b>Denise Caulfield</b> <i>by Husband</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 20</b>
8:00AM	<b>Sally Sooy</b> <i>by Bert &amp; Julie Estlow</i> <b>Robert Demeno</b> <i>by McKee Family</i> <b>Don Fegan</b> <i>by Andy &amp; Toni Solari</i>
9:30AM	<b>Calogero D. Maria</b> <i>by Crocifissa Iannello</i>
11:00AM	<b>Frank Grove</b> <i>by Anne Grove</i>





**“What you do after you say you believe”**

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God”. Mark 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, in Stewardship we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

**Collections for:  
Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 9,297.00  
E-Giving: \$ 3,455.00  
Pro-Life: \$ 1,927.00  
\$14,679.00**



To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: [stthomasbrigantine.org](http://stthomasbrigantine.org) and click on the **Parish Giving** button or click on the QR code.



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**



**Hospitality Sunday** will be held **today, 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.

*Prayer Requests*



**FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Helena Coffey**

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, Dan Bordonaro, Jack Bordonaro

**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 poses a revolutionary option to a rich man in today's Gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor...then come, follow me." Understandably, the rich man has a difficult time letting go of his possessions. He likes his stuff! Not only that; his society viewed material wealth as a sign of spiritual virtue. Jesus once again offers a new way. He advocates true communion in the kingdom of God, a communion where everyone has enough, and all power belongs to God. The kingdom of God stands in stark contrast to the trappings of capitalism. Reflect on your privileges and poverties. How can you more fully embrace Christ's call to follow him?

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**Ministry Schedule October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Stinson	J. D'Ascenzo, B. DeLucry, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, G. Espinoza
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	B. Bologna	G. Scutti, J. Staffieri, M. Brindisi
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	Deacon, T. Tomlin, L. Flanagan

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



Catholic Charities

### Support Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief

CCUSA, as the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, has launched a dedicated Helene disaster relief campaign. All donations received for disaster aid will be allocated to the Catholic Charities agencies providing critical relief — including shelter, food and other humanitarian aid — to those most in need. To donate, please go to [www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org) and click on hurricane relief.

#### 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.

#### Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating October Anniversaries

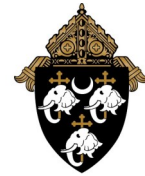
Our prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to live your vows.



**Sue & Frank DeAngelis, 61 Years**  
**Cathy & Cesare Rotondi, 55 Years**  
**Marie & Mike Brindisi, 48 Years**



- Oct. 14 Parish Office Closed (Columbus Day)  
No Religious Ed. Classes
- Oct. 16 Scripture Study 9am - 12pm (PMR)
- Oct. 21 Religious Ed. Classes 4:00pm - 7:00pm



## DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

It has come to 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.**

### 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**. For more information or to register, please contact **Deacon Len Long at 609-335-6470**.

**Thursday evenings 6:30pm - 8:00pm,  
Starting on October 24th.**

### BULLETIN DEADLINES

**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](mailto:bulletin@stabrig.org).

**BULLETIN INSERT REQUESTS** must be received in the office **3 WEEKS** prior to the publication date. Once approval is granted, the requesting group will be responsible for putting the inserts into the bulletins when they are delivered. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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](mailto:kelso.music@stabrig.org)**.

ST. GERARD MAJELLA



PRAY FOR US!

A special mass in honor of St. Gerard Majella, The Mothers' Saint, will be **Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Linwood, NJ**. There will be a relic to venerate. He is known for motherhood miracles and is considered the Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers and Children.

### *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.



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!



## **Men's Spirituality Conference**

**"Strengthen the Man...Strengthen the Family"**

**November 9, 2024**

**Register Today**

**[manupsouthjersey.com](http://manupsouthjersey.com)**

This year's theme, "Strengthen the Man... Strengthen the Family" is a reminder that our male presence and influence helps to strengthen the faith life of our family.

ManUp South Jersey features nationally famous Catholic Speakers, Morning Prayer, Exhibitors, Inspiring Music, Eucharistic Adoration, Optional Breakouts, Breakfast, and Lunch.

Priests will also be available throughout the day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

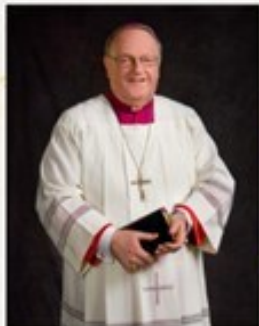
Become the man that God created you to be! Join us on November 9th at the Conference Center, Paul VI High School in Haddon Heights, NJ.

**Register Today!**

**[manupsouthjersey.com](http://manupsouthjersey.com)**

**Enter Promo Code PB10 to Receive  
a \$10.00 Discount**

# *Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine Washington, DC*



Bishop Sullivan Leading Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 26, 2024

For more information or to register, please contact:

Deacon Len Long @ 609-335-6470

- Explore and spend prayer time at the Basilica
- Confession available
- Concert of Sacred Music
- Large Catholic Gift Shop and Book Store
- Holy Mass with Bishop Sullivan in the Great Upper Church



## *Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass*

Date: Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Time: 3:00pm

Where: Church of the Holy Family  
226 Hurffville Road  
Sewell, NJ 08080

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, 70 or more years in the year 2024.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE BY  
OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

For information:  
AnnMarie.Ours@camdendiocese.org

## **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](http://www.njveteranshelpline.org)  
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

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