

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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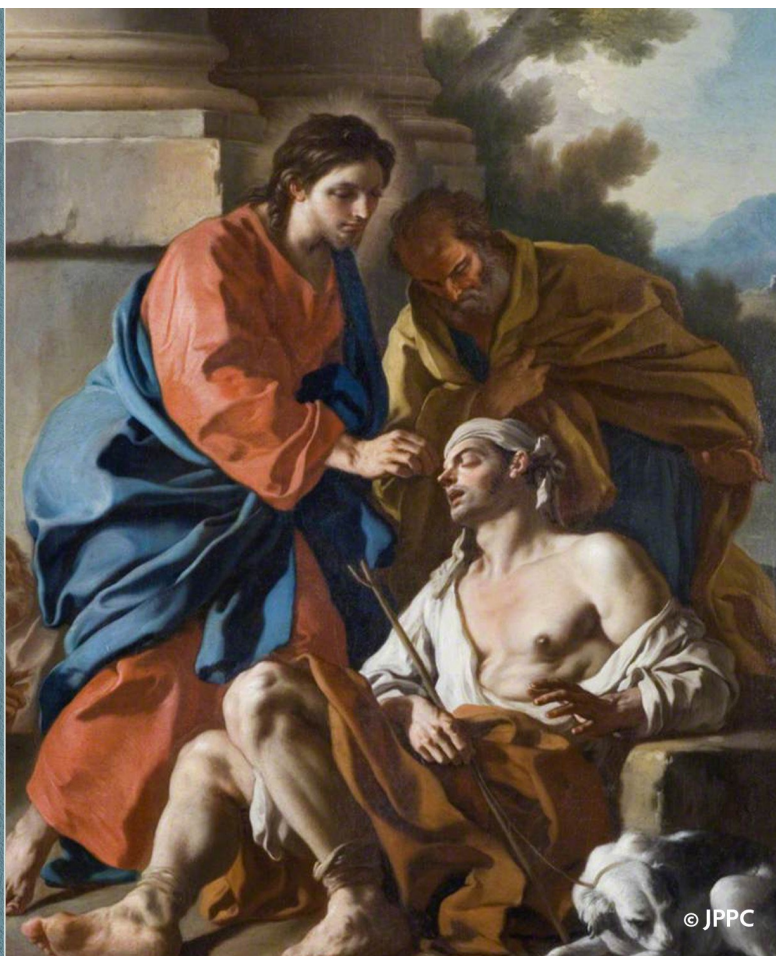
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*"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."*

October 27, 2024  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Go your way;  
your faith has  
saved you.

*Mark 10:52*



## 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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[e.maher@stabrig.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

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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

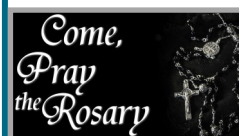


**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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 26</b>
8:30AM	<b>Al &amp; Jessie Skowronski</b> by Jim
4:00PM	<b>Giuseppa Genova</b> by Elena & Family
	<b>Anthony Ferrante</b> by Susanne Silvestri
	<b>Jerry Kilroy</b> by George & Beckie Kuhl
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 27</b>
8:00AM	<b>Philomena Arena</b> by Deb & Ray Widmann
9:30AM	<b>Allana Smallwood</b> by Kim & MJ
	<b>James Sherlock</b> by Donald Mattessich
	<b>Ardell Burnell</b> by Jerry & Nancy Highberger
	<b>Marlene Degen Frank</b> & Carole Murray
11:00AM	<b>Denise Caulfield</b> by David Caulfield
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 28</b>
8:30AM	<b>Paul Durante</b> by Wife
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 29</b>
8:30AM	<b>Ricky Pag &amp; Joane Kolecki</b> by Jim
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 30</b>
8:30AM	<b>Nicoletta Galante</b> by Lange Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 31</b>
8:30AM	<b>Louis Eugene Bourquin, Jr.</b> by Lange Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 1 (All Saints Day)</b>
8:30AM	<b>Bonsignore Family</b> by Anna & Family
6:30PM	<b>Joe Guglielmo</b> by Joe & MJ Kelso
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 2 (All Souls Day)</b>
8:30AM	<b>All Souls</b>
4:00PM	<b>Vitiello, Falsetti, &amp; Miniaci Families</b>
	<b>Dennis W. Davis</b> by Bill & Fran Paullin
	<b>Dolores Morrello</b> by Joe & MJ Kelso
	<b>Sally Sooy</b> by Barbara Schaffer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 3</b>
8:00AM	<b>Leonard T. Schultz</b> by Sister, Fran
9:30AM	<b>Antoinette “Toni” Garnett</b> by Ed & Family
11:00AM	<b>Glenn G. Waltrip</b> by Annie Weichman
	<b>Barbara Smaldore</b> by DoAnn & Roger Bernahammer
	<b>Robert Long</b> by Knights of Columbus #7020
	<b>Kathleen Zuber</b> by Patricia Scully
	<b>Joseph DeGovann</b> by John & Kathe Murray
	<b>Maria Mattessich</b> by Family



**Rosary for Peace**  
Come join us every **Tuesday at 7pm** as we gather and pray the Rosary.





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

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go you way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.”  
Mark 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don’t happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God’s active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop a Stewardship attitude of gratitude.

**Collections for:  
Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Offertory: \$ 7,176.00**  
**E-Giving: \$ 2,557.00**  
**Mission Sunday: \$ 2,178.00**  
**\$11,911.00**

**Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle in your Estate Planning.**



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.



**Additional Mass for All Saints Day**  
 As All Saints Day rapidly approaches, we would like to remind everyone that an additional evening Mass has been added. The Mass will be held at **6:30pm** on the evening of **November 1st**. It is our hope that this makes it a little more convenient for families to attend on this Holy Day of Obligation.

*Prayer Requests*



**FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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**

Bartimaeus’ story highlights the fundamental Christian teaching on the dignity of every human person. Bartimaeus’ blindness does not stop him from being a fully human person with agency. The same is true for all people with disabilities –and all people, period. Consider the accessibility of your parish for people with visual impairments. Advocate for more inclusive spaces and activities so that all can participate fully in the life of the parish.

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**Ministry Schedule November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, J., D’Ascenzo, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Robbins	G. Gallagher. B. O’Connor, G. Espinoza
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	B. Bologna	P. Zuber, G. Scutti, M. Brindisi
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Levins	Deacon, F., Sucharski, R. Wilson

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

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## A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Most of you know by now that we have reached our goal for the South Jersey Ministry Appeal. We can certainly take great pride as a parish in doing our share in alleviating the distress of many in South Jersey. We have looked beyond ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters in South Jersey. Rather than spending that money on ourselves, you thought of others! One of the clearest indicators that there is life in a parish is that we show concern for the unfortunate. This was a beautiful indication of that life.

God will certainly reward you. Jesus said even if you give a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, you will be rewarded. You have stored up heavenly treasures! We also are rewarded as a parish. As a result of making our goal, we will be receiving back over eleven thousand dollars, depending on what the total is.

Back in April, we met with Stacy Napolitano and Jennifer Lon from the development office. They were new to the program, I told them you can count on St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. We will come through for you. I never doubted that we would. Our parish shines even brighter than when we do our share. This year, it just took us a little longer than usual. We wanted to have it done by Labor Day.

I want to thank in particular: Tony DiMaggio and LaMar Buffington, who did a lot of calculating. They did much work behind the scenes. Also, Jane Staunton, Barbara Cawley, and our entire staff. Our Knights of Columbus should also be mentioned. They made a generous contribution and are a great moral support to our efforts.

We had very generous contributions and more modest ones. We needed both to make our goal., May God continue to Bless You in every way.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Ed Maher*

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### Welcome to Our Parish Family



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

**Brooklyn Nicole Wagner**  
**Gianni James Thorstensen**

### 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**

### All Souls Month & Remembrance Mass

Traditionally, the month of November is set aside to remember our loved ones who have gone home to the Lord. Our tradition here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is to have a weekend in November dedicated to our Parishioners who have died in the past year (October 2023 – October 2024). Our Remembrance Masses will be on the weekend of **November 2 & 3**.

A scroll will be placed next to the Ambo (pulpit) and will be displayed from November 2 (All Souls Day) through the end of November. It will include the names of those Parishioners who have died in the past year. **During the Prayer of the Faithful at the 4:00pm, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am Masses**, we will read the names of those who have died this past year. While the names are being read, we will toll the church bells and at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful, the Priest will close with a special Blessing Prayer. This way, those who have passed will be remembered and no matter which mass you attend, everyone in your family may experience this beautiful ceremony. We believe this will be a beautiful way to remember your loved ones.

## All Soul's Day Envelopes

The All Soul's Day envelopes can be found in your packet or in the entrance foyer to the church. Once filled in and submitted, the envelopes will be placed on the Altar and your loved ones will be remembered throughout the month of November.

### 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.

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday will held ,Sunday, November 10, 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.



### Poinsettia Sale

Come join us on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** 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. More information will follow in future bulletins.



## Support Hurricane 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.

## LAST WEEKEND OF THE SEASON

### Knights of Columbus

**Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.**

**SATURDAY: Hours: 8:00am - 1:00pm**

We have items for every room of your house. Also, we have seasonal (fall, Halloween, and Christmas) decorations. Remember, 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.**

**We will be open one weekend in November and December. Those dates will be published in later editions of the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support.**

## 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!

# RESPECT LIFE

respect • love • protect

**PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR**  
**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**  
**331 8TH STREET SOUTH, BRIGANTINE, NJ**  
**Respect Life Ministry**

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 - 3:00 PM**

**Holy Hour**

**Adoration**

**Litany**

**Rosary for the Unborn**



## Men's Spirituality Conference

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

**November 9, 2024**

**Register Today**

**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**

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

## 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.**

## 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**