

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

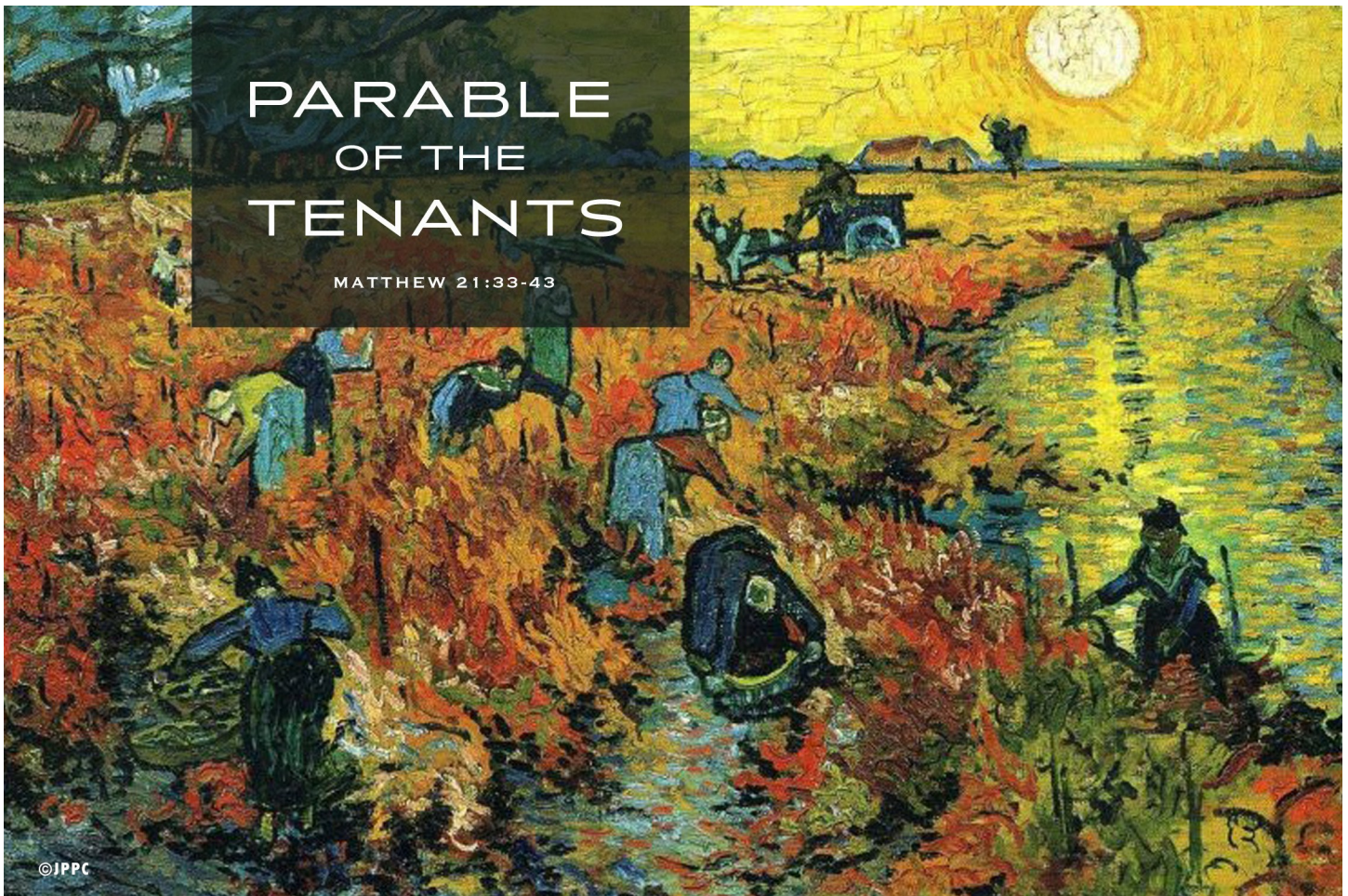
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*"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."*

October 8, 2023

27th 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](mailto:office@stabrig.org)

### ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

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

Principal Joan Dollinger

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mary Jane Kelso,

[kelso.music@stabrig.org](mailto:kelso.music@stabrig.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

#### **October 7**

Robbie Noone by Mike & Gail Gallagher

Anthony J. Alosi, Sr. by Jim & Lora Constantine

Harry McGarrigal by Trendler Family

#### **Sunday**

8:00AM

#### **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

9:30AM

Stacey Porpora by Steve & Terri Manning

Joseph J. Fumo, IV by Morton Family

11:00AM

Joseph Chrysler by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family

Harry McGarrigal by John & Kathe Murray

#### **Monday**

8:30AM

#### **October 9**

Joseph J. Messick, Sr. by Wife Joanna

#### **Tuesday**

8:30AM

#### **October 10**

Michael Mark Wilson by Family

#### **Wednesday**

8:30AM

#### **October 11**

Donald Jarvela by John & Kathe Murray

#### **Thursday**

8:30AM

#### **October 12**

Andy Nocera by Joan & John Wolf

#### **Friday**

8:30AM

#### **October 13**

Dolores R. Seidelmann by Husband & Daughter

#### **Saturday**

8:30AM

4:00PM

#### **October 14**

Joyce Corrigan by Family

Donald A. Marrandino by Family

Jimmy Soprano by Patricia Hibbs & Mark Massi

#### **Sunday**

8:00AM

#### **October 15**

Michael Rubbinacio by Angela & Matt Ruggiero

Robert Kraml by Shirley & Don

9:30AM

Theresa & Ed Mong by Smith & Mong Families

Ronny Bialick by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mattessich

Al Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mattessich

Maria Mattessich by Maria Mattessich

Doris Joan Solomon by Ed Garnett

11:00AM

Leila DeJoseph by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cacia, Sr.

Calogero & Lia Italiano by Elena Italiano

Carol Sterling by McNeill & Sutton Families

#### REMINDER:

**The Parish Office WILL BE CLOSED on Monday,  
October 9<sup>th</sup> for the Observance of Columbus Day.**

#### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



**Hospitality Sunday** will be held next Sunday, **October 15th** after all Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. Also, our nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.





### "What you do after you say you believe"

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."  
Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a Stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

#### Collections for the weekend of: September 30th & October 1st

Offertory: \$ 6,432.00  
E-Giving: \$ Not Avail. @ print  
School: \$ 664.00  
\$ 7,096.00

Pro Life Collection: \$ 1,793.00



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.



#### 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, 60 Years**  
**Cathy & Cesare Rotondi, 54 Years**  
**Mary & Anton Marzano, 50 Years**  
**Marie & Mike Brindisi, 47 Years**

September– Terry & Paul Tomlin, 45 Years



#### FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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, Diane Kuczynski

#### 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

Each of us is a laborer in God's vineyard and is expected to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. Christ works in us and through us to bring forth God's kingdom Through our work and family life, we are given the privilege of tending a part of God's vineyard. What fruits of the kingdom of God do you seek in your vocation?

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#### Ministry Schedule October 14th & 15th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	ML DiFranks	F. Streeper, J. D'Ascenzo, B. DeLucry
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	E. Stafford	A. Solari, D. Phillips, K. Mogan
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Bob	R. Pennestri	M. Brindisi, P. Zuber, R. Pagoulatos
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	B. Bologna	Deacon, J. & K. Murray

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



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

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

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

**Available after ALL weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during business hours.**

### BASKET RAFFLE

**A few of the basket prizes include:** An overnight stay at Resorts, Gift Certificate for LB, Gift Certificate for Andres, \$500 Gift Card for Scotland Run, Golf outing for 4 @ Brigantine Links, 4x4 Beach permit, Golf basket with a Britannia Putter. There are many more prizes still coming in.

### 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**

Oct. 9th Parish Office Closed (Columbus Day)  
Oct. 10th Rosary 7:00pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm (Hall)  
Oct. 11th Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)  
Oct. 12th Grief Support Group 2:00pm (PMR)  
Oct. 14th Rosary Rally 12noon (Parking Lot)

### 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 \*\*\***

### 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.

## 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.



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.**

## 4Ever Young Luncheon Photos



Father Ed, Eileen Robbins, David Thierman

Over 200 people attended the 4Ever Young Event about “How to Protect Your Assets”. Guest speaker was David Thierman, Elder Care Attorney and radio personality.



## 40 Hour Devotion

**When:** October 22, 23 & 24

**Where:** St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish  
1421 New Road, Northfield  
**609-646-5611**

Anointing of the Sick Mass on Sunday, October 22 at 4 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8am until 7 pm

Confessions each evening

**Preacher: Msgr. Paul Bochicchio**



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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to Serve*

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**NOV 11** | **DOORS OPEN - 7:30 AM**  
SATURDAY | **CONFERENCE ENDS - 3:15 PM**



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VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services  
welcome all to the

# DIOCESE OF CAMDEN WHITE MASS

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

October 22, 2023 | 1:00pm

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH - ST. LUKE CHURCH  
STRATFORD, NEW JERSEY

[VITALity-Events@CamdenDiocese.org](mailto:VITALity-Events@CamdenDiocese.org) | 856-583-6123

## 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