

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

September 1, 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND!



Nothing that enters one from
outside can defile that person;
but the things that come out from
within are what defile.

MARK 7:15

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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

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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 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

Saturday August 31
8:30AM **Betty & Roland Tilli** by *Frank & Alba Benischeck*
4:00PM **Sally Sooy** by *MJ Kelso & Kim Urban*
Michael Farrell by *John League*
Marty Brennan, USN by *Roy Sutton*
Mary Spence by *The Women’s Club of St. Thomas*
Lynda Sutton by *Roy Sutton*

Sunday September 1
7:00AM **Vincent J. O’Rangers** by *Mary & Children*
Betty & Roland Tilli by *Frank & Alba*
Fran Bennett by *Anthony & Deb Phillips*
Marie Mogan by *Mogan Family*
8:00AM **Rose Mary Lawall** by *LaMar & Family*
9:30AM **Carmen Castagna** by *Wife Carmel & Children*
11:00AM **Theresa Cain** by *Laura & Dennis Olejniczak*
5:30PM

Monday September 2
8:30AM **David Peterson** by *Debra Peterson*

Tuesday September 3
8:30AM **Pat Castellano** by *Steve & Christine Chavooshian*

Wednesday September 4
8:30AM **Ed Rehill** by *Roey & Family*

Thursday September 5
8:30AM **Anthony Gervasio** by *Anne Grove*

Friday September 6
8:30AM **Jules Daniels** by *Football Officials*

Saturday September 7
8:30AM **Catherine & Tom A. Kelly** by *Joe & Eileen Kelly*
4:00PM **Pat Castellano** by *Turzanski Family*
Florence Long by *Joe & MJ Kelso*
Buzz Nembirkow by *Bert & Jessie Estlow*
Maria Mattessich by *Family*

Sunday September 8
8:00AM **Catherine Rita Fleck** by *Joe & Eileen Kelly*
Cynthia Grove by *Anne Grove*
Sally Sooy by *Nick & Colleen Manera*
Angelo Giova by *Pamela Cospito*
9:30AM **Jules R. & Margaret A. Daniels**
by *Capt. (Ret) James V. Daniels & Family*
11:00AM **Maria Culmone** by *Daughter & Family*



In Memory of:

Vincent J. O’Rangers
by
Wife & Children



“What you do after you say you believe”

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” James 1:22

It’s easy to understand the definition of Stewardship - living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

**Collections for:
August 24th & 25th**

Offertory: \$11,006.00
E-Giving: Not Available
School: \$ 1,772.00
\$12,778.00



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.



Thank You

TO OUR SPONSORS

A special THANK YOU to our 2024 Chicken BBQ Sponsors that helped make our event a success.

Brindisi Builders
Keates - Plum Funeral Home
Knights of Columbus Council #7020

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, Joseph Guglielmo, James Ruggiano, Wyatt Joseph O’Brien, Joseph Saunders, Andy Papp, Stacie Williams, Leah Loreaux

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 lists the many practices that can defile people from within their hearts: evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly. It is quite the list! The murder rate in the United States is particularly worrying. It rose by 30% between 2019 and 2020 alone. What can communities do to promote a safer environment for all? What laws need to be enacted to keep weapons out of the hands of people who use them for harm? See what steps your local government is taking to keep homes and streets safe. Advocate for a stronger legislation as needed.

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Ministry Schedule September 7th & 8th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	J. Ascenzo, B. DeLucry, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Pashley	E. Stafford	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, G. Espinoza
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	J. Staffieri, P. Zuber, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Murray	Deacon, T. Tomlin, R. Wilson

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

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It has been such an uplifting summer, so many good things have happened. First, I want to start with the most recent activity, the chicken barbeque. Under the leadership of Mike Brindisi and a whole army of workers, we were able to keep up our reputation as the "Famous Chicken Barbeque".

We had a large number of people with a lot of young children. The kids were happy and smiling. The basket auction was the best one since I have been here. Some real quality baskets! So many stores, organizations, and individuals donated them. We are very grateful. The 50/50 raffle went well. This year we had ten happy winners. The food was good! I look upon it as a big party for the entire island. There would be a tremendous void without it.

Next, and most importantly, I want to talk about our masses. We had around two thousand people each weekend. So many faith filled families and individuals came. I met so many wonderful families. The parents have a deep desire to share the richness of the Catholic faith with their children. They brought them to church to acknowledge God as the creator who is the supreme good. They come not for a happy meal, but to partake in the sacrifice of the Mass. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and to experience a taste of heaven.

May God bless these wonderful parents and children. They are an inspiration for all of us. They have cooperated with God to bring children into the world so they would become citizens in heaven and experience God's joy.

Along the same line, we had a great Forty Hour Devotion. The difference this year is that we had a Eucharistic Procession on the streets and sidewalks of Brigantine, That means we brought Jesus and our belief in the real presence outside of church. We were led by a police car, how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful police force.

A large number of happy people came for the Wedding of the Sea. Again, we brought the Blessed Sacrament to the beach and the ocean. Deacon Lenny was able to bless the people. Father Bob did a good job as the celebrant.

On July 3rd, we had a special celebration for the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. Two hundred people came for the mass and we had refreshments back in the hall. It was a nice parish event.

A month ago, we had Fr. Thomas, a missionary from Tanzania, speaking on what his order was doing in Africa. The response was good. The collection was almost \$14,000⁰⁰. You saw a genuine need and responded generously. I see that generosity every weekend in the summer and throughout the year. I am deeply grateful.

The Knights of Columbus have worked hard all summer with the garage sale. The money raised enables them to tend to many charitable concerns. May God bless them for their great zeal in living out the Gospel.

I am so pleased with what has happened here this summer. I believe deep down at the core of my being that He is happy with what we have done with His help between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The real challenge is what we do between Labor Day and Memorial Day. I know there is still much we need to do . Let us keep up the momentum.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Maher



**SOUTH JERSEY
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

**2024 APPEAL:
"THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM"**

OUR PARISH GOAL IS: \$106,400

Our Parish has raised **\$ 91,678.50** to date,
which is **86.2%** of our goal.

Thank you for your continued support!



Scan here to make your gift online!



**Congratulations to Our Parishioners
Celebrating September Anniversaries**

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



Helena & James Coffey, 65 Years

Linda & Jim Glasgow, 62 Years

Linda & John DiJoseph, 47 Years

Linda & Dave McDermott, 33 Years

REMINDER:

The **Parish Office** will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.



CAMDEN DIOCESAN SURVEY

Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

July 30th - September 3rd

ENDS ON TUESDAY!

Time is running out to complete the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey** in order to strengthen St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. **Complete the survey today** and help St. Thomas the Apostle Parish thrive. **SURVEY CLOSING ON TUES. SEPT. 3RD.**

The link is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bkcc5>

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the entrances of the church. To submit the completed survey, please drop them in the locked wooden box located under the poor box at the main entrance.

*** If you need assistance completing the survey online, please stop by the parish office during business hours and a staff member will log you in and assist you as needed. ***



REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025

\$80⁰⁰ - Individual

\$140⁰⁰ - Family

RETURNING STUDENTS:

Registration forms were mailed this week. Please return forms and tuition payment to the Parish Office by September 10th. A late fee will be applied after September 10th.

NEW STUDENTS:

Please pick up a registration form at the Parish Office during business hours. The completed forms and tuition fees are due by September 10th.

Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 16th.

Grades 1 thru 4 attend 4pm - 5pm

Grades 5 thru 8 attend 6pm - 7pm

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.

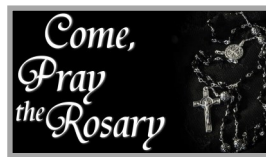


ALTAR ANGELS
(Launder and Iron Church Linens)

If you are interested in helping our Altar Angels Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 609-266-2123 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you with further information. You may only need to do this approximately once a month. You will be placed in the rotation. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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.



Rosary for Peace

Come join us every **Tuesday at 7pm** as we gather and pray the Rosary. **All are welcome.**

*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**

