

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

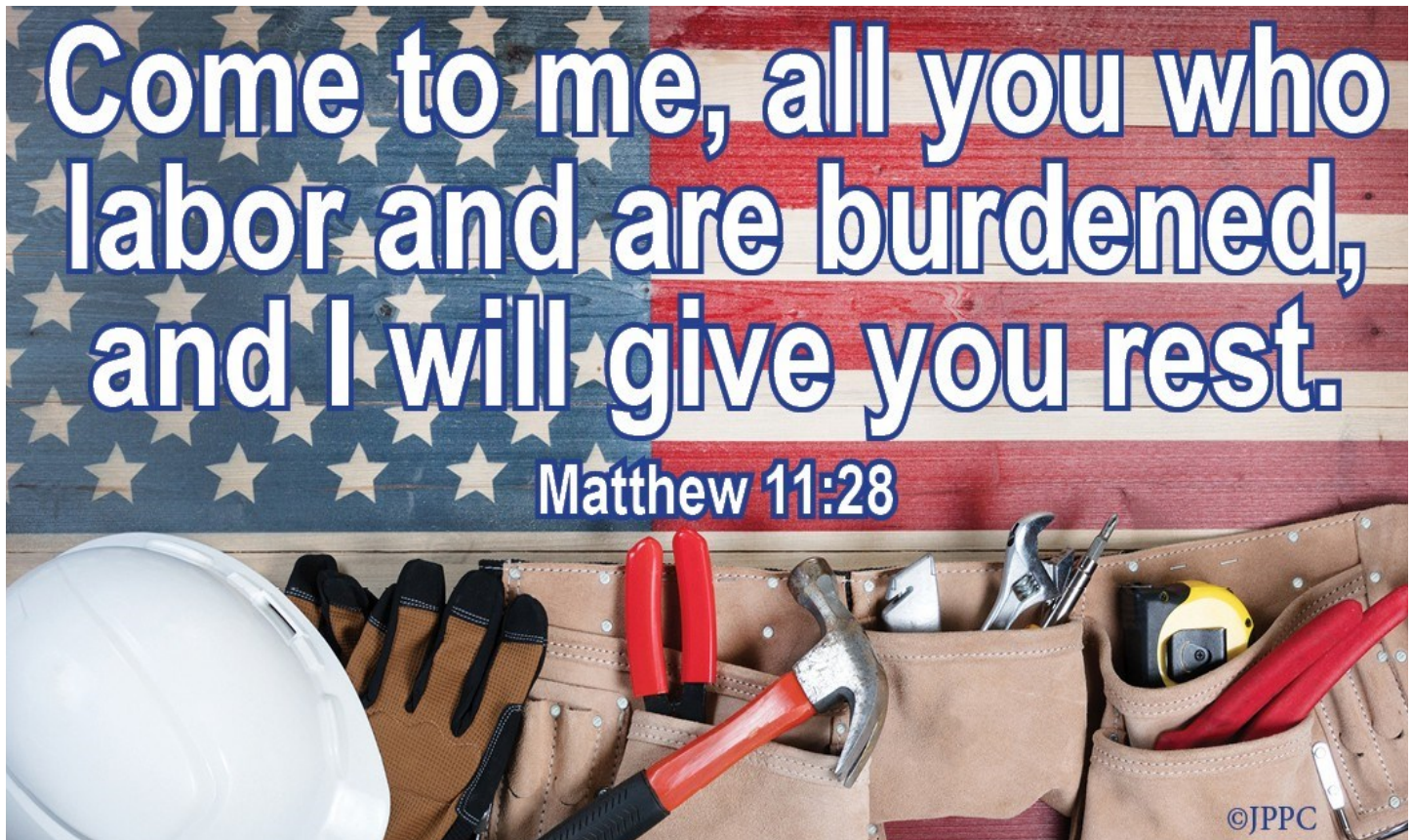
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*"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."*

September 3, 2023

22nd 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

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609-652-7134

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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 2**

Bill Cavanagh by Peg  
Stacey Porpora by Gabe & Abby Baker  
Clementine "Deb" Bunting by McCann Family  
William Mowbray by Helen Hagopian  
Adam Larson by Pat Jackson & Family  
Anne Ziccardi by Val & Jim Waddington

**Sunday**  
7:00AM

**September 3**

Vincent J. O'Rangers by Mary & Children  
Dilbert Sladden by Coyle Family  
William & Dorothy Clark by Richard & Gerry Michelfelder  
Andrea Lee Gula by John & Kathy Murray  
Maria Culmone by Elena & Family  
Aurora Scrivanich by Tony Mattessich  
Esther Tofini by Kathe & John Murray  
Thomas Smaldore by Roger & DoAnn Bernhammer  
Rita & Richard Dougherty by Michael & Betsy

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM

5:30PM

**Monday**  
8:30AM

**September 4**

Ed Rehill by Roey & Family

**Tuesday**  
8:30AM

**September 5**

Anthony Gervasio by Sister

**Wednesday**  
8:30AM

**September 6**

Mimi Siakooles by Pickle Ball Friends

**Thursday**  
8:30AM

**September 7**

Cynthia Grove by Anne Grove

**Friday**  
8:30AM

**September 8**

Catherine Rita Fleck by Eileen & Joe Kelly

**Saturday**  
8:30AM  
4:00PM

**September 9**

Ryan Masterson by Aunt Anne  
William B. McIlvaine, Sr. by DiGiacomo Family  
Thomas & Catherine Kelly by Eileen & Joe Kelly

**Sunday**  
8:00AM

**September 10**

Richard & Rita Dougherty by Family  
Cameron Anthony Donohue by Bonnie & John Magro  
Joseph Fumo by John & Marie Hillman  
Diane Hennessy by Duffy Family  
Joseph & Florence Conti by Schiale & Bobhome Families  
Cheryl Stolfo-Brackett by Petti Family  
Cal Johnson by McNeill & Sutton Families  
Thomas Bowie by Ann  
Giuseppe, Crocifissa & Francesco by Elena

**IMPORTANT**

**THIS WEEKEND, September 2nd & 3rd, will be the last weekend for our Summer Mass Schedule. We will resume our regular Mass schedule effective September 9th & 10th.**

**Social Events Meeting**

There will be a Social Events Meeting on **Thursday, September 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** All are welcome to attend. We will be discussing plans for the **Night at the Races** event being held on October 21st.





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

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this Stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

#### Collections for the weekend of: August 26th & 27th

Offertory: \$10,191.00  
E-Giving: \$ 1,574.00  
School: \$ 2,158.00  
\$13,923.00



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 September Anniversaries

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



**Trish & Jim Levins, 62 Years**  
**Linda & Jim Glasgow, 61 Years**  
**Tina & Bill Hoffman, 56 Years**  
**Roseann & Anthony DiMaggio, 56 Years**  
**Karin & Patrick Schiavone, 55 Years**  
**Sally & Bob Turkavage, 30 Years**

## Prayer Requests

### 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, Nick Stabile, Cynthia Giordano, Matt Fannon, Logan Seitz, Kristina McDaniel, Aurora Mary Gross, Charlie Arsenault, Diana Certo, Pat Castellano, Gail Squicciarri, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, James Walsh, Asha Freytag, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Elaine King, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank & Joann DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, MaryAnn DeJulius

### 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

Today's readings describe the cost of discipleship. This translation of a popular Peruvian hymn echoes Jeremiah's words with the refrain, "I must keep going; I must continue the struggle; Woe to me if I do not! How can I escape, How can I keep silent, When your word burns within me?" In order to deepen your appreciation of Jesus' saying about saving and losing life, prayerfully recall a time when you risked or gave up something only to find that God gave you more than you could have expected. Give thanks for what you learned through that experience.

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### Ministry Schedule September 9th & 10th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	J. D'Ascenzo, F. Streeper, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	E. Stafford	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, B. Ferris
SUN. 9:30AM	Msgr. Morgan	F. Burbridge	J. Staffieri, P. Zuber, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	J. Levins	Deacon, G. Schindle, R. Wilson

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

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## A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

When we started the summer, I felt there were four areas of great importance. The first one would be our extended weekend Mass schedule. Certainly, the Eucharist is the heart of our catholic faith. I am quite pleased with the way the masses went. How fortunate we were to have Msgr. Morgan, Father Bob, Msgr. Leighton and Msgr. Pashley. All of them have much to offer and have enriched us in various ways with different styles in celebrating mass.

We received so many wonderful compliments about our Masses. That certainly includes our music ministry under the direction of MaryJane Kelso. I thank all the lay ministers who served the people so well. We needed a lot of them with 6 masses.

I have been energized by so many people coming up to Mass. People of great faith who love the Catholic Church. How wonderful it is to see families coming to worship God. I am sure the other priests and Deacon Lenny would say the same.

This is a good opportunity to thank all of our people who have shown such a great generosity in the collections. That includes our yearly parishioners as well as the summer people and our visitors. Seeing your example makes me want to be more generous myself.

The next area of focus was our mission. Fr. John Petrikovic did a great job and the turnout was good as usual. I hope you were as enriched as I was. There was a common theme running through his beautiful talks about being concerned with the other! The secret of Jesus was that he didn't come to get something from people but to give. He encouraged us not to be narcissistic! It's not all about me. It's about living for others rather than for self. He covered many other areas as well. Many graces came to our parish because of him. May God Bless him! He also was impressed with all of you.

Our chicken barbeque is the next area and it was fantastic. Some felt it was the best one we had in recent years. I agree with them. Mike Brindisi did a great job organizing the event. The captains and their crews did a nice job. The baskets were fabulous. The music was well done. The food was good! I feel bad that we ran out. We didn't anticipate so many people. I am sorry about that. It was a good social event.

The last area of concentration is our South Jersey Mission Appeal. It is going extremely well! At the time of this writing, we are only four hundred dollars short of our goal. By the end of the summer, we will reach and exceed our goal. It was a high goal! But you came through big time. I am very proud of our parish and you should be also. The appeal was about others! Again, you showed the ability to look beyond yourself to the needy. Our parish was not narcissistic!

I also want to commend our staff here. They have worked hard this summer to ensure that things go well and you are given service. There has been an updating with our computers. Much work has been done in the area of maintenance. They have done much behind the scenes. They deserve a lot of credit.

I am so happy with all that happened this summer. God has been with us! May we continue the good work in the fall.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father Ed*

## **4Ever Young Senior Lunch Social**

Enjoy a Complimentary Hot Lunch and a Great Speaker!  
Welcome to ALL 60 Years & Older, Non-Denominational.

# HOW TO Protect Your Assets



## **Learn from the Best**

**David Thierman**

*Elder Care Attorney, Weekly Radio Host of "It's Your Money"*  
Wills • Trusts • IRS • Taxes • Medical Directives •  
Long Term Care • Your Home or Retirement Community? etc.

WHEN: THURSDAY **September 28<sup>th</sup>**

TIME: 11:30 – 1:30pm

WHERE: St. Philip Hall at St. Thomas Church

**Limited  
Seating**

### **RSVP to reserve your spot!**

Call 609.266.2123, ext 3.

Leave your name and number of attendees.

Any questions call Eileen Robbins at 610.721.7438.

## 8 Week Bereavement Class

This Christian based, non-denominational bereavement class will begin on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 2pm - 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** It will be held each Thursday for 8 consecutive weeks.

Lorraine Smail and Deacon Len Long will present strategies to help those who have experienced the death of a family member, friend or loved one. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office at 609-266-2123 and leave your name and phone number.



### Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration forms are available in the Parish Office during business hours.

**\$ 80<sup>00</sup> Individual**

**\$140<sup>00</sup> Family**

**Classes begin on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Grades 1 thru 4 attend 4pm - 5pm and

Grades 5 thru 8 attend 6pm - 7pm.

**PRO-LIFE RETREAT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH  
724 MAPLE AVENUE, LINWOOD, NJ**



**12:30 Lunch**

**2:00 Holy Hour: Adoration,  
Confession, Rosary, Divine  
Mercy Chaplet**

**3:00 Sunday Mass for the  
Unborn Celebrant-  
Father Jim Hutchins**

**Lunch \$6 donation:  
RSVP Dianne Leo 609-287-3521 or  
dianneandniles2@comcast.net**



### Your Catholic Cemetery ... An Essential Component of Catholic Life

As Catholics, we are blessed with the promise of life everlasting. To be with our Lord in Heaven, we are baptized, we follow the Holy Scripture, and we keep the Lord in our hearts throughout our earthly journey. Death is not the end but rather the next step. During life our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. At death we present our bodies to a sacred Catholic funeral and burial, to be prepared for the Resurrection. Just as you have chosen to be a part of a Christian community, you will want the burial of your remains to reflect that same Christian faith while choosing to rest in peace with other Christians in a Catholic cemetery. Choosing a final resting place on consecrated grounds is your choice, your privilege and the right of every Catholic, as well as a confirmation of faith in our everlasting union with our Lord. For more information visit our website at [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

## Diocesan WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Mass



**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH**  
591 NEW JERSEY AVE | ABSECON, NJ 08201

If this year 2023, if you and your spouse are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60, 70 or more years, please join us for this special celebration and Mass.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
MASS 3 PM | LIGHT RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN PARISH HALL



Please register with your parish secretary by 9/8/2023 deadline.  
For more information please contact:  
Jose. Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org | 856-364-1172