

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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

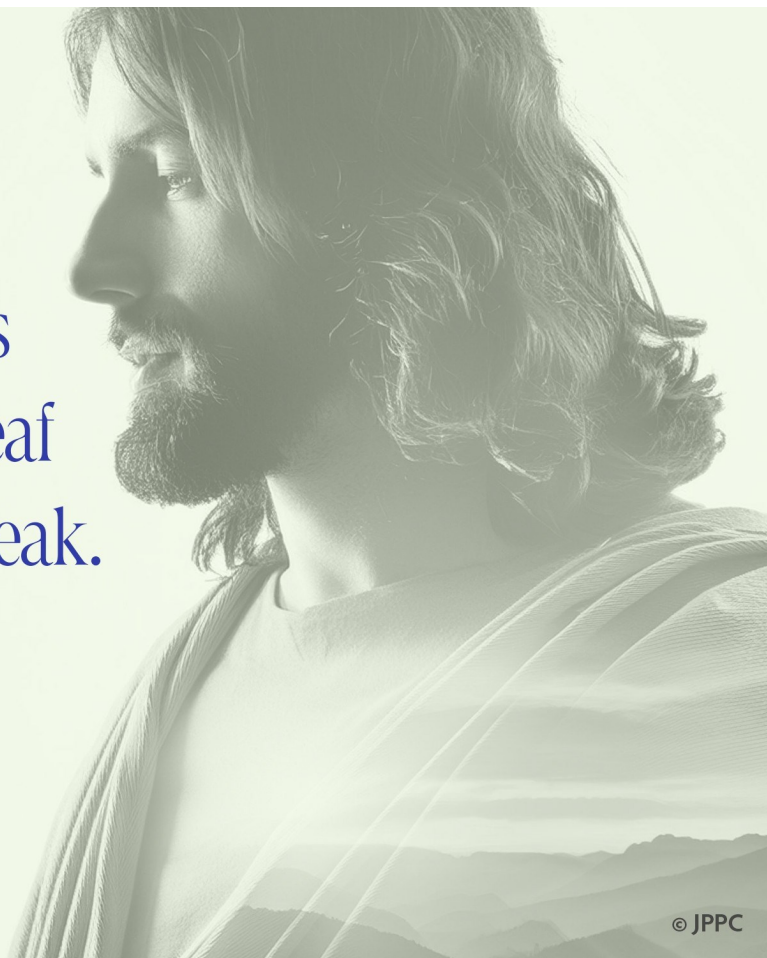
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*“Lord, You have come to the Seashore...”*

September 8, 2024  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

He has done all things  
well. He makes the deaf  
hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:37



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

### 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 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>September 7</b>
8:30AM	<b>Catherine &amp; Tom A. Kelly</b> by Joe & Eileen Kelly
4:00PM	<b>Pat Castellano</b> by Turzanski Family
	<b>Florence Long</b> by Joe & MJ Kelso
	<b>Buzz Nembirkow</b> by Bert & Jessie Estlow
	<b>Maria Mattessich</b> by Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
8:00AM	<b>Catherine Rita Fleck</b> by Joe & Eileen Kelly
	<b>Cynthia Grove</b> by Anne Grove
	<b>Sally Sooy</b> by Nick & Colleen Manera
	<b>Angelo Giova</b> by Pamela Cospito
9:30AM	<b>Jules R. &amp; Margaret A. Daniels</b>
	by Capt. (Ret) James V. Daniels & Family
11:00AM	<b>Maria Culmone</b> by Daughter & Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
8:30AM	<b>Ryan Masterson</b> by Anne Grove
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
8:30AM	<b>Baby Camila Hanson</b> by Anna DiGiacomo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
8:30AM	<b>John Adam Larson</b> by Pat Jackson & Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
8:30AM	<b>Grove &amp; Dempsey Families</b> by Anne Grove
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
8:30AM	<b>Joseph &amp; Stella Yurkanin</b> by Children
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 14</b>
8:30AM	<b>Nancy Yocum</b> by The Wangos
4:00PM	<b>Elaine King</b> by Joe & MJ Kelso
	<b>Thomas Park</b> by Family
	<b>Peter Kling</b> by Family
	<b>Violetta Redondo Pagtakhan</b>
	by BabyLou S. Dulay & Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
8:00AM	<b>Dolores R. Seidemann</b> by Husband & Daughter
9:30AM	<b>Gaspare &amp; Orazio Bonsignore</b> by Anna & Family
	<b>Helen Kelso</b> by Joe & MJ Kelso
	<b>Jean Stretch</b> by Rita & Mike
	<b>Kathleen Zuber</b> by LaMar Buffington
	<b>John Lee</b> by Paul & Chris Mercurio
11:00AM	<b>Joseph Gatta</b> by Marcella & Michael Pettorossi

**In Honor of:**

**Anthony & Gail Squicciarri**  
**65th Wedding Anniversary**





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

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” James 2:5*

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches us Stewardship. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

**Collections for:  
August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Offertory: \$15,358.00**  
**E-Giving: \$ 2,865.00**  
**School: \$ 2,028.00**  
**\$ 20,251.00**



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.



- Sept. 10 Rosary 7:00pm
- Sept. 11 Scripture Study 9:15am (PMR)  
Women's Club Meeting 6:30pm (Hall)
- Sept. 16 Religious Ed. Classes begin 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Sept. 17 Rosary 7:00pm

*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, Annmarie Staffieri

**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**

Undoubtedly, Jesus had good intentions when he restored the man's senses. However, one should not assume that all people who are deaf, blind, or otherwise sensory impaired want to be "cured." Disability advocates contend that each person is created with unique gifts and abilities. Having a disability does not make someone "less than." Quite the contrary, disabilities can be a defining source of pride for many. Reach out to a local disability advocacy group to learn more about the disabilities present in your community.

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**Ministry Schedule September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Msgr. Pashley	ML DiFranks	B. DeLucry, W. Litwinczuk, P. Lipari
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	Fr. Bob	L. Camerota	K. Mogan, A. Solari, D. Phillips
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Fr. Ed	B. Bologa	R. Pagoulatos, G. Scutti, M. Brindisi
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	R. Pennestri	Deacon, J. & K., Murray

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



**SOUTH JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

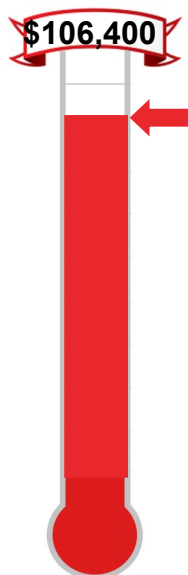
**2024 APPEAL:  
"THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM"  
OUR PARISH GOAL IS: \$106,400**

Our Parish has raised \$ **93,078.50** to date,  
which is **87.5%** of our goal.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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# Religious Education



**REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025**

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

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

**RETURNING STUDENTS:**

Registration forms have been mailed. Please return forms and tuition payment to the Parish Office by **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. A late fee will be applied after September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Classes begin Next Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grades 1 thru 4 attend 4pm - 5pm**

**Grades 5 thru 8 attend 6pm - 7pm**



**The Women's Club**

**A caring community of Christian Women within our Church**

Welcome back ladies to the first meeting of the Women's Club for the year 2024-25. Our calendar is full of great projects and fun activities which will be presented to the members on **September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Philip Hall**. We'll also introduce you to our new Board members. Please join us for a fun and informative meeting.

**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**

**Trish & Jim Levins, 63 Years**

**Linda & Jim Glasgow, 62 Years**

**Josephine & Albert Staffieri, 60 Years**

**Cathy & Frank Sucharski, 52 Years**

**Linda & John DiJoseph, 47 Years**

**Linda & Dave McDermott, 33 Years**

**Christine & Peter Staffieri, 17 Years**



**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.



**Knights of Columbus**

**Location: 601 Bayshore Ave.**

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

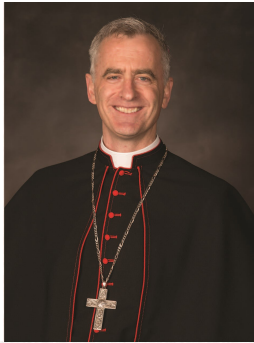
We have items for every room of your house. Also, if you have gently used items (**except clothing and shoes**), that you wish to donate, please drop them off during business hours. **We look forward to seeing you soon.**

**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other.

The next weekend dates are Sep 20 - 22 and Dec 6 -8. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).



Save  
the  
Date

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN WELCOMES

THE MOST REVEREND  
JOSEPH ANDREW WILLIAMS  
ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS  
COADJUTOR BISHOP  
OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

SEPTEMBER **10** 2024 | 2PM

**MASS OF WELCOME**

SAINT AGNES CHURCH | OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH  
701 LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD | BLACKWOOD, NJ 08012

**CELEBRATING OUR  
CENTENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS**



**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29  
11:30 AM MASS  
RECEPTION  
TO FOLLOW**

**MASS & RECEPTION TO HONOR THOSE AGE 90 AND BEYOND  
WHO LIVE THEIR LIFE TO THE FULLEST!**

**CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
SAINT ISIDORE THE FARMER CHURCH  
1655 MAGNOLIA ROAD | VINELAND, NJ**



RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2024  
[VITALITY-EVENTS@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:VITALITY-EVENTS@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG)  
CHRISTINE WILLARD AT 856-583-6121  
OR SCAN THE CODE TO RSVP ONLINE



**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

# 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**

**REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE:** An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588