

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

September 10, 2023

23rd 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

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

www.arcs.org

Principal Joan Dollinger

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mary Jane Kelso,

kelso.music@stabrig.org

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDU-

CATION: Deacon Len Long

Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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Jane Staunton

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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.



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-Brckett by Petti Family
Cal Johnson by McNeill & Sutton Families
Thomas Bowie by Ann
Giuseppe, Crocifissa & Francesco by Elena

9:30AM

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

September 11

Thomas Gallagher by Diane Hennessy

Tuesday

8:30AM

September 12

Joseph & Stella Yurkanin by Daughters Tina & Cindy

Wednesday

8:30AM

September 13

Stella & Joseph Yurkanin by Daughters Tina & Cindy

Thursday

8:30AM

September 14

Joe Hennessy by LaMar & Family

Friday

8:30AM

September 15

Dolores R. Seidemann by Husband & Daughter

Saturday

8:30AM

September 16

Rose Reilly by Peg
Marie Gallagher by Diane & Joe Hennessy
Kathleen Rush by Barbara Jaffe

4:00PM

Sunday

8:00AM

September 17

Maria Rodriguez by Denise Driscoll
Joan Ackermann by Barbara McFarland
Jean Stretch by Rita & Mike
Peter Pfeiffer by Michael & Betsy Dougherty
Richard & Rita Dougherty by Family
Neil Terjersen by Browne Family
Tom Tregman by Kathy & Jim Olsen
Bob Nelson by Linda
Helen Kelso by Joe & MJ Kelso

9:30AM

11:00AM

In Memory of:



Tom Bowie

by

Ann

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.



"What you do after you say you believe"

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." Ezekial 33:7

Many Stewards are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Collections for the weekend of:

September 2nd & 3rd

Offertory: \$13,365.00

E-Giving: \$ 2,319.00

School: \$ 2,030.00
\$17,714.00



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.



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
Toni & Andy Solari, 58 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:

Judy Emig

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, Marilyn Thoresen

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



Ministry Schedule September 16th & 17th

| Mass | Presider | Lector | Eucharistic Minister |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| SAT. 4:00PM | Fr. Ed | ML DiFranks | B. DeLucry, J. D'Ascenzo, P. Lipari |
| SUN. 8:00AM | Fr. Ed | L. Camerota | K. Mogan, A. Solari, D. Phillips |
| SUN. 9:30AM | Fr. Ed | B. Bologa | R. Pagoulatos, G. Scutti, M. Brindisi |
| SUN. 11:00AM | Fr. Bob | R. Pennestri | Deacon, K. & J. Murray |

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



Religious Education Registration

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

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASS.

Classes begin Monday, September 18th.

Grades 1 thru 4 attend 4pm - 5pm and

Grades 5 thru 8 attend 6pm - 7pm.

INTERESTED 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 start date not yet confirmed*****

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Starts Thursday, Sept. 21st

This Christian based, non-denominational bereavement support group will begin on **Thursday, September 21st 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.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimages,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end.
Amen!



cordially invites all
NONAGENARIANS
and **CENTENARIANS**
to join us at Mass.

As we
recognize,
honor and
celebrate those
age 90 and
beyond.
Reception to
follow.

Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 11:30 AM

Christ the Good Shepherd Parish
St. Isidore the Farmer Church
1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland, NJ

RSVP by September 26, 2023
VITALity-Events@camdendiocese.org
Christine Willard: (856) 583-6121

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: **September 28th**

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.

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale



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.**

The Women's Club

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

Fall is almost here and so is the first meeting of the Women's Club for the year 2023-24. Our calendar is full of great projects and fun activities which will be presented to the members on **September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Philip Hall**. We invite all our current members and welcome new members to join us for a fun and informative meeting.



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 1-7; 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.

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



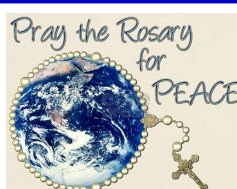
12:30 Lunch

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**



Rosary for Peace

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

CAMDEN DIOCESE CATHOLIC RENEWAL

September
15th, 16th, & 17th 2023

Holy Spirit High School
500 South New Rd.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Speakers

Fr. Rene Canales
Fr. Jim Blount, SOLT
Fr. Franklin Opara
Additional Speakers
to Be Announced

And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

John 1:14

- *Event will include:
Mass, Confession,
Teachings, Music,
Healing Service and a
Eucharist procession.*

TICKETS:

Adults - \$65.00
Seniors - \$60.00
Teens - \$10.00
12 yrs. & under - Free

www.camdendiocesecatholicrenewal.org

Colleen(609) 703-7880 Tracy(856) 803-7967 Sheila(609) 652-7729

September – National Recovery Month -

*“Join the Voice of Recovery:
Together We Are Stronger”*



National Recovery Month is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SAMHSA is an agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services that seeks to reduce the negative impacts of substance abuse and mental illness in our country's communities. The theme “Join the Voice of Recovery: Together We Are Stronger” reminds us that mental health and substance use disorders affect all of us and that we are all part of the solution. Recovery programs all over the country raise awareness about addiction treatment and share the positive stories of transformed lives. As a result, the general public has a greater understanding of the importance of getting help for substance use disorders and addiction. To learn more: <https://www.samhsa.gov/recovery-month>. **Catholic Charities Addictions Healing & Recovery Helpline: 856-342-4057**

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
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.