

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

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

September 17, 2023

24th 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:

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Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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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 16
Rose Reilly by Peg
Marie Gallagher by Diane & Joe Hennessy
Kathleen Rush by Barbara Jaffe

Sunday
8:00AM
9:30AM
11:00AM

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

Monday
8:30AM

September 18
Elizabeth Maguire by Maguire Children

Tuesday
8:30AM

September 19
Joe Hennessy by Michael & Luanne Manno

Wednesday
8:30AM

September 20
Esther Tofini by Woerner Family

Thursday
8:30AM

September 21
Msgr. Francis Dreger by Dennis & Sue Markiewicz

Friday
8:30AM

September 22
Joyce Corrigan by Family

Saturday
8:30AM
4:00PM

September 23
Mary Ann Borrone by Suzanne & Ed Stinson & Family
Anthony Cianfrani by Phil Arena
Harry F. McGarrigle, III by Jim & Lora Constantine

Sunday
8:00AM
9:30AM
11:00AM

September 24
Ralph & Mary Gervasio by Sister
Joan Ackermann by Nancy Mellendorf
Jules R. Daniels by Capt. (Ret.) James V. & Mrs. Amy Daniels & Daughters
Margaret A. Daniels by Capt. (Ret) James V. & Mrs. Amy Daniels & Daughters
Mary Lou Senkarik by Mom
Scott Hugh McGovern by Family
Elena Culmone by Family
Deborah Krumaker by Coffman Family
Peter Kling by Pickleball Friends

In Memory of:



Bob Nelson
by
Linda

REMINDER:

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN
TOMORROW, MON., SEPT. 18TH**



"What you do after you say you believe"

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

This is the essence of Stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life He intended for you.

Collections for the weekend of: September 9th & 10th

Offertory: \$ 8,399.00

E-Giving: \$ 2,390.00

School: \$ 1,632.00
\$12,421.00



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
Josephine & Albert Staffieri, 59 Years
Toni & Andy Solari, 58 Years
Tina & Bill Hoffman, 56 Years
Roseann & Anthony DiMaggio, 56 Years
Karin & Patrick Schiavone, 55 Years
Cathy & Frank Sucharski, 51 Years
Linda & Dave McDermott, 32 Years
Sally & Bob Turkavage, 30 Years
Christine & Peter Staffieri, 15 Years



FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Alliantro, Baby Camila Hanson

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, Loretta Smith, George Kulczycky

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 Scripture readings recall the centrality of mercy and forgiveness in the Christian life. We demonstrate mercy in action in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Recognize and celebrate times when you have the opportunity to extend and receive mercy this week.

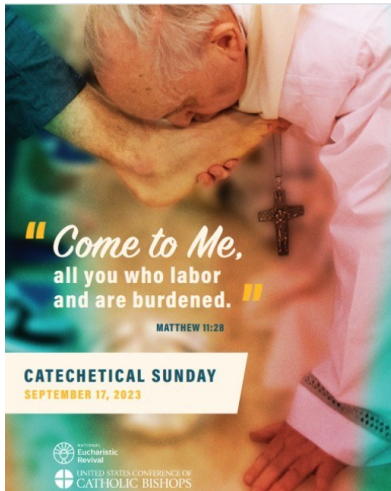
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Ministry Schedule September 23rd & 24th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Msgr. Pashley	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry, P. Lipari
SUN. 8:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	J. Robbins	G. Gallagher, B. O'Connor, B. Ferris
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Bob	J. Murray	P. Zuber, M. Brindisi, R. Pagoulatos
SUN. 11:00AM	Fr. Ed	R. Barone	Deacon, L. Flanagan, T. Tomlin

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

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
TODAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**



"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened."

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17th

and the theme is: *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened."* Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. This will be done at the 9:30am Mass.

2023 - 2024 Religious Education Teachers

1st Grade: Nancy Ferri
2nd Grade: Kathy Mulvenna
3rd Grade: Linda Rosas
4th & 5th Grade: Kelly Carruolo
6th Grade: Christine Quinn
7th Grade: Robert Nylund
8th Grade: Bob Bologa

A Prayer for Our Teachers

Dear God, Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

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.

**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.



FLU CLINIC

by ACME Pharmacy (Ventnor)


WHEN: Tuesday, October 3rd

TIME: 9:00am - 12noon

WHERE: St. Philip Hall
331 8th St. S

*****Senior Dose*****

Please bring your Medicare B and prescription insurance cards.


 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

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*****

Mark your calendar



NIGHT AT THE RACES & BASKET RAFFLE

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

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

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON!

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.

Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



Feast of St. Francis

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, the annual Blessing of the animals will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 1st @ 1:00pm** in the church

parking lot. You are welcome to bring all your pets, but **They MUST BE leashed or contained** for their safety and for the safety of those around them.

This year, everyone present with their pet will receive a blessing with the relic of St. Francis of Assisi.



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.

**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

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help.

The next program will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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