

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8<sup>th</sup> Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

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

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

September 24, 2023

25th 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

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

Principal Joan Dollinger

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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 23**

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

**Sunday**

8:00AM

**September 24**

9:30AM

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

11:00AM

**Monday**

8:30AM

**September 25**

Bill Mowbray by Diane Hennessy

**Tuesday**

8:30AM

**September 26**

Kathy Keeling Dean by Robin Carnivale

**Wednesday**

8:30AM

**September 27**

Kathleen Austin by Michael & Betsy Dougherty

**Thursday**

8:30AM

**September 28**

Joe & Diane Hennessy by Michael & LuAnne Manno

**Friday**

8:30AM

**September 29**

Lou Belfus by Anna DiGiacomo

**Saturday**

8:30AM

**September 30**

4:00PM

Frank Grove by Wife  
Joe Hennessy by Michael & LuAnne Manno  
Emilie Marzullo by Mary Spence & Family  
Mary Lou Walker by Mary Spence & Family  
Michael Bordonaro by Pat Jackson  
Joseph Andolfi by Carmela & Glenn Mulvaney

**Sunday**

8:00AM

**October 1**

9:30AM

Mary Ann Borrone by Dennis & Mindy Haney & Family  
William Alan Kuprevich by Turzanski Family  
Stacey Porpora by Audrey & Rob Mayer  
Peter Kling by Kathleen Little  
Giovanni Culmone by Family  
Nicholas J. Exadaktilos by Bonanni Family

11:00AM

**Hospitality Helpers Needed!**

Our first Hospitality Sunday is tentatively scheduled for October 15th. This event will only be successful if we have **YOU** on our committee!! **If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please call the Parish Office - (609)266-2123 by September 30th.**

For those who can attend, **an initial meeting will take place on Thursday, October 5th @ 9:30am in the Parish Meeting Room.**



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

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are call in Stewardship to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

#### Collections for the weekend of: September 16th & 17th

**Offertory: \$10,604.00**

**E-Giving: \$ 1,652.00**

**School: \$ 1,597.00**  
**\$13,853.00**



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**

**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 & John DiJoseph, 46 Years**

**Linda & Dave McDermott, 32 Years**

**Sally & Bob Turkavage, 30 Years**

**Christine & Peter Staffieri, 15 Years**



## Prayer Requests

### FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Gloria Ezzie, Louis Marchesani, Jr., Elaine King**

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, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath, Diane Anderson, Frank & Joann DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, MaryAnn DeJulius, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczyckj, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto

### 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

Jealousy and envy are often based on "zero-sum" thinking, an understanding that if one has more, then another has less. These feelings emerge in us when facing a limit, whether real or perceived. These emotions make no sense, however, when that which we seek has no limit. The parable in today's Gospel points to an understanding and appreciation that God's generosity and mercy are infinite. Even within the limits of our humanity, we are given the opportunity to act as agents of God's mercy. Be generous in sharing these gifts that lead others to know God's love.

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### Ministry Schedule September 30th & October 1st

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
<b>SAT. 4:00PM</b>	Fr. Ed	M. Stinson	F. Streeper, M. Stinson, J. D'Ascenzo
<b>SUN. 8:00AM</b>	To Be Determined	L. Camerota	A. Solari, D. Phillips, K. Mogan
<b>SUN. 9:30AM</b>	Msgr. Morgan	F. Burbridge	J. Staffieri, P. Zuber, G. Scutti
<b>SUN. 11:00AM</b>	Fr. Ed	J. Murray	Deacon, F. & J. Sucharski

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



# BRIGANTINE COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Connect  
with  
Heaven

SATURDAY,

October 7, 2023

9AM - 11AM | St. Phillips Hall

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street South (7th and Brigantine Avenue, Brigantine, NJ 08203)



SPEAKER

Michael Grogan

Ministry Leader

Author, *Connect with Heaven, Encounters with God.*

## DONATION

\$25 per person includes full breakfast

All Proceeds to benefit the Connect With Heaven Ministry

## FOR TICKETS

Contact Mike Brindisi

608.220.7677 or email  
mike@brindisibuilders.com

## INTERESTED IN 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\*\*\*

Thank you for your interest, we had  
an overwhelming response.  
**WE ARE FULL TO CAPACITY!**

## 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



from the Best

David Thierman

Elder Law 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 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.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This Christian based, non-denominational bereavement support group began 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.**

## 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.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Feast of St. Francis

Blessing  
- of the -  
ANIMALS



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.**



### 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.

*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 GO ON SALE NEXT WEEK!**



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.

### 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.**



### 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.



**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**



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](mailto:VITALity-Events@camdendiocese.org)  
 Christine Willard: (856) 583-6121

**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Bells are ringing for married couples! Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is Sep 29-Oct 1, 2023. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)



*to Know, to Love,  
 to Serve*

**MAN UP SOUTH JERSEY  
 MEN'S CONFERENCE**

NATIONALLY RENOWNED CATHOLIC SPEAKERS,  
 FAITH-BASED EXHIBITORS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION,  
 TIME FOR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION, INSPIRING MUSIC,  
 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND MORE.

**PAUL VI CONFERENCE CENTER**  
 901 HOPKINS RD B, HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033

**NOV 11**  
 SATURDAY

**DOORS OPEN - 7:30 AM**  
**CONFERENCE ENDS - 3:15 PM**



**FATHER DANIEL MODE**  
 CHURCHMAN OF THE  
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



**DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS**  
 CATHOLIC SPEAKER, AUTHOR, HOST  
 AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR



**MAJOR GENERAL KARL GINGRICH**  
 DIRECTOR, PROGRAM ANALYSIS  
 AND EVALUATION



**MARK FORREST**  
 ACCOURED INTERNATIONAL  
 IRISH TENDER



**MORE INFORMATION AND TO ORDER TICKETS**  
**MANUPSOUTHJERSEY.COM**

**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**