



### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30AM Communion Prayer Service
- 4:00PM Marty Ney by Dollie Bennett  
Robert Gilligan by Jerry & Carol Roth  
John Wahl by Mimi Monte  
Mary Cavaliere by Janice Kedziora

#### **Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00AM Jane Hager by M/M Saraceno  
Joseph Raymond Barton by Family
- 9:30AM Maureen Ryan Oldaker by Tom Cumbo  
Thomas Purtell by Lieberman Family
- 11:00AM Diane Donofrio by Blood Family  
Louis Miller by Mary Jane Morey & Joseph J. Kelso

#### **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30AM Francis Egan by Tom & Dot Park  
Leo Stinson by Dave & Patty Bielous

#### **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:45AM Guiseppe Orazio by Sister Anna & Family  
Nancy Quinn by Kathy & Ken Sebastian

#### **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30AM Edna Bender by Bible Study Group  
Robert Gilligan by Connie Haining

#### **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:45AM Winfield Haeser by Robert & Barbara Gilligan  
Al Jackson by Family

#### **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30AM Rita LaVerghetta by Jane & Will  
Christopher Seksinsky by Connie Haining

#### **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30AM Communion Prayer Service
- 4:00 PM Nancy Liebenow by Benchoff –Talley  
Mariano Cassara by Carol & Jerry Roth  
Jack Rigney (5th Anniversary) by Nancy  
Michael & Concetta Campitelli by Rita Campitelli & Family

#### **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00AM Cy Convery & Kory Simpson by Susanne & Al  
Francis Egan by Jill, Georgie, Madison Dickerson
- 9:30AM Frank Strati by Steve & Rosanna Smith  
Carrie & Fred Foster by Frank & Anne Grove
- 11:00AM Saveria Presto by Michael Stella  
Louis Miller by St. Thomas Adult Choir

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith; no matter your personal history, age, or background; no matter what your self- image may be; **YOU** are invited, welcomed and loved at **St. Thomas Church**.

*Let us pray for Those Who Have Gone to Their  
Eternal Rest:*

*Mary Brown*

*Rev. Julian Anthony Karczewski,*

*Rev. Msgr. Stanislaus E. Kloskowski*

### **Parish Support**

Sunday, January 21st/22<sup>nd</sup>: \$6,572.00  
Second Collection: \$662.00  
School Subsidy:

It is exciting to see all the new renovations happening in *Our Parish*. Keeping this in mind, I ask that each of you to prayerfully consider an increase in your offerings. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

*Fr. Bill*

Please note, the **2nd collection** is to help defray our school subsidy of \$101,500. Thank you for your support.



**Let us pray for all our sick, May they receive the healing touch of Our**

**Lord: Jeffrey Geisler, Bill Haeser Sr,  
Baby Elizabeth Grace, Iris Pizio,**

*John Siemietkowski, Sue Lenahan, Tom Bordonaro, Walter Biedron, Michele Millar, Diane Wynn, Albert Snyder, Robert Greco, Sally Davenport*

**Regarding the list of our sick.....** Please call the Parish Center at 266-2123, with the name of the person in need of prayer. The names will be published in the bulletin each Sunday and will be updated every three months.

**Please remember to keep the members of the Armed Forces in your prayers:**

**Kevin Cassano**, Nat'l Guard, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, **Capt. John D. Matsinger**, US Army, Iraq, **Sergeant Eugene Nace, Jr.**, Afghanistan, **Major Dan Serubdin**, US Army, Iraq; Air Force, Wyoming, **Sergeant Lyle Voisey**, Infantry, Iraq, **Matthew Krimm**, US Army, Iraq, **Matthew DeMuro**, US Air Force, Iraq, **Capt. Robert F. DiStefano**, JAG, Corp, Fort Dix, **Michael A. Snyder**, US Coast Guard, Portsmouth, VA., **Lt. Christopher Schwarz**, US Navy Destroyer USS. Ridley, **Lt. Peter Snyder**, US Navy, San Diego Naval Hospital, **M/Sgt Barry Snyder**, USAF, Afghanistan, **Cpl. Rebecca Burrell**, US AF, Afghanistan, **Sean Saccomandi**, US Naval Academy, **1st Lt. Ryan McCool**, US Marines, **Lt. Scott Croskey**, Shaw AFB, **LCPL Rory P. Hamill**, USMC, **Nicholas Loglocsi**, US Air Force, Balad, Iraq. **James Andros IV**, Marines, Camp LeJeune, NC11., **Ens. Andrew G. Kerr**, Navy, USS. Georgia, **1st Lt. Matt Valnoski**, Ft. Riley Kansas, **PFC Kimberly Staller**, Army, Fort Gordon, GA., **Michael Krimm**, US Army, **Corp. Aaron Stuart**, U.S.M.C. Quantico, **Capt. Kyle Elling**, U.S.A.F. Afghanistan

### **Electronic Giving is Available!!**

Sign up online from the St. Thomas Web Site  
[www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org)

To strengthen stewardship at **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, we ask that you prayerfully consider utilizing a new and easier way to support our parish... **eGiving**.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule February 11-12

Lector	EM
4:00PM - C. Mogano	L. Haeser, P. Zuber, J. Roth, C. Roth, D. Szwak
8:00AM - M. Di Franks	D. DiMaggio, N. Napolitano, J. Maiorano, A. Solari, M. Smith
9:30am - M. Smith Brindi	J. D'Adamo, M. & M. Brindisi, J. Messick, T. Bibbiko
11:00AM- F. Burbridge	K. Mulrain, L. Luisi, F. Sucharski, F. Sucharski, L. Flanagan

### Altar Servers

4:00PM- J.&K. Geissler, T.J. Boody  
8:00AM - I. Serra, M.&J. Holl  
9:30Am - P.&M. Faherty, J. Riordan  
11:00AM - H. Klaiss, C.&N. Canuso,

*Please do not call the Parish Center for a replacement.*

## World Marriage Day February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Every year the church recognizes the married state of life through the celebration of World Marriage Day. The weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, we will invite all married couples to renew their wedding vows at all of the weekend Masses.

Also, if you are a couple **celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** this year, and wish to have your anniversary recognized in the bulletin, call the Parish Center at 266-2123 ext. 301. Give the parish secretary your name and anniversary date. The deadline to publish the information in the bulletin is Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Thank you and Congratulations.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA

The Rite of Election and Call to Conversion will be celebrated in the Diocese of Camden on Sunday, February 26, 2012. Bishop Joseph Galante will preside. On that morning, at 9:30 Mass, we will pray for our Candidate, Sabrina Dulisse, who will be sent to Our Lady of Hope Church in Blackwood, for the Rite of Election. Let us pray for Sabrina and all of the candidates and catechumens in our Diocese who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

### **Announcements for the Bulletin:**

In order to make the office more efficient, we have made some changes regarding the parish bulletin. Effective immediately, send all bulletin notices and announcements to our new email address: **stthomasbulletin@comcast.net**. Our deadline has also changed. The new deadline is Monday, at 2PM. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Do You Want to See the Progress of Our Church Renovation?

You can view some pictures of the construction of the interior of our church renovation on our parish website. Go to [www.stthomasbrigantine.org](http://www.stthomasbrigantine.org) to see the progress. We will continue to update you through the website. For your safety, please do not enter the construction site.

### ARE YOU GRIEVING A LOSS?

As you may know, Hearts That Heal will begin February 1, 2012. It will be concluded by Easter. This supportive and healing program is for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs to work out his/her grief. We recommend that your loss is at least a year old. Please call the facilitators for further information or to register:

Sister Harriet 609 464-3350  
Kathe Murray 609 266-8603  
Marion Hak 609 266-4649

### Parish Priorities

Do you remember? Our bishop asked us to meet and select ways we can become a vibrant, alive parish. The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Personnel came and met with Staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council to help us to select one or two priorities to work on during this year. Also, the entire parish was asked to fill out a questionnaire to give us more input. One priority selected was to be a Welcoming Community. It has been decided that Hospitality is important to us as we welcome all to worship with us and become more involved in parish life. For this reason, we have invited **Brother Thomas Osorio** of the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John to speak at all of the weekend Masses on March 18, 2012. We currently have many spiritual and social events that welcome many but we can always improve.

### *Just Got Engaged?*

**Holy Trinity Parish, Epiphany Campus, 2801 Ventnor Ave., Longport, NJ. 08403, will offer a PRE-CANA experience for couples preparing for marriage.**

**Choose One:** *Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM*  
*Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00AM*

*We will administer the FOCUS marriage inventory tool.*

*April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Weekend Experience*

***It is a two-day session (you must attend both days) which will be held on Friday, April 20, 2012 from 6:30pm (pizza and drinks) – 9:30pm and on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00am (continental breakfast & lunch) – 2:00pm in the Totaro parish Hall. Fee: \$100.00 per couple. Both parties must attend!***  
***To register, call Kathy (609) 822-7105.***

## Letter from the Pastor

During these bleak winter months, we know that there is much life growing underneath the cold barren ground. When spring comes, we will once again marvel at the beauty of the new flowering trees and flowers.

I try to keep this in mind as we progress with our renovation. The church doors are closed, but there is much life going on inside the darkness of our building.

- The walls of the Church are stripped, being filled with insulation and covered with sheetrock within the next 2 weeks.
- The new altar is ready; made of new and original marble.
- The sound system is being refurbished, so we will hear as well in the Church as we do in the Hall.
- The wagon wheel lights are away being redone.

I am looking forward with hope that we will be able to celebrate the first Mass in the newly renovated church on Palm Sunday weekend. Please pray that all deliveries are timely, so Brindisi Builders can keep on schedule. Mike Brindisi has been wonderful in trying to meet our tentative deadline. Thank you to Mike, his workers and Walter Olt for moving as quickly as they can. We will keep you informed about the progress.

As you may remember we did a feasibility study for a Capital Campaign which was required by the Diocese. The study results were favorable and the Pastoral Council and I decided to move forward with this campaign, Journey of Faith. Although we shared your concern about the timing of this campaign, we have been given this opportunity in this moment of time. We are taking a Journey of Faith and placing our trust in God to provide. On the weekends of February 18<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have speakers at all Masses to open this phase of the campaign. At that time, we will have some great news to share. Prior to the weekend presentations, you will receive a packet in the mail. Please read it carefully and prayerfully. God is only asking you to give what you are able and so am I.

This is an exciting time in our parish and I know that we will be rejoicing when the Spring comes! God will bless you a hundredfold for your continual support and generosity to our parish. Remember "God loves the cheerful giver"! That's what the Bible says, not just me.

**Have a nice week,**

**Fr. Bill**

***Catholic Social Teaching*** ... The Eucharist should be the place of solidarity where, through our

sharing, the miracle of the loaves and fishes continues in the world today. (Pope John Paul II)

We must repeat that the superfluous goods of wealthier nations ought to be placed at the disposal of poorer nations... If prosperous nations continue to be jealous of their own advantage alone, they will jeopardize their highest values, sacrificing the pursuit of excellence to the acquisition of possessions. (Pope Paul VI Populorum Progressio)

### **Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Classes:**

Volunteers who have contact with students **MUST** attend a **CAP session**. The following sessions are:

#### **Cap Phase 1**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Collingswood, School Cafeteria.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood Parish Center.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Atlantic City, Cafeteria

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Most Precious Blood, W. Collingswood, School.

#### **CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Ctr.

To attend a class, call 856-583-6165 or email [ddiggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddiggons@camdendiocese.org) to register.

### **School of Liturgy - Formation Sessions**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Spirituality and Ministry, History of the Liturgy and a review of the Liturgical Documents, Pastoral Care of the Sick, Practical Experience

#### **Lectors**

Spirituality and Ministry History of the Liturgy and a review of the Liturgical Documents Use, of the Lectionary, Practical Experience

#### **Cantors**

Spirituality of Music Ministers, Practical Training, Liturgical "Best Practices", Breathing, Vocalization, Diction, Projection, Ritual Music, Hymnody, Psalmody

**Workshop date: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

#### **The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light**

402 Kings Highway North Cherry Hill, NJ. 08034  
8:30– 9:00AM registration, 9:00AM-3:00PM training  
Register by: Feb. 7, 2012

Light morning refreshments will be provided by the School of Liturgy. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Please contact **Mary Jane Morey** for applications and more information. Call 609-266-2123 ext. 307.

#### **Daily Prayer**

"My heart is moved with pity," Jesus says in one of the gospels this week, and we see His compassion in the healing stories of this week's gospels. This seems like

the perfect time for us to ask Jesus for the healing we need in our lives.

We can take one gospel - for example, the Monday gospel - and pray with it as if we were in the story. Jesus and his disciples cross the sea and as soon as they land, people rush to bring those who need healing to him. We can imagine seeing ourselves seeing Jesus, the crowds gathering, the jostle of people bringing their sick on mats. People yelling for Jesus' attention.

Then we can imagine a moment where Jesus steps away from the throng and takes us aside. With loving eyes he looks at us and asks us, "Where do you need healing? Where can I be with you?" It is there in that powerful moment that we can speak to Jesus as we would to a friend. We can search our hearts and ask Jesus for the healing, He already knows we need.

- "Help me, Jesus, with my impatience with my family. Let me not nag at those I love so much. Heal my lack of compassion for them."

- "Touch my heart, Jesus. Give me the selfless love I need in my marriage not to 'keep score.'

Only with your help can I continue to be loving, even when it feels like some days I am the only one carrying my marriage."

- "Jesus, I become afraid of failing and I feel like one of those people lying on a mat, waiting for you to touch my life. Yet when I sense your healing presence coming close, I roll away from you so you don't see me. Give me the courage I need to ask for your healing and to get up and answer your call for me to serve.

When we pray with a gospel, we can carry an image of that prayer with us all day with us, ready to heal us, if only we would ask. As we get out of bed in the morning, cook meals or go about our day, we can be aware of Jesus standing with us, if only we would ask. What is it that needs healing in me this week? Where will I allow Jesus to touch my life?

