

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 4th

- 8:30AM Eileen Brosky by Staunton Family
Michelina McCormick by
Joseph & Rosemarie Czyzewicz
- 4:00PM Dominic DiGiacomo by Joe & Joyce Corrigan
- 5:30PM Concetta D'Angelis by Bob & Carol Terranova

Sunday, September 5th

- 7:00AM Pat Finan by Michael Finan
- 8:00AM Kevin Ade by Jim Byrne
- 9:30AM Lillian Fleming by Catherine & John
- 11:00AM Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters
- 6:30PM Parishioners of St. Thomas

School

- 10:00AM Marge Cioffi by Larry & Dee Keys
Joseph Pellegrino by Joe & Anne Migatz

Monday, September 6th

- 8:30AM James Streeper by Frances
Harry Wenzel by Mary Jane Morey

Tuesday, September 7th

- 6:45AM Michael Liput by Dulay Family
Tony Ventura by Doug Combi

Wednesday, September 9th

- 8:30AM Eileen Brosky by Laura Bauder
Mary A. Ceresani by Jane & Will LaVerghetta

Thursday, September 9th

- 6:45AM Laura Zampino by Dulay Family
Elizabeth Baldwin by Ed & Roey Rehill

Friday, September 10th

- 8:30AM Pat Campitelli mby Wife & Family
Bertha Schwerdtle by Stinson Family

Saturday, September 11th

- 8:30AM John (Adam) Larson by Pat Jackson
Frederick Dalzell by Megan Kopczyński
- 4:00PM Hugh Lacey by Family

Sunday, September 12th

- 8:00AM Mary Haslett & Dolly Simpson by Susanne & Al
- 9:30AM Dolly Simpson by George & Joanne O'Donnell
- 11:00AM Pasquale Talorico by Sue & Susan Kim Baione
- 6:30PM Parishioners of St. Thomas

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.**

**Please pray for the deceased.
May they rest in the peace of the risen Lord!**

Visitor Envelopes are available at all entrances of the church.

Second Collection

Each week, we will have a 2nd collection to help defray our school subsidy of \$109,000. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Diocesan Collection... Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Cast the love of Christ upon the world—please be generous in today's Collection.

Total Offerings

Our August 29th total collections were \$14,463.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Banns of Marriage

Il Heather Tenfyck, Joseph Maguire

Altar Flowers

*In Memory of
Dolly Simpson & Mary Haslett*

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

Joseph Kedziora, Thomas Frayne, Lisa Najim, Stan Seksinsky, Diane Harker, Glenn Ruth, Roseanne Hesson Santarpio, Eileen Yarrow, Nicholas Crosson, Barb Lehman, Jeffrey Geisler, Ralph Lillie, Albert Lannutti, Gloria Recign, Fr. Bill Vandegrift, Judy Sustek, Baby LeLand T. Gross, Chester Silvestrini

Regarding the list of our sick... We ask you to please call the Parish Center, 266-2123, and give us the name of anyone who is sick so we can remember them in our prayers. The names will be in the bulletin each Sunday and will be updated every two months. Remember, if you wish to add or remove a name, please call the parish office at 266-2123.

Please Note... Anyone who has a family member, friend, or neighbor who is homebound and would like to have a priest visit, please call the parish center @ 266-2123.



Please remember to keep the members of the Armed Forces in your prayers... Kevin Cassano, Nat'l Guard, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; **LCDR Bill Fallon**, US Navy, Naval Air Station Lemoore CA ; **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**, Army Iraq; **Matthew DeMuro**, US Air Force, Iraq; **Capt. Robert F. DiStefano**, JAG, Corp, Fort Dix; **MA-1 Joseph E. Maslowski**, Navy, Ft. Monmouth; **Michael A. Snyder**, US Coast Guard, Portsmouth, VA; **Capt. Gary Valencia**, Army Afghanistan; **Lt. Christopher Schwarz** US Navy Destroyer USS Ridley; **Lt. Peter Snyder** US Navy San Diego Naval Hospital; **MSgt Barry Snyder** USAF, Afghanistan; **Cpl. Rebecca Burrell** US AF, Afghanistan; **Sean Saccomandi** Navy, Japan, 2nd Lt. **Ryan McCool**, US Marines, **Lt. Scott Croskey**, Shaw AFB, **LCPL Rory P. Hamill**, USMC, **Nicholas Loglocsi** USAir Force, Balad, Iraq.

This Week...

- Mon., Sept. 6** Parish Center Closed for Business
- Wed., Sept 8** Baptismal Prep Class 7:30PM Rm B
- Fri., Sept 10** Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 1PM
- Sat. Sept 11** Winter Mass Schedule Begins

To see the rest of our monthly calendar check out our website at: www.stthomasbrigantine.or

Extraordinary Ministers... *September/October Schedules are now available for pick up in the side foyer next to the sacristy.*

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule
September 11 - 12**

Priest:

4PM – Fr. Bill
8AM – Fr. Fred
9:30AM – Fr. Bill
11AM – Fr. Bob
6:30PM - Fr. Al

Lectors:

4PM – P. Prideaux
8AM – E. Stafford
9:30AM – V. Campbell
11AM – S. N Mulrain
6:30 PM – F. Burbridge

Extraordinary Ministers:

4PM – F. Egan, J & C Roth
8:00AM - K. Bennett, D. Phillips, E. Mong
9:30AM – T. Bibikos, J. Messick, J. Zappas
11:00AM – J & K Murray, D. Galmin
6:30PM – S. Wade, J. Stretch

Please do not call the rectory to find a replacement.



**Next Sunday is Hospitality
Sunday and a welcome back for
Fr. Bill. Please join us in
Memorial Hall for coffee & donuts
after all the morning Masses.**

Adult Faith Enrichment Meeting

As many of you have requested, our first session for the ADULTS of the parish will be a Question and Answer session. We ask you to fill out the paper provided with any question you may have regarding Church law, morality, Sacraments, Scripture etc. and we will have someone present to answer your question. WE hope to have some reference books available (Catechism of the Catholic, Documents of Vatican II, and others) **We will meet in Memorial Hall on Wednesday, September 29, at 7 P.M.** There are forms at the entrances of the Church. Write your question and put it in the collection basket or bring to the parish center. If you want more information about this contact Sister Jane 266-2123.

Notice: Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday, September 18th 10am... meeting for ALL EM's...please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This is a required meeting. Thank you.

Hospital Ministry is in need of ... rosaries, scapulars, medals, prayer cards, and booklets. Please leave them in basket outside of Sacristy door

**Winter Mass Schedule
Begins September 11th/ 12th**

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday:

2:45 Confessions (**will be held in the cry room**)
4:00 PM (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday:

CHURCH: 8, 9:30, 11AM & 6:30 PM*

Daily Mass Schedule:

Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat: 8:30AM
Tues. & Thurs. 6:45AM

*The Sunday, 6:30 PM Mass will continue thru the month of September.



I would like to thank everyone who donated to my "School Supplies for the Needy" project. The response was overwhelming and awesome! I hosted a party for the children at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission where they received their supplies. The remainder of the school supplies were donated to Sister Grace Nolan at Catholic Charities. Because of your generosity many needy children will be going to school this year with new backpacks stuffed full of supplies! Thank you again and God bless!

Attention: All CCD Parents!!

There is a **Wine and Cheese Social on Wednesday, September 15th at 7PM in Memorial Hall. All parents are requested to attend.** Fr. Bill Vandegrift will address the parents at this time. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, pick up your child(ren)'s books, and receive instructions for homework .

CCD Registration for all new students and first graders will be held on **Monday, September 13th in Memorial Hall from 4:30 to 6:30pm.** Your child's baptismal certificate is required unless he/she was baptized at St. Thomas. Registration fee is \$90. Per child, or \$130. per family.

**CCD Classes begin on Monday, September 20th at 4:30 – 5:45PM
Brigantine Elementary School &
North School**

Our 2nd Summer 50/50



It's a Shore Thing...

Drawing will be on
Sunday, September 19th at 5:00PM.

1ST PRIZE: 25% OF TICKET SALES
2ND PRIZE: 15% OF TICKET SALES
3RD PRIZE: 10% OF TICKET SALES

Tickets are \$20 each.

We have a special incentive for you! The prize for buying 3 tickets at the same time is a dinner for six cooked by a **chef who worked at Wolfgang Puck Restaurant**. What a great way to celebrate with family and friends! Remember you can't win it, if you're not in it!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

Due to a lack of interest, the Catholic Daughters September 29th trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown has been canceled. Thank you for your support. Elaine Connor

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process is for the following:

- Those people who do not belong to any Church and wish to become Catholics.
- Those who belong to another Christian Church and wish to become Catholics
- Those who were baptized Catholics and have never been catechized and did not receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation and wish full communion in the Catholic Church

If you wish to begin this process of RCIA please contact Sister Jane at 266-2123 ext. 304. The first stage is called the Inquiry Period and it is a time to ask questions. No commitment is made at this time.

Assumption Regional Catholic School are still taking new registrants. You DO have a choice in your child's education! A Catholic School education is an investment in your child's future. ARCS's tuition is the most affordable non-public school tuition in the area, and tuition assistance is available for students in grades K-8. Call Marsha Higbee for a tour at 609-652-7134 or email mhigbee@arcsgalloway.org.

Holy Spirit Boys & Girls Crew is having their Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, October 9th at 1PM at the Blue Heron Pines. Please contact Patty Dollin (609)-335-5121 or Louise Baca 609-335-3458

Daily Prayer

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can have a desire to take time out of our busy days just as Jesus did, for prayer and speaking to his Father. We can be aware of the judgmental religious leaders of Jesus' time, who ignored the beam of wood in their own eyes to point out the splinter in someone else's eye. We can also ask for the vision to see how we might be blind to our own snap judgments of others.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day." We can go into this prayer, in more depth or detail while we are in the shower or getting dressed. If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our consciousness no matter what we are doing. Even in activities that require "our full consciousness" and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I might be in an important meeting, that doesn't allow me to go day dreaming. But, I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, "Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I'm so tempted to be seen as a 'success' here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here." Especially when we are facing something that is quite difficult, requiring real self-sacrifice and genuine love, we can let our background conversation with the Lord release us from our "typical" response or behavior. "Lord, I'm so full of fear sometimes. I see you boldly heal the man with the withered hand in front of the steely gaze of your critics. You healed because you knew it was the right and compassionate thing to do. Help me to be more courageous in choosing the right thing in my life today.

Question of the Week:

Question for Adults: Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

Question of Children: Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closer to Jesus?

Catholic Charities... Catholic Charities has urgent need of donations of children's clothing men's clothing, especially underwear and white socks for the homeless. Sister Grace Nolan & Staff - 609-345-3448.

Community Food Bank Site Located at the Community Presbyterian Church

1501 W. Brigantine Ave.

Non-perishable food items including cereal, soup, canned fruit & vegetables, macaroni & cheese, pasta & sauce, toilet tissues and other items as available
Free for individuals and families in need.

(Non-Discriminatory & Confidential) For more information Please Call: 609-266-7942

(identification & proof of Brigantine Residence required)

RNS Mobile Mammography will be offering mammograms at St. Thomas Church parking lot on Thursday September 23, 2010 from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Please call 1-800-246-2404 or 609-272-2491 for appointment.

Fall *Fest 2010*

September 19th

3:00pm – until Dark

Menu:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches (Kelsey & Kim's)
Bratwurst & Sauerkraut,
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads,
Drinks, Dessert



Games & Prizes

Each child gets 5 tickets for games. Additional tickets may be purchased.

Adults: \$15.00

Children: \$6.00

Tickets go on sale this weekend after all the Masses.