

Church of

# Saint Thomas the Apostle



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## **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday Mass: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays: Mon. and Fri. at 12:15 p.m., Tues. and Wed. at 7:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday, following 12:15 p.m. Mass, until  
Benediction at 2:45 p.m.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel.

**BAPTISM:** Baptism of infants is usually celebrated on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Contact Father Tom for arrangements. Preparation sessions for parents presenting infants for Baptism are held monthly.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** Contact Father Tom for information.

**MATRIMONY:** Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 to 8 months in advance and before scheduling a reception. Contact Father Tom for information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Celebrated on the first Monday of the month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass or by request.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** The Pastoral Care Team responds to the needs of homebound or hospitalized parishioners. Please call to make us aware of persons who would like a visit or home Communion. Contact: Maura Barrett.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register in the parish by calling the office weekdays to set up an appointment to meet with Father Tom.

Please remember our parish in your will. We are:  
"St. Thomas' Church of Delmar, N.Y."

## **PARISHES OF OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

### **Altamont**

**St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church: 861-8770, Sat: 5:00 pm / Sun: 9:30 am**

**Voorheesville**

**St. Matthew's Church: 765-2805, Sat: 5:00 pm / Sun: 8:30 & 10:30 am**

### **Westmere**

**Christ the King Church: 456-1644, Sat: 4:00 pm / Sun: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 noon**

# CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, DELMAR, NY

Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, 2017, Third Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Hayes	Maureen Roberts & Dan Coffey	Sarah Gill & Shelby Whitman	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Nylis & Paul Edmundson	Shayla Harrigan & Tyler Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Hayes	Annemarie Farrell & Matt Scheidler	Amy Burdick & Maya Richter	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Hayes	Sarah Comi & Bill Burkhard	Ryan McCarroll & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

## Father Tom's Corner

Visit [stthomas-church.org](http://stthomas-church.org)! ~ Our Parish website had a makeover and now boasts a more contemporary design, new features and is easier to use. You'll find updates for all our ministries, enjoy photos of the people and events around our parish, make connections to the school and faith formation, get tweets from Pope Francis and more. Point your browser to [stthomas-church.org](http://stthomas-church.org) from any computer or mobile device.

**CONGRATULATIONS** ~ Brendon Smith and Aprill Oakley were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Community and celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following who were baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas:

Jackson Frederick Morrill  
Kathaleen Elisabeth Baker

**UNIDOS EN CRISTO – UNITED IN CHRIST** ~ We have a limited number of these missalettes for those whose first language is Spanish. Copies are available on the top of the organ console in the church. The new issue runs from Holy Week to Pentecost. They are free for the taking.

**EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR** ~ Upon the recommendation of Adele Nucci, one of our parish Trustees, we have installed an emergency defibrillator. It is located near the bulletin boards in the Gathering Hall close to the main church entrance. Please note the location of this device in case we need to use it during an emergency.

## Prayer & Worship

**Prayer Chain** ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. Contact Pam Seward at: 439-7845 for your intention to be added.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**Happy Spring!** ~ There are many ways to become involved with those who are aged, ill, and needy in our parish. Working full-time? No problem! We have a number of ministries that offer **flexible scheduling, with opportunities for as little or as much time as you are able to give.** Visit the Pastoral Care link on the parish website or contact

Maura at [mbarrett@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org) or by phone for more information. I am sure we can find a place for you!

**Hospital Visitation Ministry** ~ Would you like to join us? Our team of ministers visits hospitalized members of our parish to provide spiritual support and assist in linking them with services in our parish upon discharge. This is a very meaningful ministry for both the recipient and the minister. Visits can be done days, evenings, or weekends, and are usually once every 5 weeks. Training provided. Let Maura know if you would be interested in assisting in this area on a regular basis, or as a substitute.

**Is a family member hospitalized?** ~ Please let the Pastoral Care office at the **hospital** know that you are from St. Thomas Parish so you can be put on the HIPPA list and can receive parish visits. Due to privacy policies, we may not know that you have admitted.

**Our Meal Ministry Team** provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support, OR if you would like to join the team** please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

**Pyx needed** ~ Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. If you are no longer providing Communion to the homebound and have borrowed one of our pyx, kindly return to the office or chapel sacristy so we can use it for others. Thank you!

**Save The Date!** Our Annual Pastoral Care Ministry Mini-Retreat Day for all **St. Thomas Pastoral Care** volunteers will be held on **Wednesday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Gathering Hall.** More details to come!

## Faith Formation

**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)**

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**It's time to register for next year's classes!** ~ We have begun accepting registration forms for our 2017-2018 faith formation program. Please download a registration form from our church website {<http://www.stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>} and submit it as soon as you can. Once again, we are offering an 'Early Bird Special' for those submitting their completed forms by May 31, 2017!

## Second Sunday of Easter

**We will be seeking new and returning catechists and assistants to staff our classes for the 2017-18 faith formation year** ~ Please contact our office to learn more about how you can help spread the Good News to our youngest parishioners!

**Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds** resumes this week during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning and will continue through the summer. Registration is NOT required! If your family is here for mass, your children are most welcomed to attend our Children's Liturgy program. Additional catechists are needed to lead the lessons on a rotating basis. Please contact the faith formation office if interested in helping out with this wonderful program!

**First Eucharist Celebrations** will begin this weekend, April 22/23 and continue through May 20/21. Please pray for our young parishioners and their families as they are welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the first time!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**  
(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**The next Confirmation retreat is Sunday, April 30** ~ Students should bring their Confirmation essay and service forms (if completed) to the school after the 11:00 Mass. Also, if you haven't submitted your son/daughter's picture, please drop it off in the box on the table between the church and the Gathering Hall marked "Confirmation Paperwork and Pictures".

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Please check out the Summer Binder** in the Gathering Hall for High School/ Middle School. Leadership and Service Camps offered by the Albany Diocese this summer! Make new friends, grow in faith and have some fun!

### School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

**Thank you!** ~ The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Garage Sale was truly a community event! Thank you to all who supported the event with donations and purchases. Special thanks to the Parish sustainability committee for the many ways that you contributed to the success of the event! The students are well on their way to Washington DC raising a record amount of \$10,238!

**Accepting Applications for 2017/2018 – Limited Openings Available** ~ Students at St. Thomas the Apostle School are encouraged to think, create and understand. From our youngest students in preschool to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are preparing for high school, it is always our goal to empower each and every student to achieve

academic and spiritual excellence in an environment which is rich in Catholic tradition. To schedule a tour, or for more information, contact Carmel Foltan at 439-5573 or [cfoltan@stthomas-school.org](mailto:cfoltan@stthomas-school.org) or Visit [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org)

**Looking for Summer Fun?** ~ From the circus to the kitchen and a lot in between, our summer camp has a little something for everyone! Open to children (need not be a St. Thomas School student to attend) entering Preschool 4 – Grade 6. \$200 Per Week for full-time attendance; \$110 per week for part-time attendance. Reduced rates for the week of July 4. Campers will participate in theme based activities, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor play daily. Full day campers will also have daily reading time, water play and field trips! For more information, call 439-5573 or visit [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org). Register today! Limited space available. Week 1 – June 26-30, Week 2 – July 3-7 (Closed on July 4), Week 3 – July 10-14, Week 4 – July 17-21, Week 5 – July 24-28.

### Caring for Our Common Home

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: [jdschrempf@verizon.net](mailto:jdschrempf@verizon.net))

**Caring for Our Common Home** ~ In today's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples – and also to us – **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you ... Receive the Holy Spirit!”** (Jn 20:21-22) And so we are charged to be **Easter People** living our lives in recognition of **“fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life, every man, woman and child, the elderly, the poor, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned, our earth and all of creation”**. (Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*).

#### Action step for households:

- In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, plan to extend this celebration to the whole year by recycling, choosing lawn care products that do not harm the earth, being aware of the use of water, planting a garden, visiting Farmers' Markets, using reusable shopping bags, supporting legislation that respects and cares for the earth and its people, and spending time outdoors to enjoy the gifts of creation given to us by our loving God.

### Community

**Fr. Tom's Retirement Festivities** ~ As many of you know, Fr. Tom will be retiring next weekend after 44 years in ministry. Following all masses next weekend, April 29/30, we will hold hospitality in the Gathering Hall so that everyone has an opportunity to personally thank Fr. Tom for his many years of sacrifice and gift!

The Public Policy Ministry requests that you **SAVE THE DATE of Monday, October 16**, for the seventh "Food for Thought" entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. The program weaves the art of Marion Honors, CSJ, with discussion, music, poetry, story and science. Watch the Bulletin for further details. Join the Public Policy Ministry; call Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or email [mariecopeland62@gmail.com](mailto:mariecopeland62@gmail.com).

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults:** Many thanks for our parishioners who baked delicious brownies and to our wonderful volunteers who helped decorate, set up, serve and clean up after the April luncheon. We would also like to thank everyone who brought in a food item for the St. Thomas food pantry. Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on **Friday, May 19**. We will attend mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch together. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, May 15**.

**Christian Service**

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for THIS WEEKEND, April 22-23.** Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating. Thank you, and as always, your generosity is appreciated.

**Sacrificial Giving Committee ~** The Sacrificial Giving Committee, on behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle, recently approved two donations to area charities. A donation was made to Family Promise of the Capital Region for the purchase of cots and air mattresses to be used by area churches who shelter the homeless. They also approved funds to purchase a commercial freezer for St. John's / St. Ann's Outreach Center in the South End. Our weekly tithe, 5% of our offertory collection, allows us to make these donations to worthwhile programs and causes. Thank you for your continued financial support which makes this possible.

**Administration**

(Contact: Pat Holm)

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</b>	
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Offertory	\$16,878.67
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$2,640.00
Total Offertory Received	\$19,518.67
Tithe from this Offertory	\$975.93
<b>Easter</b>	
Offertory	\$30,740.25
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,170.00
Total Offertory Received	\$31,910.25
<b>Holy Land</b>	\$1,175.00
<b>To benefit our Sister Parish</b>	
Lenten Alms (includes St. Thomas School donations)	\$7,417.75
<b>Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!</b>	

**Counters Needed ~** Volunteers are needed to spend several hours every month or so on Sunday morning to help count the weekend collection. Please let me know if you are interested. Thanks for considering this ministry opportunity.

**Calendar**

Sat	4/22	6 pm	Fr. Tom Retirement	Gym
Thu	4/27	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat,	4/29,	After All	Hospitality - Thanks Fr. Tom	GH
Sun	4/30	9 am	RCIA Meeting	LCR1

**PLACE:** CH – Church; GH – Gathering Hall; LC – Lady Chapel; MC – Media Center; PO – Parish Offices, PP - Peace Pole, Café-Cafeteria, LCR1 or LCR2-Large Conference Rooms Rec Dining room, CHP-Chapel SCH-School

**Thank you to the following, who made donations for our Easter Altar Flowers:**

<b>Donated by .....</b>	<b>In Memory of or To Commemorate</b>
Daughters, Candace Stellato and Anita Clayton.....	Anna Colonna Carroll
Jane Amundsen.....	Magne Amundsen
John Keith.....	Robert and Elizabeth Keith
Marymel and Edward Hart.....	Hart and Dibello Families
The Whiting Family.....	
Jason, Barbara, Clark and Lucy Rose.....	Emerson Jason Rose
Mary F. Lee.....	
Adlerman-Sitzer Family.....	
Marion Burns.....	Deceased Loved Ones
Michael and Doris Walker.....	Melvin and Doris Walker
Jira Family.....	Margaret Tertechny
Mary and John Pludrzynski.....	Barbara and Raymond Mendrick
Fulvia Pizzitola.....	DePalma and Pizzitola Families
Robert Conway.....	Rev. William L. Nolan and Diane (Mrs. Michael) Breslin
J and G Carella.....	Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Carella and Mr. and Mrs. John McGovern
<i>Other flower donations by: Anonymous</i>	

## ***Mass Intentions***

***For the Week of April 24 - April 28, 2017***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Maureen Moran</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Francis Rinaldi Jr.</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Gail Dwyer</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Father Ken Tunny</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>John Hayes</b>
		<b>Michael Dwyer</b> <i>The Family</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Louis Dempf Jr.</b> <i>Joan Minnock</i>
		<b>Herbert Leisenfelder Jr.</b> <i>The Faiola Family</i>

## ***Next Weekend, April 29-30, 2017***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Gilda DeLucia, 22 Anniv.</b> <i>Her Family</i>
		<b>Mary Klycek</b> <i>Hospodar Family</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Lynn Marie Busch</b> <i>Matthews Family</i>
		<b>Rose Marie Schuttenhelm</b> <i>Matthews Family</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Elaine Crowther</b> <i>Helen Gray</i>
		<b>John Spath</b> <i>Spore Family</i>

## ***Scripture Readings: Week of April 23, 2017***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20: 19-31</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6: 16-21</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24: 13-35</b>