

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, May 13-14, 2017, Fifth Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	To Be Announced	Sandra Flynn & Dan Ehring	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Cathy Semenovoff & Michael Braunlin	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	To Be Announced	Sarah Comi & Paul Connolly	Donja Tripp & Andrew Thorp	3
11:00 a.m.	To Be Announced	Karen Jones & Bill Burkhard	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	3

Parish News

Until Our New Pastor Arrives ~ The Diocese is in the process of identifying the best possible candidate to be our new pastor. At this time we do not know when someone will be assigned but we will do our best to keep you informed, via the bulletin and our website www.stthomas-church.org, when we have news to share. During this transition, the Diocese will assign priests to cover our weekend Masses. If we have that information in advance we will include it in the bulletin. If not, we will update our homepage as the priest is assigned. For the month of May, Fr. Leskovar will preside at each of the 8:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday. He has also graciously offered to preside at our regularly scheduled weekday Masses with a few exceptions. We will not have weekday Masses on the following dates: Friday, May 12 and Monday, May 29 (Office is closed for Memorial Day weekend.) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Confirmation ~ Bishop Scharfenberger will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m. May the Lord bless all our candidates who have completed their preparation for this sacrament and may the Spirit of the Risen Christ continue to guide them throughout their adult lives

“Being Ambassadors for Christ” -- Bishop’s Appeal 2017 ~ This weekend we “kick-off” the annual **Bishop’s Appeal** with an in-pew collection, after the homily at all Masses. Through the Bishop’s Appeal all parishes unite and become one family to support and sustain the programs and services which educate the young, care for the elderly, feed the hungry, house the homeless and strengthen our Catholic faith in our homes, parishes and communities. Additionally, your support of the Appeal ensures that individual parishes are provided with essential diocesan support services. Last year we met our goal and with everyone’s assistance we expect to do the same this year! Our goal this year is \$205,326 which is 3.5% higher than last year’s assessment. Please consider making a pledge, which you can pay throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your generous support, helping us meet our obligation to our Diocese.

CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Maria Theresa Breen who was baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Irene McDermott, Joseph Miller, Betty Scarcella and Mary Rose Zdziebloski whose funerals were held last week. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

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

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

Thank you ~ to **ALL** of our Pastoral Care Volunteers! We had a wonderful turn-out for our Annual In-Service/Retreat Day. Our speaker, Maura Fleming, from the Alzheimer’s Association, did a stellar job in enriching our knowledge on Dementia and Pastoral Care. It was a lovely day of fellowship and learning. Thank you all for everything you do to support your fellow parishioners.

Welcome ~ to **Debbie Agney** and **Deanna Agney**! They have just joined the parish and are ready to hit the ground running in ministry. We are happy to have you! **YOU can become involved too!** There are many ways to assist 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 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.

Has a family member moved to an Assisted Living or Nursing Home? Please let the Pastoral Care office know so that you can receive parish visits. Due to privacy policies, we may not otherwise know. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer who visits our parishioners, please contact Maura. It is truly a rewarding opportunity.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.).

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Congratulations to the following children who made their First Communions last weekend:

Kathaleen Baker, Mia Breen, Samuel Coscio-Thiel, Caroline Despres, Anna Franchini, Gianna Giambona, Luke Johnson, Lily Keeler, Tate Kindlon, Evan O'Connell, Gehrig Monserrat, Ian NeJame, Ashley Sagendorph, Sara Scoville, Liana Sinisgalli, and Lily Tafilowski

Registration for next year's classes has begun! ~

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!

We are now seeking new and returning catechists and assistants to staff our classes for the 2017-18 faith formation year ~

We are looking for confirmed adults to lead our 1st-5th grade classes once a week for our program year, September-April. Lesson plans, teaching guides and materials are provided for you along with as much guidance and support as we can give! Please contact our office to learn more about how you can help spread the Good News to our youngest parishioners!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Confirmation is Friday May 12 at 5:00 p.m. ~ Readers should report to the church by 4:00 p.m. All Confirmandi need to be in the chapel by 4:30 p.m. for rehearsal. Confirmandi and their sponsors should be in their seats by 4:45 p.m.

Registration for the 2017-18 Faith Formation program has begun! Please consider sharing your faith with the teens of our parish by volunteering as a catechist, catechist assistant or a gatekeeper for next year. Registration forms can be found on the website.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Congratulations to all of our Confirmation students and their families! We look forward to your leadership in our parish and community as you share the gifts of the Spirit! Faith Formation is a life long journey.

All High School Students, grades 9-12, are invited to a picnic on Tuesday May 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas School yard. Food, prizes and games. Hosted by your NCYC Team: Josh, Carolyn, Julia, Julie, Kailee and Sheila! More information to follow!

Special thanks to James Waltson and Daniel Chambers who recently volunteered at the South End's Children Café! YOU made a difference!

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)

In John 13:35, Jesus said, "This is how I will know you for My disciples: your love for one another."

~ This definition is the inspiration for life at St. Thomas the Apostle School. Whether it is demonstrating respect while listening to another student share an opinion in Social Studies, older students interacting with their younger student buddies during Mass, or students cooking dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House, our Catholic faith is the center of all that we do. Selecting a school for your child's education is one of the most important decisions you'll make. More than just a school, St. Thomas the Apostle School provides a well-rounded educational experience rich in Catholic values and tradition for students in pre-school – grade 8. We are currently accepting applications for fall, 2017. **Discover St. Thomas the Apostle School today!** Visit www.stthomas-school.org or to schedule a visit, call Carmel Foltan at (518) 439-5573 or email cfoltan@stthomas-school.org

Spring Concert ~ All are welcome to attend the annual St. Thomas the Apostle School Spring Concert. Enjoy selections performed by the school band, grade 3-8 chorus and the Liturgy Choir. Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Register for Summer Camp at St. Thomas the Apostle School: Scholarships Available ~ 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! A St. Thomas the Apostle School Guardian Angel has very generously donated 5 Summer Camp Scholarships each valid for 1 week of Summer Camp 2017 for 1 student currently enrolled at St. Thomas the Apostle School. Interested families are asked to send a letter of interest to Mr. Thomas Kane, Principal by Friday, May 12, 2017. The letter should outline your need and must include the name of the child wishing to attend camp. For more information and to register, visit www.stthomas-school.org or call (518) 439-5573.

Caring for Our Common Home

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdschrempf@verizon.net)

Caring for Our Common Home ~ Our parish is in transition as we say goodbye to our pastor Father Tom Hayes and await a new shepherd. Today's readings speak to us about Jesus as our shepherd and the role of a shepherd – one who provides leadership, who takes care, gives guidance, and protects. Our earth needs the care of a shepherd and it is a role that each of us can embrace in our community and our world. May is a month to express gratitude and care for the home God gave us to shepherd and protect.

Some action steps for households:

- Take care in the lawn and garden products purchased to insure that they do not harm the earth and all who live in our common home.
- Support our local, state and national legislators who are working to protect the earth and its people by taking the time to send emails and letters or make phone calls - and let your voice be heard to those who are not.
- Support our Famers' Markets and local businesses.

Community

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.

Hospitality canceled for this weekend ~ As we had an opportunity for Hospitality last weekend, in recognition of Fr. Tom, we made a schedule change. The next Hospitality will be the weekend of June 10-11.

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults: 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**.

Parishioners ~ We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheon. Could you please help us out next month with cookies? Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
April 29-30, 2017**

Offertory	\$13,357.98
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,035.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,392.98
Tithe from this Offertory	\$719.65

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

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

Mon	5/8	5 pm	Alzheimer's Care Team Meeting	GH
Thu	5/11	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Fri	5/12	5 pm	Confirmation	CH
Sun	5/14	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

Mass Intentions
For the Week of May 8 - May 12, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	William J. Hoblock <i>Terry and Mary Ann Mitchell</i>
		William McKeough <i>Luke Mullen</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Sal Barbaro <i>Joanne and Jack Whipple</i>
		John Barrett <i>Bill and Virginia Acquario</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	John Bujold, 12th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Susanne Arkinson <i>Betty McSweeney</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	No Mass

Next Weekend, May 13-14, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Lonnie Tomlin <i>Bill and Mary Lou Burkhard</i>
		John J. Rooney <i>Peggy and Joe Zimmerman</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Georgianna Brognano <i>Marie and Ralph</i>
		Ursula Fitzpatrick-Smith and Josephine Fitzpatrick-Kelly <i>The Family</i>
	9:30 am	Richard Newell <i>His Family</i>
		Herbert Leisenfelder <i>Steve and Liz McCauslin</i>
	11:00 am	For the People

Scripture Readings: Week of May 7, 2017

Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10: 1-10
Monday	Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14: 7-14
Next Sunday	Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14: 1-12