

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 the Parish Office for arrangements. Preparation sessions for parents presenting infants for Baptism are held monthly.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Contact the Parish Office for information.

MATRIMONY: Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 to 8 months in advance and before scheduling a reception. Contact the Parish Office 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.

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, September 23-24, 2017, Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & Hank Steadman	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Colleen Flynn & Paul Edmundson	Julia Kloss & Lucy Kloss	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Matt Scheidler	Amy Burdick & Maya Richter	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Cahill & Tom Hedderman	Mikolaj Wloszczynski & Ryan McCarroll	1

Pastor's Corner

2017 STORM SEASON DONATIONS ~ We will continue to collect money for the 2017 storm season, which includes victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, **through the end of September**. Please place it in the regular collection basket. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas Church, indicating "2017 Storm Season Relief" in the memo section. 100% of the donations will go to Catholic Charities to respond to victim's needs. We thank you for your extraordinary generosity in support of Hurricane Relief.

Prayer & Worship

Would You Consider Serving at Mass? – Adult Acolytes Needed for Sunday Masses ~ Men and women of the parish, were you ever an acolyte and know you would still be great at it if someone would just ask? Or, maybe you never had the opportunity to be an acolyte but think you would like to serve now? We are looking for you and **asking** for your service. We have a significant need for acolytes for the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. At the 8 a.m. Mass we only have four children willing to serve, three of them from the same family! At the 11 a.m. Mass we only have five children willing to serve, two from the same family. So, you can appreciate that your help is needed. We have been very successful with our Adult Funeral Acolyte Program and hope there will be others of you who are available occasionally on Sunday to give your time to this ministry. You would only serve with another adult, and we will try to accommodate your Mass preference. Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office if you are willing, or have any questions. And, training will be available. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee ~ The 45th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held **Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany.** Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area of the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register with Paul at the parish office (518-439-4951) by September 21.

Prayer Chain ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"If we pray, we will believe. If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

We welcome you to help us serve members of our parish in any of our Pastoral Care Ministries. Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able.

Beginning Experience Weekend of Hope & Healing

~ for divorced, widowed, and separated men and women, will be held at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center, Beacon, NY on October 6 to 8, 2017. Presenters are those who have "been there" and offer their support to help participants who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future. Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocese Office of Family and Youth, but all faiths are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Contact: Mary Anne (914-260-5087) or Phyllis (914-261-5812).

Email: ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org

Website: www.beginningexperience.org/hudsonvalley

Atria Delmar Place and Kenwood Manor are the two Assisted Living facilities in our parish community where we provide weekly Rosary and Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Most of those residents can no longer get to Mass and rely on these services for continued spiritual growth. They are so very appreciative of our services. Scheduling is once every 4-5 weeks, or you can serve as a substitute. Let Maura know if you are interested in joining this great team.

Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry

~ You don't have to be an expert to join this amazing team. If you are interested in assisting with putting together knitted, crocheted and quilted blankets and other items for persons in our own community ~ this group is for you! **Guidance can be provided for the novices!** Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer **from anyone who would like to make them.** If you would like to become more active with this group please contact Christina Ryan at 518-439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.** All are welcome.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Elementary Faith Formation classes begin September 26-28. ~ You should have received your child's class assignment of day, classroom and catechist (grades 1-5 only) this past week. Please contact our office immediately if there are any issues that need attention.

Late Registrations ~ Elementary children whose registrations are received **after Tuesday, September 19** will be delayed in beginning classes as rosters and attendance forms need to be prepared for the start of classes in just over a week. Late registrants will be added to classes and parents notified of class placements by the end of the first week of October.

Catechists, Assistants and Gatekeepers Needed ~ We still have **no 3rd grade catechist on Thursdays** and **no 4th grade catechists on Tuesday or Thursday.** These classes will not be able to start until volunteers are found to run these classes. Additionally, we still need assistants for 3rd grade on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 4th grade on Thursdays. Finally, we still need 2 gatekeepers on Wednesdays and 1 on Thursdays. Please contact our office as soon as possible to find out how you can help fill any of these vacancies!

Parent Orientations for our Elementary program will be held **TODAY in the Media Center at 12 noon after Mass and Monday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.** Parents will receive an overview of the program, the schedule of classes for the year and have a chance to have any questions addressed. 1.5 hours have been allotted for each of these meetings. Please attend the one session that is more convenient for your family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Catechists still needed! ~ Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a catechist, catechist assistant or gatekeeper. We are still in need of the following catechists: **8th Grade** - Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m., **9th Grade** - Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., **10th Grade** - Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. **Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish.**

Catechist meetings will be held September 19- 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. If you have volunteered to be a catechist or a catechist assistant, please plan to attend any one of these meetings.

Parent meetings will be held October 3-5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All parents are encouraged to attend any one of the sessions, especially if you are new to the program. Course curricula, service requirements and youth ministry activities will be discussed. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for many, many parish and community service projects! Hope to see you that week!

School News

Preschool at St. Thomas the Apostle School ~ Spaces Fill Quickly. Now is the Perfect Time to Secure Your Preschool spot for 2018-2019. St. Thomas the Apostle School Preschool offers a nurturing, compassionate, faith-based preschool program for 3 and 4 year old children, providing early socialization, Kindergarten readiness and unique educational experiences and opportunities for your child. Accepting applications for Fall 2018. Space is limited. Please call Jennifer Murphy at [\(518\) 439-5573](tel:5184395573), email jmurphy@stthomas-school.org, or visit www.stthomas-school.org to schedule your visit.

Preschool 4 Afternoon Program This Year ~ We have a few openings in this year's Preschool 4 afternoon program: M, W, F 12:15 – 3:15 p.m. Students also have the option to participate in the Enrichment program which meets on Tue and Thu from 12:15-3:15 p.m. Students eligible to enroll in one of the Preschool 4 classes, which are Kindergarten readiness programs, must turn 4 by December 1, 2017. To learn more, please contact Jennifer Murphy at [\(518\) 439-5573](tel:5184395573), email jmurphy@stthomas-school.org, or visit www.stthomas-school.org to schedule your visit.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

LAST CALL - Bowling for Beef on **Wednesday September 20** (Bethlehem Central has no school on September 21), from **9-11p.m.** at Del lanes in Delmar. The \$13 Cost, which will be collected at the door, includes a \$5.00 donation to Cathedral Social Services Food Pantry for ground beef, 2 games, shoes, a drink and a slice of pizza! Please sign up in Gathering Hall or contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. **Thanks for making a difference by bringing a friend!**

Bottle & Can Drive! AWESOME TEAM WORK! ~ Thank you all for saving your bottles and cans and returning them to our Drive this past weekend! YOU made a difference! We earned \$301.25 from your loose returns and donations and took 41 CYLNK bags to Hannaford! We will post our CYLNK cash balance next week! WE are off to a great start towards our goal of \$1000 in recyclables! Pick up a new CLYLNK bag in the Gathering Hall and return it to Hannaford! Every bottle and can counts! Special thanks to our all of our volunteers! Grace & Mary Beth Spath, Tyler Sagendorph and his grandparents Albert & Margret Porciello, Howie Vargas, Colleen, Tyler & Kailee Harrigan, Barbara Leonard, Rose Ann Gary, Steven, GiGi & Cat Adlerman-Sitzer, Abby & Maggie Proper, Kaitlin & Anastasia Strokes, John, William & Peter Lauricella, Olivia, Claudia & Martin Skuza, Casey & Debbie Knight, Michelle Harris, Audrey Karas, Sabrina, Matthew and Marisa Orgera-Vichaiwattana, John Staerker and Kerry, Bryan and Kira Duffy, Fr. David and the Staff at Delmar Beverage.

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdschrempf@verizon.net
or Marie Myer myermarie@yahoo.com.)

Caring for Our Common Home ~ This has been a month of destruction, loss, and sadness in our nation as we witnessed the power and fury of hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and flooding that destroyed homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, highways, and shorelines across the southeastern states of our country and our neighbor Mexico. Our parish community has embraced the vision of Pope Francis to care for our earth and its people and will continue to respond with our resources and prayers for those who have suffered unbelievable loss.

As we continue to work with projects that bring water to arid lands, we are aware of the paradox. In our own country, hurricanes have unleashed water with such fury that it has devastated our land and caused hardship, loss, and death to our sisters and brothers. In the months and year ahead, it will be important to stay updated on ways that we can make a difference to those most affected and to our environment

- Try to financially support Catholic Charities, the Red Cross, and organizations that are first responders to those in need of assistance at this time.
- Stay abreast of the local and state political scene this fall and support candidates who advocate for environmental issues.
- Support diocesan, state and national advocacy working to provide stability and hope to the 800,000 men, women and children who will be affected by the reversal of DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Community

YOU MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER for the "Food for Thought" program to be held on Monday, October 16, entitled, Earth: Our Common Home, presented by Sr. Linda Neil, by signing the sheet on the table in the Gathering Hall or at either side entrance of the Church; or by calling Marie Copeland at [518/439-4050](tel:5184394050) or emailing mariecopeland62@gmail.com. Another special registration will be held the weekend of October 7-8 after all Masses. Members of the Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team will assist you.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, September 23-24. We will be collecting nonperishable food items and personal care products in the shopping carts next to the Church foyer.. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Offertory Collection – Vacation "Make Up" ~ We ask those families who have been away to please take a minute to determine what your contribution would have been if you were here, and consider making a donation for those weekends when you were not able to attend Mass at St. Thomas. This will help us make up for lower than average Summer collections. Please feel free to make up those contributions in any way you are financially able to manage (i.e. an additional check, add on to your regular donation over a period of time, etc.) Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Special Collection for the Catholic University and The Basilica Dome ~ **NEXT WEEKEND September 23-24. The Catholic University of America** is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. **The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** located right next to the campus of the Catholic University of America is often referred to as "America's Catholic Church." The final work on the Trinity Dome of the Basilica has been completed in preparation for 2020, the hundredth anniversary of placing the foundation stone of the National Shrine. **Please be generous at next week's Collection.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE September 9-10

Offertory	\$13,423.75
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,450.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,873.75
Tithe from this Offertory	\$743.69

Hurricane Relief **\$9,742.89**

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	9/17	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR1
Wed	9/20	7 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Thu	9/21	10 am	Bible Study	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 September 18- September 22, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Anita Damon <i>Arlene Grady</i>
		Alicia Sebec <i>Arlene Grady</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Frank Daley <i>Betty McSweeney</i>
		Robert Hermann <i>The Morris Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Anne and Bernard Mullen <i>Kevin Mullen</i>
		Living Intentions - Sal Carusone <i>Robert and Eileen Davis</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Janet Krzanowski <i>Marian Giordano</i>
		Henry Youzwak <i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>

Next Weekend, September 23-24, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	James Cirillo <i>His Family</i>
		Ray Barrett, 3rd Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	John Schmit <i>Michael and Doris Walker</i>
		Art Roberts <i>Catherine Daley</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	For The People
	11:00 am	Ronald Russo, 80th birthday <i>The Family</i>
		Christopher Oberheim <i>Ann Eisenhut</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday	Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7: 31-35
Thursday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16 / Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-6a