

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, October 14 - 15, 2017, Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Roberts & Denis Hurley	Sarah Gill & Laiba Gill	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Alba Giordano & Jeff Conklin	Cathy Semenovoff & Brian Gallagher	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Michael Connolly	Samantha Gomez and Steven Gomez	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Cahill & Jack Canning	Katie Desharnais & Maggie Walters	1

Pastor's Corner

St. Thomas Parish Picnic - OCTOBER-FEST 2017~ Sunday, October 22, Noon to 4 p.m. at the Elm Ave. Park, Delmar. Free Food, Soda, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, A Bouncy-Bounce for children, 50-50 Raffle. A Big Screen T.V. to be raffled off. For further information and to volunteer, please call one of the "tri-chairs": Bruce McShane at [518-928-3035](tel:518-928-3035), Paul Supple at [518-221-7125](tel:518-221-7125), or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286). There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall after each Mass. Please find an attendance sheet in the Gathering Hall and sign up your family so we can estimate food for all attending. **ALL ARE INVITED.**

Columbus Day ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Columbus Day. There are no services in church scheduled for Monday.

Catholic Charities' Special Collection NEXT WEEK ~ Catholic Charities is partnering with parishes for a special collection October 14-15 to benefit **The Campaign for Catholic Charities**. Those families that have envelopes will find a Catholic Charities' envelope in their monthly packet. For those not in the envelope program, there will be special envelopes available at all the entrances of the church or you may donate without an envelope. If you donate by check, please indicate "Catholic Charities" in the memo section. Place all donations in the regular offertory basket. Please consider a generous response to help the working poor close to home in the Albany Diocese. More information can be found online at www.ccrda.org/campaign or in the October 5 issue of the Evangelist.

Prayer & Worship

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

Autumn Diocesan Gathering 2017 ~ Communicating the Joy of the Gospel: Reaching the Occasional Catholic with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, Diocese of Burlington, Vermont. Please plan to join us for this wonderful day of prayer, learning and sharing!

When: Saturday, October 21

Where: Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury. (**Note:** Autumn Gathering will also be live-streamed to the following locations: **Mater Christi, Albany**, St. Francis de Sales, Herkimer; St. Mary's, Oneonta; St. Patrick's, Catskill.)

Time: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cost: \$10/person

Register: online at <http://www.rcda.org/autumnGathering> or call : Albany Diocese at 518-453-6600

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us," –Pope Francis.

Welcome to Bernadette Pedlow who has recently joined our Pastoral Care Ministries! **YOU** are invited to join us too ~ there are a number of ministries with flexible opportunities for service. Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able. See our website or contact Maura for more information.

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.

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.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Safe Environment Training for children in grades 1-5 will take place during faith formation classes the weeks of October 10-12 and October 17-19.

Remember to bring empty cans and bottles when you come for faith formation throughout the Fall to help support our parish's water project!

There will be no Faith Formation classes during the week of October 31, November 1 and November 2 in honor of the Holy Day of Obligation, All Saint's Day. All families are strongly encouraged to attend Mass that Wednesday in lieu of class that week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Middle and High School classes begin this week! If you need to change your son/daughter's class assignment, please contact Elizabeth or Colleen.

If your son/daughter needs to attend a class other than their regularly scheduled class, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Long Walk for Water October 15 1-2:30 p.m. ~ Consider joining us as a family in prayer and solidarity with our neighbors in Kenya Africa! Sponsor sheets to walk 1, 2, or 3 miles are available in the Gathering Hall. All proceeds to benefit our parish's WATER Project. Children under 12 must have an adult with them, over 12 without an adult must have a permission slip. Thank you for making a difference!

Living Rosary ~ Bring your family, your rosary and join us in Prayer to our Mother Mary on Sunday October 22 at 5 p.m. in the church. WE will be collecting gently used fall & winter Clothing for Mary's Corner size 2T- 6 : coats, boots, shoes, PJ's, pants, shirts and books from birth to 4 years of age. Thank you for your support!

School News

Considering a Catholic School Education for your child? PreK-8th Grade Open Enrollment (limited spaces available in our PreK4 afternoon program). It's amazing what happens when you make

faith a part of a child's everyday learning experience. At St. Thomas the Apostle School, our teachers and staff partner with families to instill the same values in our students that they learn at home. Through dedication and effort, we prepare each student to achieve excellence both academically and spiritually. We live our faith with families and the community who, in partnership, define our ministry. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ St. Thomas is a 1:1 Chromebook environment for students in grades 2-8 and technology instruction begins in Preschool.

St. Thomas Tigers Celebrate a Win to Start Off the Soccer Season! The Tigers defeated St. Mary's - Amsterdam with a score of 12-0. **Go Tigers!**

Craft Fair ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School will be holding its annual Shop 'Til You Drop Craft Fair on Saturday October 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be a variety of craft vendors, a Scholastic Book Fair, bucket auction, bake sale, breakfast and lunch items for sale. All money raised benefits activities for St. Thomas students throughout the year.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA INQUIRIES WELCOME ~ Is God calling you or someone you know to become a Catholic Christian? If so, and you would like more information, come join us at our weekly meeting on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Large Conference Room 1 to learn more about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

The RCIA is for Baptized Christians and individuals who have never been baptized who wish to learn more about and explore the possibility of joining our Catholic faith and for Baptized Catholics who wish to be confirmed.

Contact Paul Edmundson, if you have any questions. We have a wonderful group of people who would like to accompany you on such a faith journey.

Creation Care Team

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

Care For Our Common Home: Join The Conversation ~ In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to engage in a "new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation," he urges, "which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."

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Open the dialogue with your friends and family by participating in:

- The St. Thomas Youth Ministry-sponsored **Long Walk For Water**, an afternoon of prayer and solidarity Oct. 15. (Information about the afternoon's activities and sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Hall.)
- Our Parish **Food for Thought** program, Oct. 16, when Sister Linda Neil CSJ, will discuss "**Earth: Our Common Home**". (Register by phone or email. Both options are in the bulletin with further details about the *Food for Thought* program.)
- A conversation at your **family dinner table**. What will you **start doing or do more of or stop doing** to protect and care for our environment?
- Activities of the Parish **Care for Creation Team**.

Also, remember you can follow on-line the progress of our Parish water project benefitting the people of Kivani Community in southeastern Kenya. Go to:
<https://thewaterproject.org/community/projects/kenya/>

Community

Registration for the "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Sr. Linda Neil, will continue after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND**. Members of the Public Policy Ministry will be available to assist you. Sign-up sheets will be at the side entrances of Church and in the Gathering Hall. You can also call Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or email mariecopeland62@gmail.com to register.

Coats For The Community ~ Once again, The Ladies of Charity in conjunction with Bridges Out of Poverty will be collecting men's, women's and children's coats, boots and gloves in all sizes (infants, children, teens and adults). Please donate your gently used clothing items into the box in the Gathering Hall. The collection will end the weekend of October 14-15. Thank you again for your generosity.

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention Active Older Adults! Our next luncheon will be on **Friday, October 20**. We will attend mass at 12:15 p.m. and then gather for lunch and dessert. Please invite a friend to come with you. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners. If possible, please bring a personal care item that will be donated to Bethlehem Senior Services. For reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) by **Monday, October 16**.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in October, we would appreciate any type of apple dessert. Please contact Christine or Steve at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) if you can help with baked goods.

Attention Boy Scouts ~ Interested in earning a Catholic Faith Religious Emblem? Please contact Rose Ann Garry at ragarry2@verizon.net for more information.

There are 4 awards offered:

Light of Christ Designed for 6-7 year old Cub Scouts

Parvuli Dei Designed for 8-10 year old Cub Scouts

Ad Altare Dei Designed for any youth of the Roman Catholic faith who is registered in a BSA Troop or Crew

Pope Pius XII Designed for Venturing Crew Members and Boy Scouts 15 years old and up

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **THIS WEEKEND**. All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE September 30-October 1

Offertory	\$12,664.23
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,005.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,669.23
Tithe from this Offertory	\$683.46

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sat/Sun	10/7-10/8	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	10/8	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR1
Mon	10/9		Diocesan Holiday/ Np Mass	
Thu	10/12	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sun	10/15	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR1
Sun	10/15	1 pm	Long Walk for Water	CH, GH

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 October 9 October 13, 2017

Mon.		Diocesan Holiday-No Mass	
Tues.	7:30 am	Sean Quinlan	<i>Vera Peek</i>
		Karen Polega	<i>Nancy Hoffman</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	William McSweeney	<i>Betty McSweeney</i>
		Michael and Gail Dwyer	<i>The Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	John Shogan, 21th Anniv.	<i>Bob and Johanna Shogan and Family</i>
		Pauline Sobierajski	<i>The Family</i>

Next Weekend, October 14-15, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Art Roberts	<i>Norm and Ann Drapeau</i>
		Lonnie Tomlin, 1at Anniv.	<i>His Wife Carol</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For The People	
Sun.	9:30 am	James S. Gileany	<i>Thomas Butman</i>
		Marilyn Christian	<i>Michael and Karen Graziade</i>
	11:00 am	Georgia M. Emma, 23rd Anniv.	<i>The Desharnais Family</i>
		George Bragle	<i>The Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of October 8, 2017

Sunday	Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43
Monday	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11: 1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 22:1-14