

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 28 - 29, 2017, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Amanda Smith & Dan Coffey	Morgan Leonard & Meerab Gill	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Colleen Flynn & David Rothfuss	Lois Smith & Jim Moran	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Nylis & Herman Reinhold	Casey Holstein & Kayleigh Bigwarfe	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Bill Burkhard	Eileen Desharnais & Katie Desharnais	3

Pastor's Corner

St. Thomas Parish Picnic - OCTOBER-FEST 2017~ TODAY, 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. **ALL ARE INVITED.**

New Parish App Coming Soon! ~ In two weeks, **November 4-5**, St Thomas the Apostle will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St Thomas the Apostle and better engaging the New Evangelization. Please watch the bulletin in the next couple of weeks for more details on the official launch.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Mary Frances Hoff whose funeral was held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

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

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for All Saints and All Souls Day Masses

~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the All Saints Day Masses on Wednesday, November 1 at 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. and the All Souls Day Mass on Thursday, November 2 at 12:15 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve. Thank you for volunteering for these valuable ministries.

All Souls Day, November 2 at 7 p.m. Bilingual Rosary ~ Our Pueblo to People Committee invites you to pray the rosary in Spanish and English at 7 p.m. in the Church. You, too, are invited to bring pictures of loved ones you wish to remember in prayer in our Altar for the Dead for that evening. Bring your family and learn about this faith tradition! Refreshments to follow the rosary.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Everyone has something to give to society; no one is excluded from contributing to the good of all," - Pope Francis.

PASTORAL CARE WEEK is 10/22-10/28! ~ We have close to **200 Pastoral Care Volunteers** who continue to provide spiritual support in a variety of ways to members of our parish. **THANK YOU ~** for your devoted ministry! Visit our website to see the number of opportunities available to you. We would love to have you join us!

Hospital Visitation Ministry ~ Would you like to join us? Our team 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.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

First Eucharist family prep classes begin this weekend ~ The first sessions will be Sunday, October 22 at 8:15 a.m. or Monday October 23 at 6 p.m. in the school media center. These first mandatory sessions are for parents only. Babysitting will be provided by our Middle School and High School Faith Formation students. Attend whichever one of these two sessions is more convenient for you.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There will be no Faith Formation classes during the week of October 31, November 1 and November 2. All families are encouraged to attend Mass on Wednesday, November 1 for the holy day of obligation, All Saints Day.

Our annual toiletry collection for St. John / St. Ann's begins this week and continues through November 9. Please bring donations with you when you bring your kids for faith formation classes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Middle and High School classes are going well! We are two weeks into our first "semester". Just a reminder we will **NOT** have classes the week of October 31-November 2.

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

Safe Environment Training for Grades 6-8 will be held during class the week of November 7-9. Additional information will be emailed home next week.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Spooktacular Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale is next Sunday, October 29, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. All proceeds to benefit this year's NCYC Team! Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Hall after all Masses and in our Faith Formation Office during the week. Cost is \$6.00 per ticket or 4 for \$20.

NEXT WEEKEND, we will honor our "Spectacular" Catechists, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Volunteers for echoing God's Word as Disciples of Christ! God bless you for making a difference!

MASS! DINNER! SERVICE! ~ We will be celebrating our first Teen Family Mass on November 4 at 5 p.m. A pot luck dinner follows in the school Café. WE are collecting over the next two weeks NEW warm winter hats, gloves, socks, fleece throws and packs of adult underwear for HUGS, a program that provides warmth to our homeless. After dinner, families will put together **Hats, U** (fleece throws or underwear), **Gloves**, and **Socks** for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless for Christmas. Please sign up in the Make a Difference Binder or email Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Please invite your friends, neighbors and family to join us for our PreK-8th Grade Open House on Saturday, November 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-noon at St. Thomas the Apostle School ~ We offer personalized attention, small group learning, advanced studies, classroom performance validated on both the state and national levels, Music, Art and Physical Education begins in PreK, World Language begins in kindergarten, transportation and financial aid may be available. We are a co-ed PreK3-8th Grade school where each and every student is empowered to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment that is rich in Catholic tradition. To RSVP for our Open House, please contact Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or call Jennifer Murphy at [\(518\) 439-5573](tel:5184395573).

Did you know? ~ Every St. Thomas class participates in service projects all school year long. Some of the organizations that students are working with this year include Ronald McDonald House, Reilly House, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, South End Children's Café, Bishop Maginn and St. Thomas Food Pantries, Bishop Maginn's Refugee Program and Water for South Sudan.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas Tigers Soccer Team! ~ The Tigers' winning streak continues! They are now 4-0. **Go Tigers!**

Please join us for the **3rd Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint & Socialize Event** on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., for wine, dessert, and painting a beautiful canvas through guided instruction. This event is open to the ladies of St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish and their friends. To reserve your seat, \$25 per person (must be 21 & over), RSVP to Jennifer Murphy at St. Thomas the Apostle School by November 3 with payment made to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. Please provide the number of guests attending, names of attendees, and one email contact to Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or contact Jennifer Murphy at [\(518\) 439-5573](tel:5184395573). Printed invitations/sign-up forms are available in the Gathering Hall and the school lobby. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your space before it's too late. All proceeds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School, and we thank you for your continued support!

Community

THANK YOU ~ The Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team had a successful "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, and wish to thank Thomas Kane, Principal at St. Thomas School and Peter Bukowski, Facilities Manager for their assistance with the various arrangements concerning this event.

Creation Care Team

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

Caring for Our Common Home ~ On Sunday, October 15, a large gathering of family groups gathered in prayer with our pastor Father Berberian to begin our first parish **“Walk for Water”** to raise funding for our parish well project in Kenya and to grow in awareness of the need to be in support and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in areas of the world that do not have the basic human right of water. Family groups walked the “Rail Trail” in Delmar to show solidarity with the Kivani Community in eastern Kenya, Africa and to celebrate that our parish has raised \$15,000.00 to begin construction of a well and water station for that community. They carried heavy containers of water back to St. Thomas to be aware of what children and women are required to do daily to insure that water is available for their communities.

The incredible news is that we raised over \$700 in our “Walk for Water” which places us in a position to fund a second well in a needed area. We owe so much gratitude to our parish community who has embraced this with their hearts and faith.

The Creation Care Team would like to thank our Pastor Father David Berberian for his leadership and support and for leading us in a reflection on the meaning of water in our faith and as an essential right for all peoples. We would like to thank Paul Supple for leading us in song and prayer, Mary Ann Bruno, our nurse, to insure that all walkers were safe on the trail, for the art of our wonderful students Nick Verdichizzi, Clarissa Ball, Cayla Schubmehl, and John Kropp who worked under the direction of St. Thomas School art teacher Denise Chonski who designed the painted wells representing the villages in the Kivani Community. If you missed this event, we believe that this will be a new St. Thomas tradition so watch for the announcements and get out your walking shoes!

Christian Service

Sacrificial Giving Committee ~ The Sacrificial Giving Committee, on behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle, recently approved donations to the following organizations: **Mary’s Corner** for baby formula, **Circles of Mercy** to purchase CDTA bus cards for client transportation to medical appointments and diapers for children whose mothers are under the poverty level, and the **Delmar Fire Department**. 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.

Christian Service

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

Grocery Gift Cards for St. JOHN’S/ST. ANN’S OUT-REACH CENTER are being requested for assistance in providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the poor of Albany’s South End. You can help by donating Price Chopper, Hannaford or Shop Rite gift cards that will be used to purchase food items for the baskets. Please place them (labeled “St. John’s/St. Ann’s”) in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Stopping Envelopes While You Are Away ~ If you receive offertory envelopes and plan to be away during the coming months, please let us know and we can temporarily stop your envelopes. The December/January envelopes are ordered on November 1, so please let us know by that date. Thanks.

World Mission Sunday ~ THIS SUNDAY we will celebrate World Mission Sunday in solidarity with missions throughout the world. Your generosity is appreciated.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
October 14-15**

Offertory	\$13,139.71
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$860.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,999.71
Tithe from this Offertory	\$699.99
Catholic Charities	\$3,708.19

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	10/22	12 pm	Parish Picnic	Elm Ave. Park
Sun	10/22	5 pm	Living Rosary	CH
Thu	10/26	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sun	10/29	9 am	RCIA Weekly 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 October 23 - October 27, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Jane McMahon <i>Loretta Carney</i>
		Mary Hoffman <i>Adrienne and Joe Petrillo</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Dorothy Schwarz <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Jane McMahon <i>Arlene Grady</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Charles Jones Casey <i>Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Buckley</i>
		Thomas D. Davey <i>Barry and Joan Isbister</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Kevin St. James <i>The Family</i>
		Cathy Walsh - Living Intentions <i>Arlene Grady</i>

Next Weekend, October 28-29, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Art Roberts <i>Adele Nucci</i>
		Brian Cushman <i>Paula, Carly, and Kristen</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Anna Gadomski <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
		Albert J. Rodriguez <i>Bruce and Denise Szelest and Family</i>
	9:30 am	Carmelo Papa <i>Severena Papa and Family</i>
		Rev. Eugene R. Hamilton <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
	11:00 am	For The People

Scripture Readings: Week of October 22, 2017

Sunday	Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21
Monday	Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Rom 5:12-15b, 17-19, 20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16
Sunday	Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40