

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 4:00 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel or anytime by appointment.

**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, April 14-15, 2018, Third Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Ehring & Lynne Lenhardt	Julie Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Anthony Scisci & Colleen Flynn	Jim Moran & Nancy Chiu	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Marianne Conophy	Carolyn Kolberg & Meagan Kolberg	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bob Conway & Peggy Hogan-Rao	John Henry Walters & Katie Desharnais	3

## Pastor's Corner

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Patty Corsi and Sarah Matrose who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; and Jennifer Manziano and Emily Pringle who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Community and received Confirmation and Eucharist.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Aiden Craig Lineberry and Mae Anne Markiewicz.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** ~ Shirley and Charles Unser Jr.

## Prayer & Worship



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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Josephine A. Burns whose funeral was held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Do not let a day pass without doing some good in it."** ~ St. Philip Neri

**Pastoral Care Support** ~ Our Pastoral Care Department can provide support to you in your time of need. We provide consultation, referral and educational materials on a variety of topics and issues in a confidential manner. Contact Maura for more assistance.

**Are you or a loved one no longer able to get to Mass due to illness or injury?** We can arrange for you to receive Communion at home. Contact Maura for more information.

**Moving to a senior living community or nursing home?** ~ Please let Maura know so that we can continue to provide support to you in your new home. Many times we do not know when and where people have moved after a hospitalization or illness.

**Knitting, Quilting, and Crocheting with Love** ~ Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. The business portion will be first and then the group will share ideas and supplies. This group is putting together beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. If you are interested in joining this group or have further questions, please contact Christina Ryan at 439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura. All are welcome.

**"Tools for Caregivers"** ~ The Capital Region Caregiver Coalition will offer their 11<sup>th</sup> annual event on Saturday, April 14 at Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle, Albany from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops, continental breakfast, caregiver healing touch, vendor resource fair will all be offered. Free. Advanced registration is required. Contact Angela at [crcereg@gmail.com](mailto:crcereg@gmail.com) or 518-248-3807. For more information visit [www.capitalregioncaregiver.com](http://www.capitalregioncaregiver.com)

**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.

## Faith Formation

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

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**Preparations for Next Year are Underway!!** ~ For the 2018-19 year, elementary classes for grades 1-5 will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday only. **Registration begins tomorrow!!** Be sure to register early to take advantage of our early bird special; \$15 off your total registration fee!!!

As we begin to accept registrations for next year, we will also anxiously be **seeking volunteers to staff next year's program. Catechists, class assistants and gatekeepers** will be needed to cover all classes, days and times. Please contact the faith formation office to find out how you can give your time and talent to this most wonderful ministry!!

**First Eucharist celebrations** begin next week and will be held the weekends of April 14-15 and April 21-22. We have 79 children in total from St. Thomas school and our elementary faith formation program preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist. Please pray for them and their families as they complete their preparation and plan for this most joyous occasion.

## Second Sunday of Easter

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Confirmation rehearsal and retreat** will begin immediately following today's 11:00 a.m. Mass. Students, parents and sponsors should plan to stay for the rehearsal. Only students will remain for the retreat which begins after rehearsal and ends at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Registration for the 2018-19 school year is underway!**

~ The updated registration form can be found on the website.

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Special thanks** to our young church who participated in our Middle School Holy Week Experience. We could not have done it without our team leaders: Fr. Berberian, Kailee Harrigan, Katherine Bernasconi, Josh Bates, Regan Leary, Emily Szelest, and Jeff Bates! **God is Good! All the Time!**

**High School Family Earth Day Picnic** is on April 22, 12:15-2 p.m. in the school. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall. Fun, Service, and learn about summer opportunities here in the diocese. Please sign up for a dish to share, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

**Save the Dates:** Spring Enrichment special programming for teens and young adults. **BE THE CHURCH, Thursday, May 17** at St. Rose College, 4-8 p.m. Key note speaker for teens is Chris Padgett. More information to come.

**Special thanks** to our students who took the time to educate us on the importance of caring for God's Creation by submitting a work of art to our "Change of Heart Display." Kayla Ennis, Nyla Brown, Matty Kelly-Haler, Emily Dievendorf, Isabella Faiola, Clarissa Ball, Caleb Frezza, Delia Snye, Alexa Colabufo, Tyler Harrigan, Ethan Roe, Kaitlin Stokes, Jared Scharf, Olivia Skuza, Claudia Skuza, Michelle Moczulski, Emma Greenblatt, Molly McGraw, and Aidan Scharf.

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

**Now Accepting Applications for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2018-2019 school year** ~ Come and learn how we prepare our students to learn, succeed and lead. We believe in the importance of establishing a solid foundation in which students explore and live their faith, love to learn, know how to find the answers, and think critically. Our students are prepared and supported through the challenges of middle school, so that they are as prepared as they can be for high school, college and life beyond. To schedule a tour or for more information please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

**Did you know?** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle school offers a variety of summer camps open to rising 4-year-old preschoolers through current 8th graders. **No need to be a St. Thomas student to attend.** This year's camps will include Clay Creations, Basketball Camp, Creative Writing, Programming, Trivia

Camp and much more. Flyers and registration forms are available in the Gathering Hall. For more information, contact Erica Fox at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or [efox@stthomas-school.org](mailto:efox@stthomas-school.org).

### St. Thomas School 11th Annual Garage Sale!

- **Donation drop off day- April 12, 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.**
- **Pre-sale - April 13, 4 - 7:30 p.m., \$5 Admission**
- **Sale - April 14, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$2 bag sale starts at 1 p.m.**

### Creation Care Team

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

**"Spring Cleaning" Your Habits** ~ Spring cleaning can be more than scrubbing the house. It can be a time of new growth, built on the foundation of creation-friendly habits begun during Lent: prayer, giving of ourselves to help others and fasting from acts that harm creation. We can "toss out" the habits that damage God's creation, replacing them with practices that promote the just sharing of resources, facilitate conservation and open the door to compassionate care for all.

Consider these opportunities for **"cleaning your house"** of bad habits and **"growing"** more creation-friendly practices:

- **Google** some "low-tech" solutions to household cleaners that use non-toxic agents such as vinegar, baking soda and lemons. Save money and save creation.
- **Reduce** waste when cleaning: avoid paper products, instead use cloths or sponges which can be washed and re-used.
- **Buy** local produce, reduce your carbon footprint. Support the **Delmar Farmers Market**. This environmentally-concerned Farmers' Market is banning the use of plastic bags by its vendors when it begins its 10<sup>th</sup> season May 5. They will be providing vendors the option of using 100 percent post-consumer, waste-recycled paper bags though that can be composted as well. <https://mailchi.mp/cc8d59eff25b/news-from-the-delmar-farmers-market?e=%5BUNIQID%5D>
- **Research** a company's sustainability efforts before buying products.
- **Like** a product; but are unhappy with the excess packaging it comes in... Let the company know. Change happens when consumers speak.
- **Decrease** waste, limit your use of single-use items
- **Join** with fellow parishioners in support of the St. Thomas TerraCycle project. Learn about the project, what items can be recycled and how it benefits people in need by reading the display copy in the Gathering Hall. Items from toothpaste tubes to foil-lined granola bar wrappers are being collected in this project.
- **Participate** in the St. Thomas School Garage Sale April 13 -14 by recycling your unneeded and gently used merchandise.
- **Open** the door to new friendships, be a Parish or community volunteer. Check the bulletin for opportunities to serve others.



**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.

**Community**

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults:** Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on Friday, April 20. 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, April 16.

**Parishioners:** If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with cupcakes. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

**A Place at the Table** ~ Join us! On Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Catholic Charities Tri-County Services is inaugurating A Place at the Table, a luncheon to benefit our five Outreach Programs: Sr. Maureen Joyce Center, Roarke Center, Hilltowns Community Resource Center, CoNSERNS-U and St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center.

A compelling program will be offered that illustrates the needs within our communities and the ways in which Catholic Charities is making a difference. Each attendee will have an opportunity to support our mission by making a gift at the event. For information contact Justine Carroll at [jcarroll@ccalbany.org](mailto:jcarroll@ccalbany.org) or by phone at [518-512-3577](tel:518-512-3577) x115.

**Volunteers Needed** ~ Do you have a passion for helping seniors? Do you have 2-3 hours a week to commit to a program that makes a difference for nursing home residents and their families? Certified Volunteer Ombudsmen visit nursing homes, assisted living facilities and family type homes weekly. Ombudsmen help residents and their families understand and exercise their rights to quality care and quality of life. Training sessions will be held May 15-17, 22 and 23. Please contact Erin Plonka at [518\) 372-5667](tel:518-372-5667) or [eplonka@cathcharschdy.org](mailto:eplonka@cathcharschdy.org) for more information.

**Administration**

*(Contact: Pat Holm)*

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Offertory	\$16,303.33
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,653.00
Total Offertory Received	\$17,956.33
Tithe from this Offertory	\$897.82
<b>Easter</b>	
Offertory	\$34,307.00
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,058.00
Total Offertory Received	\$35,365.00
<b>Holy Land</b>	\$1,170.00

**Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!**

**Calendar**

Sat/Sun	4/7-8	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	4/8	9 am	RCIA Class	LCR
Mon	4/9	5 pm	Alzheimer's Care Team	GH
Mon	4/9	6:30 pm	Scouts for Religious Emblem Awards	GH
Tue	4/10	7 pm	Pastoral Council	LCR
Wed	4/11	2 pm	Knitting and Quilting Group	GH
Thu	4/12	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	4/15	9 am	RCIA Class	LCR

**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:**

Donated by.....	In Memory of or To Commemorate
Family.....	Herbert Leisenfelder
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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

**Mass Intentions**  
*For the Week of April 9 - April 13, 2018*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Richard Gainey</b> <i>Mary and Tom Bigelow</i>
		<b>Loretta Carney</b> <i>Al and Jeanne Schrempf</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Mary Ann Krulcik</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Gilligan</i>
		<b>Joseph Masone</b> <i>Anthony and Joanne Martino</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>William P. McKeough, 1st Anniv</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Thomas J. DeBerry</b> <i>Rick and Sandi Riccio</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Anna Carroll</b> <i>Candace and Anita</i>
		<b>Kathleen Buck, 1st Anniv.</b> <i>Bob and Johanna Shogan and Family</i>

**Next Weekend, April 14-April 15, 2018**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Gilda DeLucia, 23rd Anniv.</b> <i>Her Family</i>
		<b>Tricia Holden</b> <i>Carol Tomlin</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Geraldine Campione, 19th Anniv.</b> <i>Her Family</i>
		<b>Michael and Gail Dwyer</b> <i>The Family</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Daniel B. Giddens, 59th Anniv.</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Victor Zaccardo, 22nd Anniv.</b> <i>The Family</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of April 8, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Is 7:10-14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15</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>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48</b>