

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, April 15-16, 2017, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
8:00 p.m.	Father Hayes			
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	As scheduled on Easter sign-up sheets		
9:30 a.m.	Father Hayes			
11:00 a.m.	Father Hayes			

Father Tom's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Matthew and Katherine DeSieno and their daughter, Lena, of Stonegate Drive, Rensselaer; Tim and Megan Bertrand and their daughter Remi of Bridle Path, Selkirk; Joe and Flo Sabella of Delaware Ave., Delmar.

UNIDOS EN CRISTO – UNITED IN CHRIST ~ We have a limited number of these missalettes for those whose first language is Spanish. Copies are available on the top of the organ console in the church. The new issue runs from Holy Week to Pentecost. They are free for the taking.

EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR ~ Upon the recommendation of Adele Nucci, one of our parish Trustees, we have installed an emergency defibrillator. It is located near the bulletin boards in the Gathering Hall close to the main church entrance. Please note the location of this device in case we need to use it during an emergency.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE ~ Good Friday is a day of fasting (limiting the consumption of food) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat). Therefore, all Catholics, 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat. All Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused.

LENTEN ALMS ~ Whatever money you might save through the Lenten tradition of "Giving something up for Lent" can be placed in the Lenten Alms envelope to be collected at the Holy Thursday Mass. Funds raised in this way will be given to our Sister Parish communities in Yucatan, Mexico.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper will be on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The church will remain open for adoration until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord will begin at 7:30 p.m. We will also have Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

EASTER VIGIL ~ The Easter Vigil is scheduled for after sunset, so this year it will be on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. We will have the regular schedule on Easter Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

REHEARSALS ~ There will be a rehearsal for participants in the Holy Thursday liturgy on Tuesday evening at

7:00 p.m. in the church. The rehearsal for the Good Friday service will be on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday at 11 a.m. for the participants in the Easter Vigil.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Louis Dempf, Herb Leisenfelder and Salvatore Schiavo whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Prayer & Worship

Ministers Needed for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgies ~ Sign-up sheets are available on the oval table near the church foyer if you are able to serve as an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister or Lector. See Father Tom's Corner for rehearsal schedules. Please do not sign up to serve as an acolyte on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or for the Easter Vigil Mass unless you are able to attend the rehearsal. Thank you for serving!

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

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

Looking for ways to give of yourself this Lent? There are many ways to become involved with 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.

Is a family member hospitalized? Please let the Pastoral Care office at the **hospital** know that you are from St. Thomas Parish so you can be put on the HIPPA list and can receive parish visits. Due to privacy policies, we may not know that you have been admitted.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last two years, is currently full. Please contact Maura Barrett if you would like to be placed on the waiting list and/or would like more information about the program or other bereavement resources. Current attendees please note the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please let Maura know if you are unable to attend.**

Save The Date! Our Annual Pastoral Care Ministry Mini-Retreat Day for all **St. Thomas Pastoral Care** volunteers will be held on **Wednesday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Gathering Hall.** More details to come!

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

5th grade moving up ceremony will be Monday, April 10 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. 5th graders and their families are invited for an hour of prayer, information for next year, song, and refreshments as we celebrate your 5th graders moving up to our middle school program!

It's time to register for next year's classes! ~ Updated registration forms are now available on our church website, www.stthomas-church.org, by clicking on the "Forms and Downloads" link. You can also get and/or leave forms in the school lobby when you come for classes next week, or by stopping by the Faith formation offices during office hours. Once again, we are offering an 'Early Bird Special' for those submitting their completed forms by May 31, 2017!

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

The next Confirmation retreat is Sunday, April 30
~ Students should bring their Confirmation essay and service forms (if completed) to the school after the 11:00 Mass. Also, if you haven't submitted your son/daughter's picture, please drop it off in the box on the table between the church and the Gathering Hall marked "Confirmation Paperwork and Pictures".

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Thank you for accepting the challenge! ~ YOU DID IT! Sr. Margret Mary Director of Cathedral Social Services thanks you for your participation in our Lenten Quarters for

Seniors Program. Forty five senior citizens will receive a personal Easter Card, decorated potted prim rose and \$10 gift card to Price Chopper! YOU made a DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for your "Gold Nuggets" travel size toiletries for the homeless!

Special thanks to Deacon Al Schrempf and Lauren Numrich Youth Minister from St. Pius X for leading us in Adoration and Benediction this past Sunday evening. **And thank you for accepting Jesus's invitation!**

We still have lots of **Lenten WATER BINGO Cards** in the Gathering Hall! It's not too late! Please return on Easter Sunday.

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

What makes St. Thomas the Apostle School stand apart is not something tangible. It is the feeling that you get when you walk through the doors of the building. Students are empowered to achieve excellence in a Christ-centered environment with a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Applications are being accepted for **September, 2016**. Limited openings are available in **Preschool 4 – Gr. 7**. We invite you to learn more about St. Thomas the Apostle School. To schedule a tour or shadow day for your child, contact Carmel Foltan or visit www.stthomas-school.org.

What are your kids doing this summer? ~ From the circus to the kitchen and a lot in between, our summer camp has a little something for everyone! Open to children (need not be a St. Thomas School student to attend) entering Preschool 4 – Grade 6. \$200 Per Week for full-time attendance; \$110 per week for part-time attendance. Reduced rates for the week of July 4. 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! For more information, call (518) 439-5573 or visit www.stthomas-school.org. Register today! Limited space available. Week 1 – June 26 – 30, Week 2 – July 3 - 7 (Closed on July 4), Week 3 – July 10 – 14, Week 4 – July 17 – 21, Week 5 – July 24 – 28.

Caring for Our Common Home

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

Caring for Our Common Home ~ As we enter our high Holy Days and spring begins to break around us, let us remember the gift of the earth. Pope Francis reminds us that **"God does not only give us life: he gives us the Earth, he gives us all of creation...he gives human beings a task, he gives us a mission"**. Our national priorities have shifted from international leadership in caring for the earth to decisions that can harm the earth and its people.

As we care for our own pieces of “earth”, let us be aware of our mission and contact our state and national leaders to express our concerns and give support to those working to care for all of creation.

Action steps for households:

- Remember to return your Water Bingo cards and submit your family’s name for prizes that will be given on Earth Day, April 22.
- Take the time to enjoy the creativity and commitment of our young people who entered posters on concern and care for the gift of water displayed in the Gathering Area.
- Share and discuss this week’s Lenten bulletin insert and its theme **“Gratitude and Generosity”** with your family and take one concrete step to embrace caring for our earth more intentionally

Community

Fr. Tom's Retirement Festivities ~ As many of you know, Fr. Tom will be retiring at the end of April after over 40 years in ministry. To honor his dedication and service, there are several parish events planned. On Saturday, April 22, we will gather for a celebration in the school auditorium from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Light fare will be served. Additionally, following all Masses on the weekend of April 29/30, we will hold hospitality in the Gathering Hall so that everyone has an opportunity to personally thank Fr. Tom for his many years of sacrifice and many gifts to the parish!

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be our Spring Fling on **Friday, April 21**. Spring is here! Top it off by wearing a hat to the luncheon. 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. If possible, please bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, April 17**.

2nd Annual Road to Emmaus Men’s Conference “In the Footsteps of the Saints” ~ Please join us for a day of fellowship on April 29th at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. With support from the Albany Diocese Office of Vocations, the day will include several presentations from renowned Catholic author and speaker Patrick Madrid (www.patrickmadrid.com). The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration will be offered along with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger. More details and registration can be found online at www.albany-emmaus.org.

St. John's/St Ann's Outreach Center Spring Run-off is Saturday April 29 at the Corning Preserve. 5K and 10K both start at 9:00 a.m. Register at ZippyReg.org. .

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)

Annual Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday ~ On Good Friday our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect Christianity’s holiest shrines. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for living their faith. Please help by giving to the collection on Good Friday.

Counters Needed for Easter Collection ~ All “Counters” who are available to count the Easter collection on Monday, April 17 at 9 a.m. are asked to sign up at the oval table next to the church foyer. Thanks!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
April 1-2, 2017**

Offertory	\$13,881.56
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$2,160.00
Total Offertory Received	\$16,041.56
Tithe from this Offertory	\$802.08

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	4/9	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Tue	4/11	7 & 7:30pm	Rehearsal- Holy Thursday and Good Friday Ministers	CH
Thu	4/13	7:30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper	CH
Fri	4/14	2 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Fri	4/14	7:30 pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion	CH
Sat	4/15	11 am	Rehearsal for Vigil Mass	CH
Sat	4/15	8 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	CH

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 April 10 - April 14, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Kathleen Buck <i>Helen Schaffhauser</i>
		Diane Petruzzella <i>Mr. and Robert Ricciuti</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Carl Mancini <i>Tom Finnigan</i>
		Joseph Tironi <i>The Morris Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Gerald Campione, 15th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Morgan Kelly <i>Terry and Mary Ann Mitchell</i>
Thurs.	7:30 pm	Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri.	7:30 pm	Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Next Weekend, April 15-16, 2017

Sat.	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil For the People
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	For the People

Scripture Readings: Week of April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday	Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66
Monday	Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn13:1-15
Good Friday	Is:52:13-53:12 / Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil	Gn 1:1, 26-31a / Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Is 55:1-11 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mt 28:1-10
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9