

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 22-23, 2017, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Hayes	Sandra Flynn & Paul Edmundson	Morgan Leonard & Raegan Ehring	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Hayes	Colleen Flynn & Jeff Conklin	Shayla Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Hayes	Elizabeth Kerins & Herman Reinhold	Ann-Marie Kolberg & Gabrielle Richards	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Cahill & Jack Canning	Eileen Deshanais & Sean Deshanais	3

Father Tom's Corner

Visit stthomas-church.org! ~ Our Parish website had a makeover and now boasts a more contemporary design, new features and is easier to use. You'll find updates for all our ministries, enjoy photos of the people and events around our parish, make connections to the school and faith formation, get tweets from Pope Francis and more. Point your browser to stthomas-church.org from any computer or mobile device.

A WORD OF THANKS is in order to all those who volunteered their time, talent and energy to work on the various ceremonies during this time of year. The church environment committee has provided a beautiful setting for the liturgies. The musicians have practiced many hours. The various liturgical ministers have fulfilled their roles with dignity and decorum. Thanks to all.

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.

Prayer & Worship

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)

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.

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.**

Our Meal Ministry Team provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support, OR if you would like to join the team** please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

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)

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 "Education" 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!

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds will resume next Sunday, April 23, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and will continue through the summer. Registration is NOT required! If your family is here for Mass, your children are most welcome to attend our Children's Liturgy program. Additional catechists are needed to lead the lessons on a rotating basis.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Please contact the Faith Formation office if interested in helping out with this wonderful program!!

First Eucharist Celebrations will begin next weekend, April 22/23 and continue through May 20/21. Please pray for our young parishioners and their families as they are welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the first time!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION
(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Well done! ~ A special thank you to the 8th and 9th grade celebrants at the teen Stations of the Cross: Meghan Bucher, Michelle Moczulski, Jeremy Martelle, Kate Davenport, Julia Garrison, Joey Mocerine, Maia Coleman, Kiersten Murray, Emma Brown, Amy Burdick, Celia DeCancio, Maeve Engelbride, Abby Hepfer, Katie Kirby, Catherine Jantson, Anna-Jeanne Staerker, Nick Zigrosser, Cameron Nichols, and to greeters Ryan Jeffers and Ryan Teplitzky. Also, special thanks to our leaders Ed Gilligan and Bridget Zigrosser.

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)

Special shout out to our Confirmation students and catechists, along with Scott Robinson's class for an **awesome week of service**. The First Communion Book-markers; personal Easter Greeting cards, decorated potted plants, magnets for homebound seniors and 100 brown bag lunches for the Capital City Rescue Mission were most appreciated! **You made the difference!**

Please check out the Summer Binder in the Gathering Hall for leadership and service camps offered by the Albany Diocese! You don't want to miss out on the fun!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! Wishing you and your family a joyous Easter with family and friends!

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

Happy Easter! ~ "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29). Wishing you the gift of Faith at Easter and always ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Caring for Our Common Home

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

Caring for Our Common Home ~ At the Easter Vigil we hear again the story of creation from the Book of Genesis. As the story unfolds and the earth comes to life "**God saw how good it was**" and entrusted the care of the waters, lands, plants, animals, and humankind to each of us – down through the ages. We are the caretakers. As we celebrate the most profound truth of our faith, that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and lives with us and in us, let us give thanks and celebrate by taking on a renewed responsibility to care for the earth and all who share this home with us. Alleluia!

Action steps for households:

- April 22 is Earth Day. Celebrate by participating in community events, enjoying this vacation week whether you are at home or away, and caring for your own piece of earth as spring returns to the Town of Bethlehem.
- Thank you for your support of our recyclable grocery bags. We ask you to use them and to share the meaning with family and friends. We are using the profit from the 2nd sale to build a well in Africa – an ambitious project! Donations are accepted towards this goal. Checks may be written to *St. Thomas the Apostle Church* with a designation of *Water Project* in the memo line.

Community

Fr. Tom's Retirement Festivities ~ As many of you know, Fr. Tom will be retiring at the end of April after 44 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. . . 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**.

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

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

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 7-8, 2017**

Offertory contribution information for April 7-8 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	4/19	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR1
Wed	4/19	7 pm	Public Policy	GH
Thu	4/20	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Fri	4/21	12:15 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sun	4/23	9 am	RCIA 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

Thank you to the following, who made donations for our Easter Altar Flowers:

Donated by Tom and Colleen Flynn The Swiader Family The Zigrosser Family Eileen Murphy Karen Jones The Family Barb Eames Susan O'Connor Bidell Family Bella McCarroll and Family Amanda Engels Roseann and Frank Commisso Elizabeth Santa Santa Barbara Shirley Lawson Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Frangella The Wildzunas Family Julian and Loucille Miana Jim and Mary Ellen Moshier Gail and Mark Pietrafasa Margaret M. Otto and David Mr. and Mrs. James E. McCormick Kathleen and George W. Bragle Fran Underwood Tanya Underwood Arlene LaDuke Bernard and Hazel TeRiele Mariangela Miller Anne, Janine and Trooper Cantalupo Pat Kottage Russo Family Edmundson Family Mom and Dad Adele Nucci The Grobecker Family The Ruggirellos Tom and Carolyn Baker Gerard Pallante The Healey Family Robert and Roseann Taranto Mary Jo Cronin Hospodar Family Diane and Beatrice McMullen Rose Newell	In Memory of or To Commemorate Linda Libertucci, Tony Libertucci Patrick and Daniel Whyte Ruth Murphy Marie and Harry Mathison John and James Deragon Family Thomas and Patricia O'Connor John F. Bidell Walter J. McCarroll Mary Kelly The Russo, Commisso, Mussolino, Santoro and Bintz Families Michael and Delphia Santa Barbara Family The Frangella and Lindsay Families John and Veronica Wildzunas Manuel Miana Capt. Timothy Moshier Deceased Members of McCormick and Gravel Families Rev. Eugene R. Hamilton, Helen and George Bragle, Catherine and James P. Burns Rev. James M. Cribbs, Sr. Rita Haber Montes and Dottino Families Clayton Powell Nelson LaDuke The Benway and TeRiele Families Marcello Miller Deceased Loved Ones Alexander Kottage Russo and DeCrescenzo.Families Deceased Loved Ones Joseph A. Emma III Adalgisa and Ida Nucci Deceased Family Members Loved Ones Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker and Don Baker Nolan Thomas Healey Marcelle and Taranto Families Kenneth and Josephine Kellogg Deceased Family and Friends Boyle, Crilley, Elliott, Lunney, McGowan and McMullen Families Atanasio, Schepisi and Newell Families
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Other flower donations by: Anonymous

Mass Intentions

For the Week of April 17 - April 21, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Muriel Welch <i>The Family</i>
		Thomas Dexter <i>The Family</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Robert Sheehan, 1st Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Duncan L. and Devin P. Barry
Wed.	7:30 am	Kathleen Buck. <i>Helen Schaffhauser</i>
		Priests and Religious
Fri.	7:12:15 pm	Alex Gadonski Jr. <i>Alice and Mike</i>
		Muriel Welch <i>The Family</i>

Next Weekend, April 22-23, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	For the People
Sun.	8:00 am	Christine Cirillo <i>Her Family</i>
		Charles Kolber <i>His Family</i>
	9:30 am	Walter McCarroll <i>His Family</i>
		Carmelo Papa <i>Severina Papa & Family</i>
	11:00 am	Margaret Mayer <i>Her Family</i>
		Marie Grassucci <i>Agnes DeAngelis and Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16: 9-15
Next Sunday	Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20: 19-31