

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, September 16-17, 2017, Twenty Fourth 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	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Mary Richards & Anthony Scisci	Isabel Scisci & Kailee Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Herman Reinhold	Morgan Sears & Andrew Thorp	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Bob Conway	Eileen Desharnais & John Henry Walters	3

Pastor's Corner

2017 STORM SEASON COLLECTION ~ THIS WEEKEND we will take up a **second collection** for the 2017 storm season, which includes victims of Hurricane Harvey. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas Church, indicating "2017 Storm Season Relief" in the memo section. 100% of the donations will go to Catholic Charities to respond to victims needs.

St. Thomas Parish Picnic - OCTOBERFEST ~ Sunday, October 22, 12- 4 p.m. at Elm Ave. Park, Delmar. Free Food, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. Bouncy-Bounce for the children, 50-50 raffle. For further information and to volunteer, please call one of our 3 co-chairs: Bruce McShane at 518-928-3035, Paul Supple at 518-221-7125 or Steve Corson at 518-439-3286. Baked Goods are needed, please call Steve/Christine Corson at 518-439-3286. **ALL ARE INVITED.**

Please welcome the following new parishioners to St Thomas: Tracy and Jessica Greeley, and their children, Nicholas and Maddox; Julie Brennan; Mariah Hebert and John Richards and their daughter, Jenna; Christopher and Kelly McCloskey and their children, William and Harrison; Brianne and Matthew Molitor and their children, Shea and Ryder; Jennifer and Dave Breiner and their son, Dante; Howard Tracy; Patricia Marccone; Katie and Matthew Decker and their daughter Lyla.

Congratulations to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Jenna Elizabeth Catherine Richards, Emerson Duke Rickert and Arya Isabelle Sterling.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 510 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$200,882 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Prayer & Worship

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

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace," 1 Peter 4:10.

We welcome you to help us serve members of our parish in any of our Pastoral Care Ministries. Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able.

Adult Funeral Acolytes Needed ~ Do you have a couple of hours now and again, usually in the morning? Supporting our priests and grieving families during funerals is such a gift. Acolytes serve in teams of two; training provided. Service is on an "as needed" basis as your schedule allows. Contact Maura if you are interested in learning more about this ministry opportunity

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will resume on **Wednesday, September 13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Large Conference Room in the parish office. **You must register** with Maura if you are interested in joining this group. For more information, please contact Maura.

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.

Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry ~ You don't have to be an expert to join this amazing team. If you are interested in assisting with putting together knitted, crocheted and quilted blankets and other items for persons in our own community ~ this group is for you! **Guidance can be provided for the novices!** Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer **from anyone who would like to make them.** If you would like to become more active with this group please contact Christina Ryan at 518-439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.** All are welcome.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Elementary Faith Formation classes begin in just a few short weeks!! ~ Please submit your family registration form as soon as possible as some classes have already closed out and others are nearing capacity and may close out very soon! You can download the "Annual Registration Form" from our church web-site, www.stthomas-church.org. If you have any child coming into our program for the first time, you will also need the "New to Faith Formation" form.

Your child's class assignment of day, classroom and catechist (grades 1-5 only) will be emailed to you by the end this week. Once you receive this information, contact our office immediately so any issues can be resolved right away.

Please consider becoming a volunteer with our programs as a class assistant, catechist, or gatekeeper ~ Several vacancies still need to be filled in order to ensure the smooth running of our programs. **WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!** The current needs for our elementary program include:

- 3rd grade class assistants on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- 3rd grade catechist on Thursdays
- 4th grade catechists on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 4th grade class assistant on Thursdays
- Gatekeepers on Wednesdays

Please contact our office to find out how you can be an invaluable volunteer with our program!!

Elementary Volunteer Orientation Meeting is TODAY, Sunday, September 10 in the media center from 12 – 2 p.m. Volunteers will get an overview of the year ahead See you then!!

Parent Orientations for our Elementary program will be held in the Media Center on **Sunday, September 17 at 12 p.m. after Mass and Monday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.** Parents will receive an overview of the program, the schedule of classes for the year and have a chance to have any questions addressed. The meetings will last around one and one half hours. **Please attend the one session that is more convenient for your family.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Catechists and assistants needed for this year! ~ Please consider sharing your faith journey with the young people of our parish. Contact Elizabeth or Colleen in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

School News

Considering a Catholic School Education for your child? It's not too late to enroll! ~ 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.

Recess Aides Wanted ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is looking for a few good people to help at recess from 11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m., 5 days per week. Responsibilities include keeping the children safe on the climbing equipment, helping to monitor games and activities and sometimes playing kickball or four square. Training is provided. These are great positions for responsible people who love working with children and are able to keep up with them. The salary is \$11 an hour, but "the way it will make you feel is priceless". Please contact Principal Tom Kane at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or tkane@stthomas-school.org for more information.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

BOTTLE and CAN Drive after all Masses on September 9 and 10 in front of the school ~ All proceeds and donations will be used for our Parish's Water Project in Africa. We thank you for your support!

This weekend is the only weekend bottles and cans will be accepted here at St. Thomas. We encourage everyone to do their part and continue to recycle using our Hannaford Community Cash CLYNK bags found in the Gathering Hall. We will continue to collect deposits through the fall for our WATER Project. Our goal is \$1000.00 in deposits! **WE CAN DO IT! Thank you for sharing the gift of WATER!**

Bowling for Beef on **Wednesday September 20** (Bethlehem Central has no school on September 21), from **9-11p.m.** at Del lanes in Delmar. The \$13 Cost, which will be collected at the door, includes a \$5.00 donation to Cathedral Social Services Food Pantry for ground beef, 2 games, shoes, a drink and a slice of pizza! Please sign up in Gathering Hall or contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. **Thanks for making a difference by bringing a friend!**

Creation Care Team

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

On Care for Our Common Home ~ Love makes sacrifices for others. Love is service. It is serving others. (Pope Francis, 6/21/15) In big ways and small we can serve each other in love, improving life for the individual, the community and creation as a whole. **When we serve each other, we are caring for creation.**

We can:

- Pray for those who have lost so much as they work to rebuild their lives following Harvey, and the recent storms in Southeast Asia.
- Share financial aid or physical assistance, if possible, for Harvey's victims.
- Participate in our parish can/bottle drive sponsored by Youth Ministry this weekend or pick up a CLYNK bag from Hannaford, fill it with New York State returnable bottles/cans and return it to the store. This project helps us protect our environment and provides funds for our parish project to improve access to clean water for people in need.
- Recycle your used clothing and textiles. Take clean, dry items to the blue recycle bins in the Elm Avenue CDTA Park and Ride. The Town receives valuable revenue from the clothing/textiles donated there. Clothes can be worn, torn, stained.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer. We have our plans set for our next year of events and luncheons. The first luncheon will be on **Friday, September 15**. We will attend mass at 12:15 and then gather for lunch and dessert. For reservations, cancellations and/or transportation, please contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) by **Monday, September 11**. Please encourage a friend to come along with you.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in Sept. we would appreciate cupcakes. Please contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) if you can help with baked goods.

REGISTRATION for the "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, entitled, Earth: Our Common Home, presented by Sr. Linda Neil, will begin after all Masses on September 9 and 10. Members of the Public Policy Ministry will be available to assist you. Sign-up sheets will be at the side entrances of the Church and in the Gathering Hall. Registration will be ongoing.

Christian Service

Sacrificial Giving Committee ~ The Sacrificial Giving Committee, on behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle, recently approved two donations: one to the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center to help with the purchase of a new truck, and the second to fund our parish Senior Luncheon Program. 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.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 26-27

Offertory	\$11,183.66
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,045.00
Total Offertory Received	\$12,228.66
Tithe from this Offertory	\$611.43

Catholic Home Missions \$1,658.00

September 2-3

Offertory	\$12,837.56
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,840.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,677.56
Tithe from this Offertory	\$733.88

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sat-Sun	9/9-10	After All Masses	Bottle/Can Drive	GH, Sch. Front Yard
Sat-Sun	9/9-10	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	9/10	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR1
Tue	9/12	5:30 pm	Acolyte Training	CH
Wed	9/13	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR1
Wed	9/13	7 pm	Creation Care Team	GH
Thu	9/14	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Fri	9/15	12:15 pm	Senior Luncheon	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 September 11- September 15, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Glen Ann Aluise <i>Ed and Marymel Hart</i>
		Constance Mullen Albert <i>Maureen Cahill</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Michael Kane <i>Jerry and Joe Teresi</i>
		Marilyn Soucy <i>The German Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Robert Tigue, 2nd Anniv. <i>Jane Bujold</i>
		Tony Morrell <i>Daile</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Anita Damon <i>Arlene Grady</i>
		John Schmit <i>The Kanuk Family</i>

Next Weekend, September 16-17, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Christina Grant <i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>
		Bill McKeough <i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For The People
Sun.	9:30 am	Carmelo Papa <i>Severena Papa and Family</i>
		Marilyn Soucy <i>Elise Whiting</i>
	11:00 am	George Ziemba <i>The O'Connell Family</i>
		Henry Mayer <i>His Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday	Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20
Monday	Col 1:24-2:3 / Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6: 20-26
Thursday	Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Jn 19:25-27
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35