

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 30-October 1, 2017, Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Dan Coffey	Sarah Gill & Kelsie Apicelli	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Kathy Semenovoff & David Rothfuss	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Paul Connolly	Emily Sagendorph & Kathleen Connolly	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Sarah Comi & Jack Canning	Maggie Walters & Andrew Thorp	2

## Pastor's Corner

**2017 STORM SEASON DONATIONS** ~ We will continue to collect money for the 2017 storm season, which includes victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, **through the end of September**. Please place it in the regular collection basket. 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 victim's needs. We thank you for your extraordinary generosity in support of Hurricane Relief.

**St. Thomas Parish Picnic- OCTOBER-FEST 2017~ 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. For further information and to volunteer, please call one of the "tri-chairs": Bruce McShane at [518-928-3035](tel:518-928-3035), Paul Supple at [518-221-7125](tel:518-221-7125), or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286). There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall after each Mass. Please find an attendance sheet in the Gathering Hall and sign up your family so we can estimate food for all attending. **ALL ARE INVITED.**

**Virtus Training** ~ All staff and volunteers of the parish who are 18 years or older must take a Virtus class in order to work/volunteer with children and vulnerable adults in any capacity in our parish. A Virtus class that fulfills this requirement will be held here at St. Thomas on Sunday, October 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the school media center. Register online by going to the diocesan website, [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org), clicking on the "Protecting Children" tab and then the Virtus Training link. You will be brought to a page that will guide you to 'Sessions and Registration.' Click on our organization, Albany, NY diocese to find this class along with MANY other upcoming sessions offered throughout the diocese and sign up for the one most convenient for you.

**A BIG THANK YOU** ~ For the past 8 years, students from the College of St. Rose have awoken early on a Saturday morning and visited St. Thomas to complete a service project that benefits the school and parish. Two weekends ago, with the help of Paul and Tyler Harrigan, the students cut and removed many dead and overgrown branches from our trees and bushes surrounding the school and church lots. They weeded the flower beds, and swept clean the church and school lots. This partnership with the College of St. Rose is coordinated and supervised by Mike Brady. We thank the students of St. Rose, Mike, Paul and Tyler, for their help in maintaining our grounds. It looks beautiful!

**Calling All Animals** ~ In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, September 30 at 11 a.m. at the School. The blessing will be led by Fr. Berberian and St. Thomas the Apostle School 4th grade and Pre-Kindergarten students. After the Blessing, the 4th grade will have a bake sale and raise money for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. There will also be a collection of refundable bottles and cans and pet supplies to be donated to the shelter. All animals, big and small, are welcome!

## Prayer & Worship

**Adult Acolytes (Altar Servers) Needed for Sunday Masses** ~ Were you ever an acolyte and know you would still be great at it or maybe you never had the opportunity but think you would like to serve now? We have a significant need for acolytes for the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sundays. You would only serve with another adult, and we will try to accommodate your Mass preference. **If you are interested please plan to attend the training session on Saturday, September 30 at 10 a.m. in the church.** Please sign up for the training at the oval table near the Gathering Hall. Thanks so much for your consideration.

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

**Autumn Diocesan Gathering 2017 ~ Communicating the Joy of the Gospel: Reaching the Occasional Catholic** with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, Diocese of Burlington, Vermont. As missionary disciples we are called to share the joy of the Gospel with everyone. Drawing on his many years of pastoral experience, Bishop Coyne will offer us practical insights and a renewed sense of hope. We will also be inspired by witness talks from our own parishes throughout the diocese on their efforts to reach the occasional Catholic. Please plan to join us for this wonderful day of prayer, learning and sharing!

**When:** Saturday, October 21

**Where:** Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury. (**Note:** Autumn Gathering will also be live-streamed to the following locations: **Mater Christi, Albany, St. Francis de Sales, Herkimer; St. Mary's, Oneonta; St. Patrick's, Catskill.**)

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10/person

**Register:** online at <http://www.rcda.org/autumnGathering> or call : Albany Diocese at 518-453-6600

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"If we pray, we will believe. If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve."**

**-Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

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.

**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.

**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)

**Elementary classes begin this week!** ~ We are so excited to welcome your children back for another year. Classes begin at 4:40 p.m. and go until 5:30 p.m. See you soon! **Parents, don't forget to bring the completed Emergency Contact Form (one for each child) with your child to their first class this week.**

**The Annual Safe Environment Training for children** will take place during their regular class time the

week of October 10-12 with make-up sessions the following week, October 17-19. Submit the opt-out form received via email or at parent orientation by October 6 if you do not want your child to attend this training.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Catechists still needed!** ~ Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a catechist, catechist assistant or gatekeeper. We are still in need of the following catechists: **8th Grade** - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., **9th Grade** - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., **10th Grade** - Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. **Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish.**

**Parent meetings** will be held October 3-5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All parents are encouraged to attend any one of the sessions, especially if you are new to the program. Course curricula, service requirements and youth ministry activities will be discussed. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for many, many parish and community service projects! Hope to see you that week!

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Bottle & Cans! Yes we are still collecting Bottles and Cans using Hannaford's CLYNK bags located in the Gathering Hall.** Easy way to assist in our Parish's Water Project plus Caring for our Common Home! Take a CLYNK bag home, fill with NEW YORK STATE deposits only, **return the bag to our local Hannaford's CLYNK Station.**

**CLYNK update ~ as of Sept. 18 we have returned 4,384 bottles/cans and earned \$171.10 (after payment for 300 bags) towards our Parish Water Project! Every bottle & can counts!**

### School News

**Save the Date** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School will host our third annual **Paint & Socialize Ladies' Night Out** event on Friday, November 17. We are looking for volunteers to assist with planning a wonderful evening for the ladies of the St. Thomas community and their guests. For more information or to get involved in the planning process, contact Jennifer Murphy at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

We currently have a few **openings in this year's Pre-school 4 afternoon program: M,W,F 12:15 – 3:15 p.m.** Students also have the option participate in the Enrichment program which meets on **T & TH** from 12:15-3:15 p.m. Students eligible to enroll in one of the Preschool 4 classes, which are Kindergarten readiness programs, must turn 4 by December 1, 2017. To learn more, please contact Jennifer Murphy, or visit [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) to schedule your visit.

**Craft Fair** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School will be holding its annual Shop 'Til You Drop Craft Fair on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m - 4 p.m. There will be a variety of craft vendors, a Scholastic Book Fair, bucket auction, bake sale, breakfast and lunch items for sale. All money raised benefits activities for St. Thomas students throughout the year. We are still accepting craft vendor applications. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Laura Giarrusso by email at [lauralig06@aol.com](mailto:lauralig06@aol.com) or phone at [518-429-0289](tel:518-429-0289).

### Creation Care Team

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

**Faith which is lived out in a serious manner gives rise to acts of authentic charity.**  
(Pope Francis, 10/31/13)

**Happy News!** ~ Your gifts have allowed work to begin on a well which will give access to clean water for approximately 500 people in Southeastern Kenya and a second water project to be possible. The Water Project, a faith-based, non-profit organization committed to providing communities in sub-Saharan Africa with consistent access to clean water is our Parish's partner in this effort. **Thank you** to the many who are contributing so generously to our Parish's water projects. To learn about the people who are building and benefitting from this first project as well as the project itself, go to: <https://thewaterproject.org/community/projects/kenya/shallow-well-project-4784> .

**Mark Your Calendar** ~ "A Long Walk To Water", a St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Ministry project to bring attention to the needs of many in the world for access to clean water will begin at 1:15 p.m., Oct. 15 at St. Thomas Church. Everyone in the community is invited to this afternoon of prayer and activity. Participants may complete a 1, 2 or 3-mile Walk or attend a unique prayer service: Water Stations of the Cross. Those engaging in the Walk will be seeking sponsors. Funds raised will go to the Parish water project.

### Community

**YOU MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER for the "Food for Thought" program to be held on Monday, October 16, entitled, Earth: Our Common Home**, presented by Sr. Linda Neil, by signing the sheet on the table in the Gathering Hall or at either side entrance of the Church; or by calling Marie Copeland at [518/439-4050](tel:518-439-4050) or emailing [mariecopeland62@gmail.com](mailto:mariecopeland62@gmail.com). Another special registration will be held the weekend of October 7-8 after all Masses. Members of the Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team will assist you.

**Coats For The Community** ~ Once again, The Ladies of Charity in conjunction with Bridges Out of Poverty will be collecting men's, women's and children's coats, boots and gloves in all sizes (infants, children, teens and adults ). Please donate your gently used clothing items into the box in the Gathering Hall. The collection will end the weekend of October 14/15. Thank you again for your generosity.

### Christian Service

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **THIS WEEKEND**. We will be collecting nonperishable food items and personal care products in the shopping carts next to the Church foyer.. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**Combined Collection for the Catholic University of America And The Trinity Dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC ~ THIS WEEKEND.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE September 23-24

Offertory	\$12,488.13
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,015.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,503.13
Tithe from this Offertory	\$675.16

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

### Calendar

Wed	9/27	11 am	Pastoral Care Meeting	LCR1
Wed	9/27	2 pm	Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love	GH
Thu	9/28	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	9/30	10 am	Adult Acolyte Training	CH
Sat	9/30	11 am	Blessing of Animals	SCH
Sun	10/1	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 September 25- September 29, 2017*

Mon.	12:15 pm	Herbert Leisenfelder <i>The Family</i>
		John Flanigan <i>Richard and Sheila Gorman</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Maria Ann Trofimow, 17th birthday <i>Arlene Grady</i>
		John Flanigan <i>Vera Peek</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Emil Antonucci, 2nd Anniv. <i>His Wife</i>
		Ken Brefka <i>Bob and Martha Keens</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Virginia and Robert Kasdorf <i>The Switzer Family</i>
		Pasquale Viglucci <i>Arlene Grady</i>

### *Next Weekend, September 29-30, 2017*

Sat.	5:00 pm	Art Roberts <i>Chris and Steve Corson</i>
		Silvia Bates <i>Mary Ann Hospodar</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Margaret Veldran <i>Arlene Grady</i>
		Marilyn Soucy <i>Michelle and Melissa Kanuk</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	John Flanigan <i>Carol Tomlin</i>
		Special Intention <i>Greg Furlong</i>
	11:00 am	For The People

### *Scripture Readings: Week of September 24, 2017*

Sunday	Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,14-20 / Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9: 7-9
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8 / Mt 9:9-13
Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32