

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, October 7–8, 2017, Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Sandra Flynn & Dan Ehring	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Nyilis & Anthony Scisci	Kailee Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Amanda Smith & Matt Scheidler	Donja Tripp & Liam Witting	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Vera Frangella & Bill Burkhard	Eileen Desharnais & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	3

## Pastor's Corner

### 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.**

### Please welcome the following new parishioners

**to St Thomas:** Jennifer and Joseph Ferrara and children Adriana, Nico and Haley; Allyson and Ilija Aleksic and son, Ezra; Andrea and Charles Tobin and their children, Lily and Charles ; Robert and Karen Pollock and their children John and Colin; Patrick and Susan Martin and their children Gabriel, Noah, Abigail and Benjamin; Tina Gough and her son, Luca; Tina and Justin Levin and their children Ellie and Sylvia; Edward and Erin Rabaday and their children Ryan and Leo; Mark DiFiore and Danielle Biernik; Taryn and Gary Raylinsky and their children, Mason, Emma, and Carter.

**Congratulations** to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Christopher Joseph Barnes; Nora Ann Cardettino; Benjamin William Willbrant ; Brody Alexander Zaranko.

**Congratulations** to Doug Erickson, a parishioner of St. Thomas, who was installed to the Ministry of Acolyte by Bishop Scharfenberger on September 24. Please keep Doug in your prayers as he continues his faith journey toward ordination to the Diaconate.

**Congratulations** to Casey Sherman and Erin Dauerer, who were married on September 23. May they be blessed through life.

## Prayer & Worship

**Peace Pole Prayer** ~ All interested parishioners and friends are invited to gather at the Peace Pole next Saturday at noon for our monthly prayers for peace in our world which is held every first Saturday of the month.

**Please Remember in Prayer** Jane McMahon and Alice Mae Mattice whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

**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)

**"Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts," –St. Therese of Lisieux**

**Welcome** to the newest additions to our Pastoral Care Ministries ~ **Greg and Katie Potestio!** **YOU** are invited to help us serve in any of our Pastoral Care Ministries too ~ in little or big ways! Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able.

**HAPPY 15<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** to the **St. Thomas Alzheimer's Care Team!** Our team continues to provide non-medical assistance to those with dementia and their caregivers in our community. The support they provide is invaluable and so appreciated. **THANK YOU** to our leader, **Sandy Monahan**, and to all of our team members ~ **Devon Barrett, Magie Bartlett, Connie Clark, Marie Copeland, Mary Kay DelGiaco, Jim Fitzpartick, Tom Flynn, Jackie Kaplan, Hiliare Meuwissan, Jim Moran, Nancy Toomey, Toby Walters, and Marcia Wendth.** You can join this awesome group too ~ contact Maura for details.

**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 2 years, will be held on **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00-7:30** 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 Barrett.

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith Formation

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

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

As announced in the September 21 edition of the Evangelist, **Congratulations to the following catechists** who have been awarded their Provisional Certification as a Catechist for Children: Marisa Bryant, Eileen McNabb and Gail Pietrafesa.

**Safe Environment Training** for children in grades 1-5 will take place during faith formation classes the weeks of October 10-12 and October 17-19.

**Remember to bring empty cans and bottles when you come for faith formation throughout the Fall to help support our parish's water project!**

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Parent meetings** will be held **THIS WEEK** 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!

**Middle and High School classes** begin the week of October 10-12. Class assignments will be sent out.

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Bowling for Beef! HOLY COW! Simply AMAZING! ~ Cathedral Social Services and Sister Margret Mary Director is most appreciative of our gift of \$633 for ground beef! Now that's a lot of BEEF!** The center will purchase 2 pound packs of ground beef for needy single families this Thanksgiving! Special thanks to our volunteers Colleen Harrigan, Joan Walters, Ed Gilligan, Brian McCaffrey, Joan Walters, Kristie Lanzoni, Melissa Prescott, and Chris Hanifin. Special thanks too to Bill Cornell Owner of Del Lanes. **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Long Walk for Water October 15 1-2:30 p.m. ~** Consider joining us as a family in prayer and solidarity with our neighbors in Kenya Africa! Sponsor sheets to walk 1, 2, or 3 miles are available in the Gathering Hall. All proceeds to benefit our parish's WATER Project. Children under 12 must have an adult with them, over 12 without an adult must have a permission slip. Thank you for making a difference!

### School News

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pancake Breakfast at Glenmont Applebee's** ~ Please support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class as they raise funds for their annual trip to Washington DC. Students will serve breakfast on Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person and breakfast includes 3 pancakes, 2 slices of bacon & your choice of unlimited beverage (coffee, soda, tea or orange juice). When purchasing tickets (by October 6), please provide your name, phone number and the number of tickets requested along with your payment. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please address the request for tickets to the attention of Theresa Heilsberg.

**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. Interested volunteers should contact Jennifer on or before October 4.

**Preschool at St. Thomas the Apostle School ~** Spaces Fill Quickly: Now is the Perfect Time to Secure Your Preschool spot for 2018-2019.

**We currently have a few openings in this year's Preschool 4 afternoon program ~ M, W, F 12:15 – 3:15 p.m.** ~ Students also have the option to participate in the Enrichment program which meets on **T and 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.

### Creation Care Team

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

**Caring for Our Common Home** ~ In his inaugural homily in 2013, Pope Francis called on us to embrace the vocation of being a "caretaker" It means "**caring for all of creation, the beauty of the created world ... caring for people, showing loving concern for each and every person.**" We have been inundated with the news of destruction and loss of life in the Caribbean, Mexico, and our southeastern states due to hurricanes, earthquakes and flooding. Our parish and diocese have joined generously in efforts to provide resources for our brothers and sisters in these places – and the need will continue for a very long time.

**Awesome News!** ~ The generosity of parishioners and the fundraising efforts of many have helped us meet our goal of

raising funds to build a well in Africa. The parish response has been so generous that we are 2/3 of the way for our second water project in that area. Work on the first well will begin in mid-October. You can follow this project to learn about the people in the Kivani Community in southeastern Kenya. The second fundraising will expand their ability to have clean and accessible water by participating with neighboring communities in the African Sand Dam Foundation. Follow the story, meet these women, men and children, and see St. Thomas' well construction and its dedication to the parish on The Water Project's website: <https://thewaterproject.org/community/projects/kenya/shallow-well-project-4784>

**For all parishioners:**

- Sign up to participate in our Long Walk for Water along the Rail Trail on October 15. Information and sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Hall.
- Join the recycling efforts of the Town of Bethlehem throughout the fall. Check the town website for details.

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention Active Older Adults!** Thank you to all of those who made our first luncheon of the season a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to set up, serve and clean up. Thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious cupcakes. Most of all, we want to thank all those who attended the luncheon. Our next luncheon will be on **Friday, October 20**. We will attend mass at 12:15 p.m. and then gather for lunch and dessert. Please invite a friend to come with you. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners. If possible, please bring a personal care item that will be donated to Bethlehem Senior Services. For reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) by **Monday, October 16**.

**Parishioners:** We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in October, we would appreciate any type of apple dessert. Please contact Christine or Steve at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) if you can help with baked goods.

## 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 call Marie Copeland at [518/439-4050](tel:518-439-4050) or email [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.

**Martyr's Feast ~** Join us for our 2nd annual fundraising dinner, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 4:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Scharfenberger, 5:30 p.m. Dinner in the Visitor Center catered by River's Edge Silent Auction, Cash Bar Our, Lady of Martyrs Shrine 136 Shrine Road Fultonville. Call 518-630-9922 or email [friendsofariesville@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofariesville@gmail.com) for your tickets today! Last year tickets sold out, so reserve early! Tickets \$50/person, Tables of 10/\$500. Would you consider donating an item for our silent auction? Please contact us.

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</b>	
<b>September 23-24</b>	
Offertory	\$11,049.82
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,505.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$12,554.82
Tithe from this Offertory	\$627.74
<b>Catholic University and Basilica Dome</b>	<b>\$880.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!</b>	

## Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun	10/1	12 pm	Virtus Training	MC
Mon	10/2	7 pm	Creation Care Team	GH
Wed	10/4	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR1
Thu	10/5	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	10/7	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Sun	10/8	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 October 2- October 6, 2017***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Ruth B. Moak, 33rd Anniv.</b> <i>Her Family</i> <b>Living Intentions -</b> <b>Leo James Grady, 8th Birthday</b> <i>Arlene Grady</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Martin McDonagh</b> <i>Ann McDonagh</i> <b>Peggy Sherwin</b> <i>Paula, Kathy, Karen and Chris</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Joseph and Catherine McSweeney</b> <i>Betty McSweeney</i> <b>Thomas Acquario</b> <i>Bill and Virginia</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Enrollees of St. Thomas Memorial Fund</b>

## ***Next Weekend, October 7-8, 2017***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>For The People</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Frank Daley</b> <i>Ann Marie and Alex Catello</i> <b>Jane Krupa</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Bill Joynt</b> <i>The Family</i> <b>Kevin Klein</b> <i>The Klein Family</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Georgia M. Emma, 23rd Anniv.</b> <i>The Family</i> <b>George Bragle</b> <i>The Amodeo Family</i>

## ***Scripture Readings: Week of October 1, 2017***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Zec 8:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9: 57-62</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Bar 1:15-22 / Lk 10:13-16</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / Lk 10:17-24</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43</b>