

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

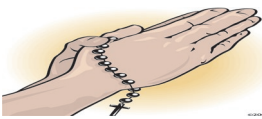
Saturday-Sunday, November 4 - 5, 2017, Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Dan Ehring	Juliana Jira & Raegan Ehring	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Barbara Kavanagh & Anthony Scisci	Shayla Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Matt Scheidler	Olivia Poust & Amy Burdick	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Sarah Comi & Bob Conway	Lucy Creamer & John Henry Walters	1

Pastor's Corner



A picnic and the Rosary



I want to thank all those who helped make last Sunday's parish picnic the success that it was. A good time was had by all. Young and old came together for a few hours of food and fun and new

friends were made. Shortly after the picnic, our Middle School Faith Formation classes gathered in the church to pray the Living Rosary to honor Mary during this month of October. **Fellowship** and **prayer** are two essential elements of a vibrant faith community. We had them both on the same day. Nice going!!- - -Father David



New Parish App Coming Next Week, November 4-5 ~

St Thomas the Apostle will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates.

The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St Thomas the Apostle and better engaging the New Evangelization. There will be cards available next week at all the entrances to the church with the app download instructions. Also, There will be staff available in the Gathering Hall after all the Masses next weekend to answer any questions.

ALL SAINT'S DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY ~

Wednesday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints, a holyday. Masses will be offered at 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will be **NO** 7:30 a.m. Mass that day. Thursday, November 2 is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) and we will offer Mass at 12:15 p.m.

Congratulations to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Tessa Angelina Vottis, Oliver Matthew Smith, Natalia Kaye Spadola and Liam Richard McAleese.

Theft in Church Lot ~ On Saturday, one of our Craft Fair volunteers, a St. Thomas School parent, returned to the Church lot to find that a tire and wheel had been stolen from her vehicle. This occurred sometime between 12:00 and 4:30. If you were in the Church lot and noticed anything, we ask that you contact us at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573).

Prayer & Worship

All Souls Day, November 2 at 7 p.m., Bilingual Rosary ~ Our Pueblo to People Committee invites you to pray the rosary in Spanish and English at 7 p.m. in the Church. You, too, are invited to bring pictures of loved ones you wish to remember in prayer in our Altar for the Dead for that evening. Bring your family and learn about this faith tradition! Refreshments to follow the rosary.

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

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for All Saints and All Souls Day Masses

~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the All Saints Day Masses on Wednesday, November 1 at 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. and the All Souls Day Mass on Thursday, November 2 at 12:15 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve. Thank you for volunteering for these valuable ministries.

Peace Pole ~ In November when we especially remember the deceased, the Peace Pole is always available for private quiet and meditation. Of course the opportunity to gather with others in prayer is at noon on the first Saturday.

NEW AND EXISTING LECTORS - SIGN UP AND TRAINING!

~ If you are interested in serving as a lector or are an existing lector, please plan on attending our training session on Wed., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the church. New lectors need to sign up at the oval table opposite the Community bulletin board. **If you have been confirmed, you are eligible to serve**, so we encourage the youth of the parish to also consider this ministry! The Workbook for Lectors for the new liturgical year will be distributed at the meeting.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially," – St. Francis de Sales

There are a number of opportunities for you to become involved through our vibrant Pastoral Care Ministries. Check out the St. Thomas website or contact Maura to find out more! :

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will meet on **Wednesday, November 1 at 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 Barrett, at 518-439-4951 ext. 104 or mbarrett@stthomas-church.org.

A Special Event for Caregivers: From Surviving to Thriving: Transforming Your Caregiving Journey ~ Is caring for a loved one with dementia taking a toll on your well-being? Learn practical strategies for making your caregiving journey easier and for taking better care of yourself along the way. Speaker, **Dr. Amy D'Aprix, MSW, PhD, CPCA**, is an internationally renowned expert on lifestyle issues relating to caregiving, retirement, aging and family dynamics. The event will be held on **Monday, Nov .27 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hearst Media Center**, 645 Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany. Reservations must be made by Nov. 17 to 518-238-4164. No charge. Reception and refreshments will follow.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

There will be no faith formation THIS WEEK ~ All families are encouraged to attend Mass on Wednesday, November 1 for the holy day of obligation, All Saints Day.

The annual toiletry collection for St. John / St. Ann's continues next week, November 7- 9 ~ No collection this week since there are no faith formation classes. Please bring donations with you when you bring your kids for faith formation classes. Thank you so much for your most generous support of this drive for our neighbors!!

The November sessions for the **First Eucharist family prep classes** will be Sunday, November 19 at 8:15 a.m. and Monday November 20 at 6 p.m. in the school. Babysitting for siblings of our First Communion children will be provided by our Middle School and High School Faith Formation students. Attend whichever one of these two sessions is more convenient for your family.

Reconciliation services for 2nd grade families are scheduled for Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21 in the chapel at 4:30 p.m. Please attend whichever day works best for your family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Middle and High School classes are going well! Just a reminder we **WILL NOT** have classes the week.

If your son/daughter needs to attend a class other than their regularly scheduled class, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Safe Environment Training for Grades 6-8 will be held during class the week of November 7-9. Additional information will be emailed home next week.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Did you know we have over eighty Spectacular Volunteers in our Faith Formation Office? Without their commitment we would have no Faith Formation Program! WE thank each of you for your time and service! God bless you as you continue to echo God's Word as Disciples of Christ. Thank you for making a difference!

Spooktacular Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale is today! ~ Please check out the delicious desserts in our Gathering Hall after Mass! All proceeds to benefit this year's NCYC Team! Thanks for your support!

MASS! DINNER! SERVICE! ~ We will be celebrating our first Teen Family Mass on November 4 at 5 p.m. A pot luck dinner follows in the school Cafe. WE are collecting over the next week NEW warm winter hats, gloves, socks, fleece throws and packs of adult underwear for HUGS, a program that provides warmth to our homeless. After dinner, families will put together Hats, U (fleece throws or underwear), Gloves, and Socks for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless for Christmas. Please sign up in the Make a Difference Binder or email Mary Ann.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Please invite your friends, neighbors and family to join us for our PreK-8th Grade Open House on Saturday, November 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-noon at St. Thomas the Apostle School. We offer personalized attention, small group learning, advanced studies, classroom performance validated on both the state and national levels, Music, Art and Physical Education begin in PreK, World Language begins in kindergarten, transportation and financial aid may be available. We are a co-ed PreK3-8th Grade school where each and every student is empowered to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment that is rich in Catholic tradition. To RSVP for our Open House, please contact Jennifer Murphy.

Please join us for the **3rd Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint & Socialize Event** on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., for wine, dessert, and painting a beautiful canvas through guided instruction. This event is open to the ladies of St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish and their friends. To reserve your seat, \$25 per person (must be 21 & over), RSVP to Jennifer Murphy at St. Thomas the Apostle School by November 3 with payment made to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. Please provide the number of guests

attending, names of attendees, and one email contact to Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or call [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573). Printed invitations/sign-up forms are available in the Gathering Hall and the school lobby. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your space before it's too late. All proceeds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School, and we thank you for your continued support!

Creation Care Team

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

Creation is the marvelous gift that God has given us with an expectation that we take care of it.

(Pope Francis) ~ Celebrate Fall with creativity, learning and respectful appreciation of God's gift of creation.

Go to your backyard or near-by park with the children or grandchildren:

- Bring a simple magnifying glass and look at the tiny creatures in your soil, examine leaves, flowers.
- Use bits of nature – bark, sticks, leaves, stones -to create works of art.
- Create a rock sculpture with stones you find
- Organize a nature scavenger hunt – Children can learn about creation as they search for pinecones, specific plant or tree leaves, acorns, stones of varied colors and sizes
- Start a "nature diary". Sketch a picture or take a photo of your yard now. Write about what you see. Check the same area next month. How has it changed? Capture the change in another sketch or photo. Repeat each month.

Christian Service

Grocery Gift Cards for ST. JOHN'S/ST. ANN'S OUT-REACH CENTER are being requested for assistance in providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the poor of Albany's South End. You can help by donating Price Chopper, Hannaford or Shop Rite gift cards that will be used to purchase food items for the baskets. Please place them (labeled "St. John's/St. Ann's") in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Community

Active Older Adults Luncheon and Service Project – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Our next luncheon will be on **Friday, Nov. 17**. We will meet at 11:00 in the Large Conference Room in the rectory to write out Christmas cards for our soldiers overseas, those in the VA hospital and our local parishioners. Please bring a pen and Christmas cards. (Please do not bring cards with glitter or Mass cards.) We will also be making fleece blankets for families at Mary's Corner. Refreshments will be served. We will attend Mass at 12:15. For reservations, transportation or cancellations please contact Steve or Christine Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) by **Monday, Nov. 13**.

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help us out with your favorite type of pie this month. Please contact Steve or Christine Corson to help with baked goods at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286).

THANK YOU ~ The Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team had a successful "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, and wish to thank Thomas Kane, Principal at St. Thomas School and Peter Bukowski, Facilities Manager for their assistance with the various arrangements concerning this event.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Stopping Envelopes While You Are Away ~ If you receive offertory envelopes and plan to be away during the coming months, please let us know and we can temporarily stop your envelopes. The December/January envelopes are ordered on November 1, so please let us know by that date. Thanks.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE October 21-22

Offertory	\$11,243.64
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,735.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$12,978.64
Tithe from this Offertory	\$648.93
World Mission Sunday	\$1,392.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	10/29	After All Masses	NCYC Halloween Pancake Breakfast	Cafe
Wed	11/1	12:15, 5:30 pm	All Saints Day Masses	CH
Thu	11/2	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Thu	11/2	12:15 pm	All Souls Day Mass	CH
Thu	11/2	7 pm	Bilingual Rosary for All Souls	CH
Sat	11/4	12 pm	Peace Pole Prayer Vigil	PP
Sun	11/5	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR

PLACE: CH – Church; GH – Gathering Hall; LC – Lady Chapel; MC – Media Center; PO – Parish Offices, PP - Peace Pole, Café-Cafeteria, LCR -Large Conference Rooms Rec Dining room, CHP-Chapel SCH-School

Mass Intentions

For the Week of October 30 - November 3, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	James Dundon, 12th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Mary O'Neill <i>Margaret Manning</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Kevin St. James <i>The Family</i>
		Marlene Favichio <i>Lawrence and Catherine Keating</i>
Wed.	12:15 pm	For The People.
	5:30 pm	For The People
Thur.	12:15 pm	Joseph Debalso <i>Her Niece, Sandra</i>
		For All the Faithful Departed
Fri.	12:15 pm	Enrollees of the St. Thomas Memorial Fund

Next Weekend, November 4-5, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	For The People
Sun.	8:00 am	Joseph Palmeri, 18th Anniv. <i>Marie and Ralph</i>
		James Hendron <i>BCHS Hall Monitors</i>
	9:30 am	Art Roberts <i>Ed and Marymel Hart</i>
		Billy Therriault <i>Rick and Sandi Riccio</i>
	11:00 am	John P. Raimo Sr., 40th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		George W. Bragle <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of October 29, 2017

Sunday	Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40
Monday	Rom 8:12-17 / Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25 / Lk 13:18-21
All Saints	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a
All Souls	Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40
Friday	Rom 9:1-5 / Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 / Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Mal 1:14b - 2:2b, 8-18 / 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 / Mt 23:1-12