

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 11 - 12, 2017, Thirty Second 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	Penelope Holstein & Aidan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Cathy Semenoff & Jeff Conklin	Paul Edmundson & Mary Richards	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Paul Connolly	Maggie Rimmel & Matthew Connolly	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Cahill & Jack Canning	Andrew Thorp & Katie Desharnais	2

Pastor's Corner



Download Our New Parish App ~

Our new St Thomas the Apostle app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access

event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at St Thomas the Apostle and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. There are cards at all the entrances to the church with download instructions. We will be available in The Gathering Hall after Mass if you have questions or comments. Look for us in our green t-shirts.

VETERANS' DAY ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of the Diocesan Holiday for Veterans' Day. There are no services scheduled in church on Friday.

Please welcome the following new parishioners to St Thomas: Kat and Paul Granville and their daughter, Anna.

Prayer & Worship

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

Please Remember in Prayer Teresa McNary and Helen Mosher whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

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)

"We all have the duty to do good," – Pope Francis

Welcome to Lisa Graves and Amanda Graves! ~

They have recently joined our Pastoral Care Ministries. There are a number of opportunities for **YOU** to become involved through our vibrant Pastoral Care Ministries too! Check out the St. Thomas website or contact Maura to find out more! Below are just a couple of examples.

Hospital Visitation Ministry ~ Our team 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.

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.

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, November 27 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hearst Media Center**, 645 Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, NY. Reservations must be made by November 17 to 518-238-4164. No charge. Reception and light refreshments will follow.

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Our annual toiletry collection for St. John / St.

Ann's continues through this week, November 7-9. 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 **our 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.

There will be no faith formation classes the week of Thanksgiving, November 21-23 ~ We wish all of you a most blessed and wonderful time with your families as you join together to give thanks to the Lord for the abundance of blessings He has given all of us!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Middle and High School classes resume this week. If your son/daughter needs to attend a class other than their regularly scheduled class, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Environment Training for Grades 6-8 will be held during class this week of November 7-9. Please send in any "opt out" forms to class with your son/daughter.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

The NCYC TEAM thanks all of YOU for your support at our Spooktacular Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast! ~ Special thanks to Fr. David Berberian, Bruce McShane, Cat Alderman, Steven Hummel, Pam Steward, all of our Faith Formation family who baked and worked as waiters, cooks and clean up crew! YOU were Awesome! Special shout out to Hannaford, Shoprite, and Glenmont Price Chopper for donations of food items! Together we raised a little over \$1600.00 for our pilgrimage! God Bless YOU!

Show your ST. Thomas Parish Spirit by ordering our WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE ST. Thomas the Apostle Parish dark green short sleeve tee shirt ~ Shirts are \$10.00. Order forms are in the Gathering Hall and on our Parish Webpage! It is available in Youth and Adult sizes. Samples of sizes are available in our Faith Formation Office. Orders and checks made out to St. Thomas Church (put TEE Shirt in memo line) are due by November 13 so order yours today! Shirt will be delivered by Dec. 11! The proceeds will fund Youth Ministry programs.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Now is the time to register for our 2018-2019 Pre-school 3 and 4 classes ~ St. Thomas the Apostle Pre-school offers a nurturing, compassionate, faith-based pre-school program providing early socialization, kindergarten readiness and unique educational experiences and opportunities for your child. Preschool includes Physical Education in a full gym, Art, and Music classes as well as daily instruction in the preschool classroom. Please contact Jennifer Murphy today for a tour. If you need an application, contact us or visit our website at www.stthomas-school.org under the "Admission" tab. Come and find out why St. Thomas the Apostle School is a wonderful option for your family.

Did you know? ~ Every year, St. Thomas the Apostle School students put on a theatrical performance in which they serve as actors, stage crew, lighting technicians and make-up artists. This year, over 40 students in grades 5-8 have begun rehearsals for our production of Into the Woods Jr. which will be performed in January. It's going to be a wonderful show!

Congratulations to the St. Thomas Tigers Soccer Team! ~ The Tigers are having a great season! They are now 5-1-1. **Go Tigers!**

Please join us for the **3rd Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint & Socialize Event** on Friday, November 17 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 10 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. 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: jschrempf@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)

Read a book; learn about making a difference, being a Citizen Scientist, the beauty of God's gift of creation:

Green Earth Book Award winner, *Follow the Moon Home* (Chronicle Books), written by Philippe Cousteau and Deborah Hopkinson, is the story of a young girl who moves to a new home and helps bring a community together to save the sea turtles of South Carolina. Based on a true story, it's a "read together" book for ages 5-10, a "read alone" for 8 – 12.

National Outdoor Books 2013 Honorable Mention awardee, *The Incidental Steward: Reflections on Citizen Science* (Yale University Press) introduces readers to citizen scientists in our Hudson River Valley where they are engaged in ecological monitoring projects, community-organized clean-ups, pulling up water chestnuts from the Hudson and varied other acts of creation preservation. Author Akiko Busch, as the Yale University Press review notes: "illuminates the role of ordinary citizens as stewards of place" and "highlights factors that distinguish twenty-first-century citizen scientists from traditional amateur naturalists: a greater sense of urgency, helpful new technologies, and the expanded possibilities of crowdsourcing."

Christian Service

Hospitality after all Masses this Weekend in the Gathering Hall.

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 offertory

Community

St. Thomas the Apostle CYO will be running a basketball clinic this season for boys and girls. The clinic is open to all 2nd – 4th graders who are either registered parishioners or students at St. Thomas School (or both). It is an introductory skills clinic to familiarize players with basic basketball skills, technique, and playing as a team. The clinic is held Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the St. Thomas School gym. **Girls will practice from 8:30 to 9:45. Boys will practice from 9:45 to 11:00.** Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for the entire clinic (and help out as well). The first day of the clinic this season will be Saturday, November 11. The clinic will run through February 2018. If you are interested in having your child participate in the clinic, please email cyo@stthomas-church.org and indicate your name, your child's name, and an email address and phone number to contact you.

Active Older Adults Luncheon and Service Project – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Thank you to everyone who made our October luncheon such a great success – to those who helped set up and decorate, to those who baked such a variety of delicious apple desserts, to those who served and cleaned up, and of course, to our guests, who enjoyed such a delicious lunch. 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 wishes to acknowledge the following individuals who helped with the "Food for Thought" event on October 16: Mary Ann Hospodar, and Faith Formation students Nick and Marissa Monteleone, who set up; and Celia DeCancio, Casey Knight, Sophia Scanni, who baked delicious goodies. Ryan and Caitlyn Teplitzky attended the program with their mom Cathy.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE October 28-29

Offertory	\$12,921.54
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,040.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,961.54
Tithe from this Offertory	\$698.08

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	11/9	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	11/10		Diocesan Holiday—No Mass, Office Closed	
Sat/Sun	11/11, 11/12	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	11/12	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 November 6 - November 10, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Jean H. Motta	<i>Luke Mullen</i>
		Charles Beene	<i>Barry and Jean Isbister</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Mary Frances Hoff	<i>Catherine Daley</i>
		Teresa McNary	<i>The Schubmehl Family</i>
Wed.	12:15 pm	Mary Bujold, 7th Anniv.	<i>The Family</i>
		Michael and Gail Dwyer	<i>The Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Diocesan Holiday—No Mass	

Next Weekend, November 11-12, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Howard Cooper	<i>The Family</i>
		Donald J. Taylor	<i>Joseph and Peggy Zimmerman</i>
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Sun.	8:00 am	For The People	
	9:30 am	Carmelo Papa	<i>Severena Papa and Family</i>
		Sheila Fuller	<i>Ed and Marymel Hart</i>
	11:00 am	Jane McMahon	<i>Kevin Murray</i>
		Albert J, Rodriguez	<i>David and Marge Szelest and Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of November 5, 2017

Sunday	Mal 1:14b - 2:2b, 8-18 / 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 / Mt 23:1-12
Monday	Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16b / Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10 / Lk14:25-33
Thursday	Ex 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22
Friday	Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:1-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Wis 6:12-15 / 1 Thes 4: 13-18 / Mt 5:1-13