

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 18 - 19, 2017, Thirty Third 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 Coffey	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Alba Giordano & David Rothfuss	Nancy Chiu & Brian Gallagher	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Herman Reinhold	Colleen Ells & Maya Richter	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & Tom Hedderman	Doug Maeder & Barbara Veldran	3

## 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. We will be highlighting one App feature each week in our new Social Media Section.

**AT HOME WITH THE WORD** ~ The new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3. The At Home with the Word books, which contain the Sunday readings for the new year, are available this weekend in the Gathering Hall. The donation for the books is \$5.00.

**Please welcome the following new parishioners to St Thomas** : Marc and Michelle Micheli and children Sophia, Gianna, and Emma; Paul and Tonya Taffe and children Ryan and Katie.

## Prayer & Worship

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

**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)

**"Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ"** – Galatians 6:2

**Welcome** ~ to **Bernadette Pedlow** who has recently joined our Pastoral Care Team. We are happy to have you with us. There are a number of opportunities for you to become involved too! Visit our website to full descriptions. We can surely find a place for you ~ give as much or as little time as you are able. **Here are a couple of areas of need:**

**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.

## Faith Formation

**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)**  
(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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.

**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)

**November 14-16 is the last week of classes for this "semester"** ~ Please contact your son/daughter's catechist or Elizabeth if he/she needs to attend a different class.

## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Save the Date ~** The Advent Prayer Service will be held Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome!

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Mass! Dinner! Service!** ~ We thank Fr. Berberian, Theresa McMahon, Paul Supple, Konstantin Tsykun, Bruce McShane, Cat Adlerman and YOU! for a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship and service! We thank everyone who donated to HUGS! USA, Christmas gifts of warmth to our homeless neighbors! Special shout out to our readers: Kaillee Harrigan, & Michelle Moczulski, musician & singer: Gigi & Steven Sitzer, Bryce Swiader, Gabriel Martin, Emma Leonard, our greeters and ushers: Meg Buckley, Ryan & Eric Metcalf, Will & John Lauricella, Michael Kurdziolek, Emma Greenblatt, Howie Vargas, Natalie Jada and the Isenberg Family! Thank you for your leadership!

**We ask you to keep your National Catholic Youth Conference Team** ~ Josh Bates, Kailee Harrigan, Julia Rupinski, Sheila Moloney, Carolyn Kolberg, Julie Buhr, Emily Szelest, Jeff Bates and Mary Ann Hospodar in your prayers as they make their pilgrimage with 274 representatives from the Albany Diocese. God be with them!

**Last weekend to buy St. Thomas Parish T-Shirts in the Gathering Hall** ~ Show your spirit and support for Youth Ministry programs. \$10 per shirt.

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

**Preschool and Kindergarten spots for the 2018-19 school year are filling up quickly!** ~ Now is the time to submit your application. Interested in a tour? Please contact Jennifer Murphy. If you need an application, contact us or visit our website at [www.stthomas-school.org](http://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?** ~ In addition to our weekly music classes which begin in preschool, St. Thomas students have the opportunity to take violin lessons beginning as early as first grade AND students in third grade and older may participate in the school band? All lessons are provided during regular school hours and students perform in both our Christmas and Spring Concerts.

**Congratulations to the St. Thomas Tigers Soccer Team!** ~ The Tigers had a wonderful season, finishing 7-1-1. **Great job, Tigers!**

**LAST CALL** for tickets to our **3rd Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint & Socialize Event** on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us 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 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 in 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](mailto:jdschrempf@verizon.net) or Marie Myer [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

**November is a month of change and transitions** ~ We move from celebrating our family of saints with the challenge that we too are called to be saints. Father James Martin, SJ reminds us that being a saint is just being who we are. That is not a call to complacency but a challenge to be who we are really called to be. We remember our loved ones who filled our lives with love and wisdom. We turn back clocks and enter a season of changing nature and early darkness. We are called to discern the best leadership for our community and state and we salute and give our deepest gratitude to those who served in the military that we might live our faith and embrace our freedoms. Pope Francis encourages us to live life to the fullest with an attitude of the heart that accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full.

**For all parishioners:**

- **America Recycles Day** is next Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plan to spend part of this week preparing clothing and textiles for recycling, documents for shredding, and books for reuse and recycling. This event is at the Bethlehem Middle School. For further information visit [TownofBethlehem.org](http://TownofBethlehem.org).
- We are very close to completing our fundraising for our second well in Africa. We thank you for your generosity and support. Donations may be sent to the parish with the acknowledgement that it is for the **Parish Well Project**. The report to the parish on this project is on the parish website.

### Christian Service

**HOSPITALITY** to be offered after Sunday Masses **this weekend**. All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

**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.

**Christian Service**

**The Parish Giving Tree** will be in the Church, next weekend. We ask parishioners to choose a tag and to fulfill the request on it. Please return the gift (with tag attached) to the School Gym on Saturday, December 9th or by **noon sharp** on Sunday, December 10. In the spirit of Advent, we are urged to serve the poor and less fortunate in our community. By choosing to buy a gift, you are helping to make Christmas happen for an individual in need!

No gift should cost more than \$30; many are less costly. If you take a tag, please fill the request (**many gifts are for specific people**) and return the gift on or before **December 10 at noon sharp**. All gifts will be delivered that afternoon. (If you are not able to be here that weekend, you may leave your gift in the Parish Office during the week.)

There will be coffee in the School Gym after all the Masses that weekend, so that everyone can enjoy seeing the great outpouring of love and generosity that the Giving Tree gifts represent.

**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 NOT be making fleece blankets for families at Mary's Corner as previously reported.** 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).

**This year's picnic was a complete success** ~ Thank God for the weather and we must thank Father Berberian for allowing this to happen. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked grilling, selling tickets and baked goods, serving beverages, and cleaning up. We must thank the Blanchard post for providing space to cook and for tables and chairs. Special thanks to Jim Kelly for his work on planning and for donating a cooking griddle that will also be used by our youth group. Paul Harrigan and family donated the use of a large truck. Pat Amodeo and his wife, Paul Supple, Bruce McShane, Mary Ann Hospodar and her youth group and Steve and Christine Corson also deserve thanks for help in planning the picnic. Let's do it again next year!

**Social Media**

**New Section** ~ We will provide periodic updates on the content for both the St. Thomas website and the new Parish app. We encourage you to use these modes of communication to keep the dialogue going during the week.

**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



Messages

- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

**Administration**

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) ~ NEXT WEEK**, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
November 4-5, 2017**

Offertory	\$15,284.67
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$2,225.00
Total Offertory Received	\$17,509.67
Tithe from this Offertory	\$875.48
All Saints Day	\$2,204.00

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

**Calendar**

Sat/Sun	11/11, 11/12	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Wed	11/15	7 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Wed	11/15	7 pm	Lector Training	CH
Thu	11/16	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	11/17	11:00 am	Christmas Cards for Service Personnel	LCR
Fri	11/17	12:00 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sun	11/19	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 13 - November 17, 2017*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Mary Berg</b> <i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>
		<b>Mary and John Koenig</b> <i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Mary Frances Hoff</b> <i>Jennie Moak</i>
		<b>Jane E. Ricchiuti</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Gioconda Angerame, 28th Anniv.</b> <i>Her Daughter</i>
		<b>Caroline Cirino, 12th Anniv.</b> <i>Andrea Angerame</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Living Intentions– Dr. Shawa and Family</b> <i>Diana and Duncan Barry</i>
		<b>Helen Esposito, 37th Anniv.</b> <i>Her Son, Joseph</i>

### *Next Weekend, November 18-19, 2017*

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Patricia Neubert</b> <i>Peggy and Joseph Zimmerman</i>
		<b>Donald J. Taylor</b> <i>Dahl, Deirdre, and Kieran Taylor</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Vanessa and Charles Stegnitta</b> <i>Marc and Ralph</i>
		<b>Albert J. Rodriguez</b> <i>Glenn and Paula Szelest and Family</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For The People</b>
		<b>Sheila Fuller</b> <i>Her Family</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>George Bragle</b> <i>The Case Family</i>
		<b>Jane McMahon</b> <i>Karen Jones</i>

### *Scripture Readings: Week of November 12, 2017*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wis 6:12-16 / 1 Thes 4: 13-18 / Mt 5:1-13</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:1-6</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wis 2:23-3:9 / Lk 17:7-10</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Wis 7:22b - 8:1 / Lk 17:20-25</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9 / Lk 18:1-6</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30</b>