

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 4:00 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel or anytime by
appointment.

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, February 10 - 11, 2018, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Mahar & Carol Tomlin	Sarah Gill & Morgan Leonard	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Anthony Scisci & Alba Giordano	Pat McDermott & Jim Moran	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Annemarie Farrell	Casey Holstein & Maya Richter	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & TBD	Katie Desharnais & Ryan McCarroll	1

Pastor's Corner

Cantors Needed ~ St. Thomas has a **CRITICAL** need for cantors to sing at the weekend and holy day Masses. If you would like to volunteer for this valuable liturgical ministry and have been confirmed, please contact Avery Tunningley, Parish Music Director, at 518-357-0718 as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Ruby Sophia Marie Newton, Michael David Ross, Emily Kristine Sands, Hunter George Sgarlata and Sylvia Ann Levin.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Philip Nimphius, Jennifer Andaloro, and their children Thea and Robert.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 ~ The Bishop's Appeal for 2017 formally ends on March 14, 2018. Our current outstanding pledge balance is approximately \$3500. We thank you in advance for meeting your commitment to the Diocese.

Prayer & Worship

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 for Ash Wednesday, February 14 ~ Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve at the 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Masses.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

The Church's service to the sick and those who care for them must continue with renewed vigor, in fidelity to the Lord's command (cf. Lk 9:2-6; Mt 10:1-8; Mk 6:7-13) and following the eloquent example of her Founder and Master. ~ Pope Francis

World Day of the Sick is February 11, 2018, which coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is a day to reflect on the importance of ministering to the sick and praying for those suffering from illness. In addition,

we pray for those ministers who provide spiritual support to those who are ill in our parish. Special prayers can be found on the Pastoral Care table in the church foyer.

Join us! ~ There are a number of opportunities for **YOU** to become involved through our vibrant Pastoral Care Ministries too – Communion to the home bound; Rosary and Communion Service leader at Kenwood Manor, Good Samaritan and Delmar Place; sewing, knitting and quilting ministries; prayer chain; meal ministry and more! Check out the St. Thomas website or contact Maura for more information. Here are a couple of examples of how you can become involved:

Hospital Visitation Team ~ Our ministers provide friendly visits and spiritual support to our hospitalized parishioners as well as linkages to other ministries in our parish upon discharge. Visits are once a week on a 5-6 week rotation with flexible scheduling. Training provided. Let Maura know if you would be interested in assisting in this very meaningful ministry on a regular basis, or as a substitute.

Our Meal Ministry Team provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support**, please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00-3:00).

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Catechists needed to help out with our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program

~ Each Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, preschool aged children are invited to participate in a lesson based on the gospel reading. We currently have 2 wonderful and dedicated catechists taking turns leading the lesson each week, and helping out each other on the weeks they are not leading the lesson. **We really need to offer them some support in the form of additional catechists/assistants!!!** Please come and sit in on a lesson or 2, and see if it is something to which you could volunteer your time and talent. You'll be glad you did!!

Our next session of **First Eucharist prep classes** for families enrolled in that program will be held Sunday, February 11 at 8:15 a.m. and Monday, February 12 at

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. in the school. Babysitting for siblings of first Eucharist children will be available during these sessions for the convenience of parents.

Ash Wednesday is February 14! ~ On That day only, elementary faith formation classes will dismiss at 5:10 p.m. to allow families and volunteers the opportunity to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass here at St. Thomas.

As a reminder, there will **be NO faith formation classes** February 20-22 when children are on winter recess from school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Middle and High School Classes resume THIS WEEK, February 6-8. ~ If you need to change your son/daughter's class day/time, please contact Colleen or Elizabeth in the Faith Formation office.

Confirmation Meetings ~ If you were unable to attend one of the mandatory informational Confirmation meetings last week, please contact Elizabeth at the parish office to schedule an evening appointment to pick up the required forms.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Please join us today in the Gathering Hall for Fr. Rich's Third World Soup to benefit our Sr. Parish in Yucatan Mexico. Eat In and Take Out is available! Thank you for your support!

Thank you for your baby items donated to support LIFE with Catholic Charities Community Services! Your generosity is most appreciated!

Teen/Family Mass will be celebrated next weekend Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. Please join us! Singers and musicians are still welcome!

Creation Care Team and Youth Ministry are offering you an opportunity to **re gift** those Christmas gifts, or birthday gifts that are appreciated, but simply will not be used during Feb. 10-Feb. 18. Consider donating them to the Birthday Box for **Sr. Maureen Joyce Soup Kitchen** located in our Gathering Hall. **WE are accepting only NEW Small GIFT ITEMS:** the perfume that is not your scent, purse, tie that's not quite you, body wash or lotion, hat, slippers, wallet, jewelry and so on. Another way to **open our hearts this Lent** by ridding ourselves of some of the clutter in our lives that someone else can use and appreciate!

Adoration with Fr. Berberian Sunday Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. ~ Come and learn about this beautiful tradition in our faith. Bring your family

and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, refreshments to follow.

Save the Date: Scout Mass Celebrating Boy and Girl Scouts and their leaders "Walk Humbly With Your God" on **Saturday, March 3** at 5 p.m. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

Celebrating Religious Vocation with Fr. Berberian & tour of our Church and Chapel., **Sunday, March 4,** 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall. Refreshments to follow!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Preschool – Gr. 8 Open House and Learning Expo Sunday, Feb. 4 10a.m. – 12p.m. ~

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Please join us at our Open House and Learning Expo to learn how St. Thomas the Apostle School helps students to learn, to serve others and develop the skills necessary to lead and succeed. All parishioners, existing families, and families interested in learning more about St. Thomas the Apostle School are welcome.

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas, we use a "buddy" system. Students in grades 4-8 each have a younger buddy that they sit with at school liturgies and work on projects with all throughout the school year. This system fosters fellowship between students of all ages and adds to the family atmosphere that makes St. Thomas the school it is. Older students enjoy the sense of responsibility and truly care for their little buddies while younger students love learning from and having the attention of their "big kid" buddy.

Congratulations to Our Award Winners! Denise Chonski, our amazing Art teacher, was the elementary level recipient of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Distinguished Teacher Award at the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy. This award honors a Catholic School teacher who has promoted a school's Catholic educational vision and who has a strong awareness of a school's Catholic identity and mission. The teacher is one who has demonstrated excellence in teaching skills and has a positive effect on the moral growth of students. In addition, **Principal Thomas Kane** received an award for 25 years of service in the diocese as a teacher and administrator. Congratulations, Miss Chonski and Mr. Kane!

Congratulations to the cast, crew, teachers and volunteers who made Into the Woods, Jr. such a wonderful show! Both performances proved that everyone involved poured their hearts into this production. It was a joy to watch. Well done!

Creation Care Team

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

MARDI GRAS! ~ This month St. Thomas enters the season of Lent which begins Ash Wednesday, February 14. Our parish Creation Care Team invites you to our 2nd "annual" Mardi Gras celebration after all the liturgies next weekend – **February 10-11**. Mardi Gras has many cultural traditions especially in the south and Caribbean islands. We would like to invite you to "New Orleans North" to join with our parish community for a festive and educational celebration in the Gathering Hall after all the Masses.

- We will host a Mardi Gras celebration after each Mass with a Kings' Cake, coffee, punch and baked goods with hands on activities and educational resources for children and adults.
- St. Thomas will distribute Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services to help us journey through Lent by **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**.
- We will share the good news of our two wells and water projects in Kenya made possible through the generosity of our parishioners.
- We are introducing an expanded recycling program beyond granola bar wrappers to include squeezable snack pouches and personal care/beauty items. Your recycling efforts have kept over 5000 wrappers out of landfills and provided clean drinking water for 26 people for one year through the Terracycle project.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Our next luncheon will be on **Friday, February 9** We will attend Mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. For reservations, cancellations or transportation, please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518-439-3286 by **Monday Feb. 5**.

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' spiritual and social activities ministry this month with sliced sheet cakes. Please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518- 439- 3286 to help with baked goods.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **NEXT WEEKEND** as part of the Mardi Gras Celebration. **All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 20-21, 2018

Offertory	\$13,100.08
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,613.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,713.08
Tithe from this Offertory	\$735.65

January 27-28, 2018

Offertory	\$12,467.10
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,163.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,630.10
Tithe from this Offertory	\$681.51

Our annual parish budget is based on weekly offertory collections of \$14,500, which we need to cover our operating expenses. For the weekend of January 27-28 our collection was \$13,630.10. This was donated by approximately 390 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,500 in loose cash from other donors.

As of December 31, 2017, our fiscal year budget for the offertory collections is \$369,750. For this fiscal year, we have received \$380,496.

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ The parish office sent statements of 2017 contributions to all contributing parishioners this past week. If you didn't receive your statement or have any questions about the information, please call the parish office at (518) 439-4951.

Calendar

Sun	2/4	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Thu	2/8	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	2/9	12pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sat/ Sun	2/10- 11	After All Masses	Mardi Gras Celebration/ Hospitality	GH
Sun	2/11	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, LCR1 or LCR2-Large Conference Rooms Rec Dining room, CHP-Chapel SCH-School

Mass Intentions

For the Week of February 5 - February 9, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	John T. Barrett, 1st Anniv. <i>John and Maura Barrett</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Joan Pisciotta <i>Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Intention of Celebrant
Fri.	12:15 pm	Enrollees of St. Thomas Memorial Fund

Next Weekend, February 10-11, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Emilie Richey <i>Betty and Collin Burse</i>
		Richard Sauer <i>Betty and Collin Burse</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Georgianna Brognano <i>Lisa and Tim</i>
		William Dussor <i>Ralph and Mary Ricchiuti</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Marie Hayes <i>Bill and Nancy Brown Bunk</i>
		Lt. USN George C. Cooley, 15th Anniv <i>Maureen Cooley</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of February 4, 2018

Sunday	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39
Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 / Mk 1:40-45