

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

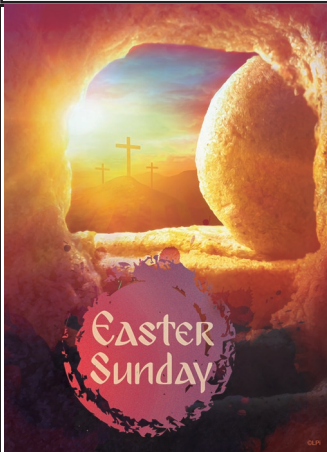
Christ the King Church: 456-1644, Sat: 4:00 pm / Sun: 8:00 & 10:00 am,
12:00 noon

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, DELMAR, NY

Saturday-Sunday, April 7-8, 2018, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Hank Steadman & Sandie Flynn	Meerab Gill & Sarah Gill	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Dave Rothfuss & Mary Richards	Tyler Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Amanda Kras Smith	Penelope Holstein & Emily Sagendorph	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Barbara Kavanagh	Lucy Creamer & Maggie Walters	2

Pastor's Corner



HAPPY EASTER ~ The celebration of the central mysteries of our faith on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and on Easter morning were powerful, prayerful moments. Once again this year, many people who attended told me how touched they were with the power and beauty of the liturgies. Some who have recently lost a loved one said they found much comfort and strength in the services. We

owe a debt of gratitude to all those talented and giving parishioners who made those celebrations all that they were. To Nelly and Dianne and all the choir members, the office staff, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, acolytes, ushers, hospitality ministers, candidates, catechumens and their sponsors, RCIA team, decorators, those clean the church and sanctuary and all those who work consistently behind the scenes..... **Thank You,** your talents and generosity have enriched us all.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 2. **There WILL BE the regularly scheduled Mass at 12:15 p.m.**

2017 Bishop's Appeal ~ We are pleased to announce that once again we have met our goal for the Bishop's Appeal. We especially thank all the families who helped us meet this obligation to the Diocese. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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
Ethel Cullen whose funeral was held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

May the joy of the risen Lord fill your heart this Easter

Pastoral Care Support ~ Our Pastoral Care Department can provide support to you in your time of need. We provide consultation, referral and educational materials on a variety of topics and issues in a confidential manner. Contact Maura for more assistance.

Are you or a loved one no longer able to get to Mass due to illness or injury? ~ We can arrange for you to receive Communion at home. Contact Maura for more information.

Moving to a senior living community or nursing home? ~ Please let Maura know so that we can continue to provide support to you in your new home. Many times we do not know when and where people have moved after a hospitalization or illness.

Attention Pastoral Care Volunteers ~ SAVE THE DATE ~ Our Annual Pastoral Care Ministry Mini-Retreat Day for **St. Thomas Pastoral Care Volunteers** ~ will be held on **Wednesday, May 2 at 11:30 in the Gathering Hall.** Our topic this year is: **Elder Abuse: A Faith Based Response.** Speaker: Devon J. Barrett, BA, Elder Navigator & Outreach Specialist, Albany Senior Services. Faith leaders and ministers are in unique and trusting relationships with vulnerable older adults in the parish. Learn how to identify & respond to elder abuse as well as assist in prevention in your special role in Pastoral Care Ministry. Invitations to follow.

"Tools for Caregivers" ~ The Capital Region Caregiver Coalition will offer their 11th annual event on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle, Albany from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops, continental breakfast, caregiver healing touch, vendor resource fair will all be offered. Free. Advanced registration is required. Contact Angela at crcceg@gmail.com or 518-248-3807. For more information visit www.capitalregioncaregiver.com

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.

Easter Sunday

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Preparations for Next Year are Underway!! ~ For the 2018-19 year, elementary classes for grades 1-5 will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday only. **Registration will begin April 9!!**

As a reminder to all families, there will be **no faith formation classes this week, April 3-5** while the children are on Spring Break from school. Classes will resume on April 10 and continue for 3 weeks ending on April 26.

Our annual **5th grade moving up ceremony** for 5th grade faith formation students and their families will be held on **Monday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in the chapel. We look forward to celebrating with our families and telling them all about the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead for them as they continue their faith formation as middle schoolers next year!!!

First Eucharist celebrations will be held the weekends of April 14-15 and April 21-22. We have 79 children from St. Thomas school and our elementary faith formation program preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist. Please pray for them and their families as they complete their preparation and plan for this most joyous occasion

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Thank you to all of our **Stations of the Cross celebrants:** Julia Garrison, Zach Isenberg, Emma Brown, Ana Luna-Gastelum, Ginger Hebert, Ciara Ryan, Billy Van Amburgh, Michael Kurdziolek, Erich Fischer, Lizzie Krege, Joan Krege and Bridget Zigrosser. A special word of thanks to Jean Leonard and Paul Murray for their musical contributions

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Please check out the Summer Binder in the Gathering Hall for leadership and service camps offered by the Albany Diocese! You don't want to miss out on the fun! More details to follow in future bulletins.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! Wishing you and your family a joyous Easter with family and friends!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

CONGRATULATIONS to Patti Corsi, Sarah Matrone, Jennifer Manziano and Emily Pringle. They received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. We welcome them into our blessed faith community at St. Thomas.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Happy Easter!

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29).

Wishing you the gift of Faith at Easter and always ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Creation Care Team

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

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" ~ Easter is a time of rebirth, renewal, and joy. Easter is not an ending; it is a beginning for the earth and each plant, animal, and person who share our common home. It is truly the Christian New Year and the time to embrace protecting and renewing our home. As the season of spring awakens our environment, let us each renew our commitment to care for our home and those who share it with us.

- Remember to turn your Rice Bowls into a check that will be shared with Catholic Relief Series and our sister parish in Mexico.
- Plan to participate in the St. Thomas School Garage Sale April 13-14 by recycling your unneeded and gently used merchandise. See bulletin for information.
- Use care in selecting garden fertilizers and lawn care products as you begin to restore your yards after our long winter.
- Take advantage of the Town of Bethlehem Backyard Composter sale. Pre-orders must be made on-line by 4/7/18. Details at www.townofbethlehem.org/compost
- Take a neighborhood walk or drive to enjoy God's gift to us as new life breaks forth all around us.

Happy Easter from the Creation Care Team!

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on Friday, April 20. We will attend mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch together. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by Monday, April 16.

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with cupcakes. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

March 31- April 1, 2018

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Counters Needed for Easter Collection ~ All "Counters" who are available to count the Easter collection on Tuesday, April 3 at 9 a.m. are asked to sign up at the oval table next to the church foyer. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE March 24 - 25, 2017

Offertory contribution information for March 24-25 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	4/2		Parish Office Closed	
Thu	4/5	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	4/7	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Sat/ Sun	4/7-8	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	4/8	9 am	RCIA Class	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

Thank you to the following, who made donations for our Easter Altar Flowers:

Donated by Teri, Andrew and Jeff Fisher..... Maria and Leonard Fox and Family The Zigrosser Family..... Evelyn and William Davies..... Karen Jones Louis and Melissa Faiola..... Robert Conway..... Joanne Cerneck The Regal Family..... The Gallacchi Family..... Mary Jo Cronin..... Liz Santa Barbara Loretta and Ray St. James and Family Roseann and Frank Commisso Elizabeth Santa Barbara..... Larry and Liz Dole..... Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Derucher..... The Wildzunas Family Julian and Loucille Miana Mary, Jacob and Joseph Bintz The Rose Family Mickey and Barbara Kavanagh Fulvia Pizzitola Kathleen Bragle Marianne Conophy..... Family Arlene LaDuke..... Hazel TeRiele..... Blaise Aluise Cantalupo Family Pat Kottage Russo Family Weyant Family..... Betty McSweeney Adele Nucci John Keith The Ruggirellos..... Susan and Timothy O'Connor Michael and Doris Walker Susan Aluise B. Pluckrose Nancy and Jerry Toomey Rosemary and Robert Taranto..... Family The Family	In Memory of or To Commemorate John W. Fisher Leonard Jr. and Kevin Patrick and Daniel Whyte William B. Davies Marie and Harry Mathison Fran Coccozza Loretta Carney David Cerneck Evan Regal Michael, Pat and Mario Gallacchi Kenneth and Josephine Kellogg Delphia and Michael Santa Barbara Kevin St. James All Our Families Michael and Delphia Santa Barbara Gregory and Marion Dole and Chris Grieco Viola, Villani, Licata, Derucher and Lombard Families John and Veronica Wildzunas Manuel Miana Linda and Michael Bintz Emerson Rose Boeck and Kavanagh Families Pizzitola and DePalma Families George W. Bragle Peter and Elizabeth Conophy Bill Pringle Nelson LaDuke The Benway and TeRiele Families Glen Ann Aluise Deceased Loved Ones Alexander Kottage Russo and DeCrescenzo.Families Mary and Leonard Weyant and Jack and Ann Winters Thomas McSweeney Adalgisa and Ida Nucci Robert and Elizabeth Keith Loved Ones Patricia and Thomas O'Connor John Schmit Glen Ann Aluise Ed, Frances and Linda Pluckrose Nicole Pee Carey Marcelle and Taranto Families John and James Deragon Atanasio, Schepisi and Newell Families
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Other flower donations by: Anonymous

Mass Intentions
For the Week of April 2 - April 6, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Bernard teRiele <i>Marie Frasier</i>
		Myrna Prieto <i>Barbara J. Bateman</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Mary Ann Krulcik <i>Ann Grayzar</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	George W. Bragle <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Theresa McSweeney <i>His Wife, Betty</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Marjorie Glasser <i>Jim and Linda Leonardo</i>

Next Weekend, April 7-April 8, 2018

Sat.	8:00 pm	David Shaffer <i>Marcia and Dick Bassotti</i>
		Tricia Holden <i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Tony Giordano <i>Marcia Wendth</i>
		Brian Hoople <i>Friends</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Michael and Gail Dwyer <i>The Family</i>
		Mary Ann Krulcik <i>Mary and Tom Bigelow</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16: 9-15
Sunday	Acts 4:32-35 / Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31