

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 21-22, 2018, Fourth Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Mahar & Maureen Roberts	Morgan Leonard & Shelby Whitman	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Edmundson & Cathy Semenoff	Kailee Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Michael Connolly & Martha Snyder	Maya Richter & Morgan Sears	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & Sarah Comi	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	1

Pastor's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER ~ Tori Yost.

PLEASE VISIT THE ST. THOMAS WEBSITE ~ In addition to the weekly bulletin, we use the St. Thomas website to communicate the latest parish happenings and information to the St. Thomas faith community. On the home page, you will find the latest parish news and links to the weekly bulletin, the parish calendar and the myParish App download, the weekly Mass schedule and more. On other pages, you'll find updates for all our ministries, enjoy photos of the people and events around our parish, make connections to the school and faith formation, get tweets from Pope Francis and much more. Point your browser to stthomas-church.org from any computer or mobile device. There is also a link to the bulletin within myParish App. Let us know how we can improve our outreach to you.

VIRTUS TRAINING ~ All staff and volunteers of the parish who are 18 years or older must take a Virtus class in order to work/volunteer with children and vulnerable adults in any capacity in our parish. A Virtus class that fulfills this requirement will be held here at St. Thomas on Sunday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the school media center. Register online by going to the diocesan website, www.rcda.org, clicking on the "Protecting Children" tab and then the Virtus Training link. You will be brought to a page that will guide you to 'Sessions and Registration.' Click on our organization, Albany, NY diocese to find this class along with MANY other upcoming sessions offered throughout the diocese and sign up for the one most convenient for you.

Prayer & Worship

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Nancy C. Mackey and Patricia C. Burdick whose funerals were held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

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.

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will meet on **Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00-7:30** 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 439-4951 ext. 104 or mbarrett@stthomas-church.org.

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.

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.

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. Be sure to register early to take advantage of our early bird special; \$15 off your total registration fee!!!

Third Sunday of Easter

As we begin to accept registrations for next year, we will also anxiously be **seeking volunteers to staff next year's program**. Catechists, class assistants and gatekeepers will be needed to cover all classes, days and times. Please contact the faith formation office to find out how you can give your time and talent to this most wonderful ministry!!

First Eucharist celebrations continue next week April 21-22. We have 79 children in total from St. Thomas school and our elementary faith formation program who have prepared to receive the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist. Please pray for them and their families as they celebrate this most joyous occasion.

Our final week of faith formation classes this year will be held on April 24-26 ~ We have had a fantastic year helping you to teach your children about our Catholic faith. We will miss their smiling faces coming through the doors each week, but know everyone, children and volunteers alike, will enjoy a well-deserved vacation as we finish out Spring and head toward a hopefully wonderful and warm summer!! Don't forget to register for next year as soon as you can taking one thing off of your summer 'to do' list.

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 SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Thank you to Michele Bernasconi, Ed Gillian, Jeremy Martelle and all the students that participated in last Sunday's Confirmation retreat. **The next Confirmation retreat will be Sunday, April 29** for any student still needing to participate in a Confirmation retreat experience.

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament on Friday, May 11.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

High School Family Earth Day Picnic is next Sunday, April 22 from 12:15-2 p.m. in the school. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall. Fun, Service, and learn about summer opportunities here in the diocese. Please sign up for a dish to share, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Save the Date ~ Spring Enrichment special programming for teens and young adults. **BE THE CHURCH, Thursday, May 17** at St. Rose College, 4-8 p.m. Key note speaker for teens is Chris Padgett. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall if you are interested in attending.

Special thanks to ~ Ryan Neary, Maia Coleman, Thomas Buffaline, Jack Vincelette, Nathalie Aragona, Stefan Kloss, Alijah Gonzalez, Orlando DiBacco, Ruth & Katie Hotaling, and Maggie Walters for volunteering at the Sr. Maureen Joyce Center over Spring Break! Excellent team work! Special shout out to Mrs. Meghan Hotaling who assisted with transportation!

Celebrating our Graduating Seniors at 5 p.m. Mass on June 2 ~ Seniors please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

It all starts at St. Thomas the Apostle School: Accepting Applications for Preschool through 8th grade for the 2018-2019 school year ~ Come and learn how we prepare our students to learn, succeed and lead. We believe in the importance of establishing a solid foundation in which students explore and live their faith, love to learn, know how to find the answers, and think critically. Our students are prepared and supported through the challenges of middle school, so that they are as prepared as they can be for high school, college and life beyond. To schedule a tour or for more information please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or orjmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we believe that each child has their own unique gifts to share and that it's so important for those gifts to be celebrated. We encourage our students to explore and develop their own artistic talents through participation in our theater productions, art classes and clubs, summer camps, Liturgy Choir, music classes and a variety of lessons including band instruments, violin, piano and vocals.

Scrip gift cards are available year-round and are a great way to plan for gifts throughout the year as well as weekly/monthly purchases at places like ShopRite and WalMart. Visit <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop> to view which cards/denominations are available. Order forms are available in the Gathering Hall and can be dropped off or mailed in with cash or check payment to St. Thomas the Apostle School, [42 Adams Place, Delmar](#). If you have any questions, please contact Erica

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: idschrempf@verizon.net
or Marie Myer: mymyermarie@yahoo.com.)

On April 22, people across the world will celebrate **Earth Day**. In solidarity with our sisters and brothers on every continent, let us give thanks for the gift of creation and renew our commitment to care for God’s precious gift to us. This, of course, is not a one day celebration, but a prayer of gratitude for God’s gift of creation to us and a deeper commitment to care for our common home. Pope Francis calls us to “**nurture and cherish creation as a command of God given not only at the beginning of history, but given personally and collectively to each of us... It means causing the world to grow responsibly, transforming it so it may be a garden, a habitable place for everyone**”.

- As April slowly breaks into spring, take the time to reflect individually and as a family on what you will do to not only celebrate, but to live Earth Day.
- Renew your commitment to use reusable shopping bags, return plastic bags to containers in local stores, refuse styrofoam containers by bringing your own reusable containers, say “no” to plastic straws, contact manufacturers who use excessive plastic packaging.
- Recommit to recycling in your homes, businesses, places of recreation.
- Dispose unused pharmaceuticals at the Town of Bethlehem collection at the Town Park on April 28 from 10am – 2pm. **Never flush them down sinks or toilets.**
- Use care in selecting lawn care and garden products as you begin to restore your yards and gardens after our long winter.
- Send us your ideas on caring for our common home so that we can share them with our parish.

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.

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, April 21-22. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected.

2018 Annual NY Rosary Walk for Life with Bishop Scharfenberger & Catholic Young Adult Cookout – NY State ~ Please join Bishop Scharfenberger at the Fifth Annual Rosary Walk for Life, which will include Mass, rosary procession, talk from the Sisters of Life, and reception. Starting location at 11:00 a.m. , Saturday, April 28, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St., Albany.

Catholics ages 18 – 39: Following the Rosary Walk for Life, join Catholic young adults from across NY State for a cookout at 3:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville. For more information: nyrosarywalkforlife@gmail.com. All are welcome and bring a friend!

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
April 7-8**

Offertory	\$13,077.12
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$2,398.00
Total Offertory Received	\$15,475.12
Tithe from this Offertory	\$773.76

For the weekend of April 7-8, our collection was \$15,475.12. This was donated by approximately 422 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$2,020 in loose cash from other donors.

Our annual parish budget is based on weekly offertory collections of \$14,500 which we need to cover our operating expenses. As of the end of February, 2018, our year-to-date (YTD) Sunday offertory collection budget is \$493,000, with a YTD actual of \$494,288.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	4/15	9 am	RCIA Class	LCR
Wed	4/18	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Wed	4/18	6 pm	Public Policy Group	GH
Wed	4/18	7 pm	Creation Care Team	PO
Thu	4/19	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	4/20	12 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sun	4/22	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

Mass Intentions

For the Week of April 16 - April 20, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Muriel Welch <i>Her Family</i>
		Matthew Burnell <i>His Mom, Candace</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Mary W. Vanderwarker <i>Mary Jeram</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	J. Robert Sheehan, 2nd. Anniv. <i>John and Maura Barrett</i>
		Loretta Carney <i>Pat McDermott</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Muriel Welch <i>Her Family</i>
		Christine Cirillo <i>Her Family</i>

Next Weekend, April 21-April 22, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	For the People
Sun.	8:00 am	Charles Kolber, 18th Anniv. <i>His Family</i>
		Tony Giordano <i>Gene and Kathy Ryan</i>
	9:30 am	Jerry DuBois <i>His Wife</i>
		Vincent Mandato, Sr. <i>Lawrence Keating</i>
	11:00 am	George W. Bragle <i>Deacon and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton</i>
		Michael and Gail Dwyer <i>The Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48
Monday	Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6: 60-69
Sunday	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18