

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 28-29, 2018, Fifth Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Coffey & Carol Tomlin	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Jeff Conklin & Maureen Nyilis	Cathy Semenoff & Christine Corson	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Annemarie Farrell	Andrew Thorp & Donja Tripp	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Hedderman & Maureen Cahill	Eileen Desharnais & Maggie Walters	2

Pastor's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Brian and Mary Hupe and their daughter, Emma.

SAVE THE DATE ~ On May 18, Father Leskovar will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. **Father will preside at the 11:00 Mass on May 20 (Pentecost Sunday) to mark this milestone. Hospitality will follow in the Gathering Hall.** All of us at St Thomas the Apostle congratulate Father Leskovar on this Golden Jubilee and are so grateful for his many years of dedicated priestly service to the parish. *Ad multos annos!*

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.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But, when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist." – Pope Gregory the Great

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.

"Seasons of Hope" ~ A Support Group for the Bereaved ~ St. Pius X Parish will offer a support group for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one. They will meet for 6 Monday evenings this spring (4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4) at St. Pius X Catholic Church Conference Room B. Sign-in from 5:30-6:00 (1st night). Group meets from 6-8 p.m. Please bring a bible. For more information or to register please contact Susan B. Ikenhoffer, RN, Facilitator at susanikenhoffer@gmail.com or call 518-489-8120. **Seasons of Hope** is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church.

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)

Registration for next year's program has begun!! ~ 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!!!

Fourth 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 rewarding ministry!!

First Eucharist celebrations conclude this weekend. 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 this year. 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 this week 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 schoolers next year!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION
(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

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)

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 Vinny Blendell, Cali Hennessy, Daris Palange, John Henry Walters, Zachary Isenberg, Sarah and Anna Bernasconi, Charlie Nittinger, Matthew Revai, Joe Kolberg and chaperone, Shelby Blendell for volunteering to sort frozen foods at the Northeastern

Food Bank. Thanks for assisting in feeding the hungry!

Spring Fling BINGO at Good Samaritan Nursing Home ~ WE thank Maggie Tromp, Anna and Sarah Bernasconi, Carli and Jack Hennessy and Ryan Teplitzky sharing their time and quarters which made each BINGO a jack pot and everyone a winner! God Bless!

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

Happy Earth Day! ~ PRAISE HIM! GIVE THANKS!
"God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good." - Genesis 1:31

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Thank You! ~ The Class of 2018 would like to offer a great big **thank you** to everyone who donated goods, supported us by their purchases, helped us organize and even helped with the clean-up. Due to a tremendous effort by everyone we made over \$10,700 to help make our annual trip to Washington, DC in May affordable for every student. We are so blessed by your support!

Have you registered for Summer Camp? ~ This year, we are offering a variety of summer camps open to rising 4-year-old preschoolers through current 8th graders. **No need to be a St. Thomas student to attend.** This year's camps will include Clay Creations, Basketball Camp, Creative Writing, Programming, Trivia Camp and much more. Flyers and registration forms are available in the Gathering Hall. For more information, contact Erica Fox at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or efox@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas, we believe that the middle school years are crucial not only for academic development, but for social development as well. We strive to provide opportunities that stretch beyond the school day in order to encourage this, one example being our "Middle School Fun Nights". This year, students have enjoyed an indoor man hunt using flashlights throughout the darkened school as well as midnight bowling followed by a sleepover in the school building.

Open Enrollment - Tours and Student Visits ~ As part of the application process, once a family has toured, we invite the child/children to join us for a "Shadow Day". They are invited to spend the entire school day, attend classes and get to know their potential St. Thomas classmates, teachers and staff. **Interested in a Tour/Shadow Day?** Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Creation Care Team

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

"We need to care for the Earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family." (Pope Francis)

Earth Day, this Sunday, can be a time of celebration and commitment: celebration of the wondrous gift of Creation given to us by God and commitment to treating it with respect, sharing it justly with all people.

Celebrate Creation by:

- **Planning** your summer garden or beginning a window sill herb garden.
- **Engaging** your children (and yourself) in an art project using items you might have thrown away in the past – such as paper towel rolls, broken toys, last summer's seashells, plastic containers. It can be fun as well as an opportunity to talk with children about recycling, reusing and zero-waste.
- **Taking** a hike along the Rail Trail or at Five Rivers
- **Learning** more about the birds that come to your yard or neighborhood (May 12, Five Rivers will host a Birds and Breakfast program from 6 to 11 am. Hudson Mohawk Bird Club members will be guides. First group will go out at 6 am, with later groups at 7 and 8 am. A free light breakfast will be served. Check the Five Rivers Education Center website for all details.)

Commit to respect and share Creation by:

- **Beginning** to compost food scraps (Compost enriches the soil, holds soil moisture, helps prevent erosion, suppresses weed growth, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. This information obtained from the Bethlehem Town website. For more data about composting go to that site.)
- **Eliminating** use of all single-use plastic items. (**Ending Plastic Pollution is the 2018 Earth Day theme.**)
- **Decreasing** your "carbon footprint" by buying locally grown produce as available, supporting the Delmar Farmer's Market when it reopens May 5.
- **Participating** in the St. Thomas Parish TerraCycle® Recycling Project. Items being collected include Foil-lined granola/energy/protein bar wrappers, Squeezable Snack Pouches (with caps attached) Personal Care & Beauty Packaging (Flyers describing items for collection are with the collection boxes in the Church Gathering Space.) Recycling funds earned, support water projects.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, April 21-22. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating. Thank you, and as always, your generosity is appreciated.

Community

Eagle Scout Designation ~ Please join us in congratulating two young men of our parish, Michael Connolly and Joe Fierro, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. They are both Scouts with Troop 58 in Delmar. Michael's capstone project was to photograph and upload the 2,500 graves in the Bethlehem Cemetery, which date back to 1865, to the "Billion Graves" online database. This allows people the ability to search for family members and learn where they are buried. Joe's capstone project to earning Eagle was to clear out and landscape the overgrown area adjacent to the Rail Trail and the American Legion property. We thank Michael and Joe for their fine efforts which benefit the members of our community.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in Albany and Apr 27-29, 2018 in Huntington. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.wwmenyalb.org>.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
April 14-15**

Offertory	\$12,829.54
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,253.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$14,082.54
Tithe from this Offertory	\$704.13

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 April 14-15, our collection was \$14,082.54. This was donated by approximately 377 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,764 in loose cash from other donors.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	4/22	9 am	RCIA Class	LCR
Mon	4/23	7 pm	Scouts for Religious Emblem Awards	GH
Thu	4/26	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	4/29	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 23 - April 27, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Loretta Carney <i>Adele Nucci</i>
		Bernard teRiele <i>Vera Peek</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Maureen Moran <i>Family</i>
		Jason Todd Krill <i>Maureen Cooley</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Jeanne Marie Clifford <i>Tony and Mary McManus</i>
		Joan Klingbeil <i>Her Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Thomas Dexter <i>His Wife, Teresa</i>
		Natalie "Billie" Tessitore <i>Candace Stellato</i>

Next Weekend, April 28-April 29, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Sr. Carol Porter, CSJ and James Porter <i>Eileen and Wayne Boyer</i>
		Alex Gadomski, 2nd Anniv. <i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Art Wendth <i>Marcia and Family</i>
		Tony Giordano <i>Karen Jones</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Margaret Mayer <i>Family</i>
		Michael and Gail Dwyer <i>The Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13: 16-20
Friday	Acts 13 :26-33 / Jn 14:1- 6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8