

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, May 5-6, 2018, Sixth Sunday of Easter

| | <u>CELEBRANT</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>SERVERS</u> | <u>EM TEAM</u> |
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| 5:00 p.m. | Father Berberian | Denis Hurley & Tricia Buhr | Ali Barron & Matthew Barron | 4 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Father Berberian | Dave Rothfuss & Mary Richards | Tyler Harrigan & Isabel Scisci | 4 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Father Berberian | Matt Scheidler & Marianne Conophy | Anna-Jeanne Staerker & Matthew Connolly | 3 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Father Leskovar | Hank Steadman & Vera Frangella | Ryan McCarroll & Katie Desharnais | 3 |

Pastor's Corner

2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL - "SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" ~ Next weekend will be the in-pew solicitation for the 2018-2019 annual Bishop's Appeal. Please prayerfully consider to what extent you can support the work of the Diocese and be prepared next weekend to make your gift or pledge to help St. Thomas reach its assessment of \$199,166. You are encouraged to visit the website created by the diocese, www.thebishopsappeal.org, and watch the video created for this year's appeal. *And, we thank you in advance for your generosity.*

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!*

CONGRATULATIONS to the families of Robert Edward Nimphius, Harper Lauren Carbino, Jayden Joseph Edward Frey, Javier Benito Luzon and Emily Elizabeth McKay who were baptized recently at St. Thomas.

Prayer & Worship

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

Peace Pole ~ You are always welcome to join the Peace Pole at anytime, but if you wish to pray with others, come at noon on the first Saturday of the month.

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Ascension Thursday Masses ~ Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the 7:30 a.m., 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Masses. Acolytes are ONLY needed at the 7:30 and 5:30 Masses. STS students will serve as acolytes at the 12:15 Mass. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve.

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.

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.

Catholic Distance University Free Webinar: Decisions of Life and Death ~ Technological advances in medicine and the constantly-changing understanding of ethics in modern society, end-of-life issues can be confusing. These ethical dilemmas become crises however, when suddenly individuals and families are faced with making important decisions for their loved ones. CDU faculty members want to equip you with a fuller understanding of what the Church teaches about important issues such as euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. With a fuller knowledge of these topics, you'll be better prepared to make important decisions for yourself and your loved ones. Join **Professor Steven Bozza** and moderator **Matthew Bunson** for this webinar on **Wednesday, May 2 at 8:00 p.m.** Registration required at the following website: <http://catholicdistance.com/Decisions-of-Life-and-Death>

Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry ~ You don't have to be an expert to join this amazing team. If you are interested in assisting with putting together knitted, crocheted and quilted blankets and other items ~ this group is for you! Guidance can be provided for the novices! This team creates beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. **Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer from anyone who would like to make them.** If you would like to become more active with this group, please contact Christina Ryan, group facilitator, at 518-439-8517.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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!!

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!!

Classes have now ended for the 2017-18 year ~

Offices will remain open through June 7 as we wrap up this current year and begin to plan for next year. We wish all of our families a wonderful Spring and Summer!! Again, be sure to get those registrations for next year in as soon as you can and knock one item off of your summer 'to do' list while taking advantage of our early bird incentive!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Confirmation is set for Friday, May 11 at 6:30

p.m. ~ Candidates should plan to arrive by 5:45 p.m. and report directly to the Chapel to rehearse. Candidates and sponsors should be seated by 6:15 p.m. Those doing readings should report to the church by 5:30 p.m. in order to practice.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Special blessings to all of our young church and parents who joined us this past Saturday in celebrating Earth Day

by working on our church property. Together we planted 3 shrubs in the back of the rectory, one in the front, planted flowers and mulched the rectory beds! **A special shout out to Paul and Tyler Harrigan of Harrigan's Professional Lawn Services, Delmar** for volunteering to do all the prep work for our Earth Day Project: delivery of mulch, plants, flowers, use of their equipment and most importantly their knowledge of landscaping and **caring for God's creation!** We too thank **Barbara Leonard co-chair of our Creation Care Team** for discussing our parish's new recycling and reuse projects. **Together we made a beautiful difference..."He looked and saw it was very good." God Bless!**

BE THE CHURCH NOW! ~ Young church: high school students and young adults please don't miss this opportunity to share, pray and accept the invitation to take your

place in the church! Bishop Ed hopes you accept this invitation to participate in the Spring Enrichment program "Be the Church Now" on Thursday May 17, 4-9 p.m. at St. Rose College. Keynote speaker is Chris Padgett, followed by breakout sessions, blessing and sharing coffee with Bishop Ed. Come and meet other young people who share our faith. Confirmed Students are invited to participate in a 4-6 p.m. workshop on The Eucharist (prepare to be a Eucharistic Minister) and other Peer Ministries. The program includes dinner and is FREE! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall or go to www.rcda.org/springrichment **BE THE CHURCH NOW** for more information and sign up today!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Space is limited. Don't forget to register 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? ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School's middle school teachers offer extra support to students through our after-school Homework Club.

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 jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Creation Care Team

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

Today's Gospel is a timely reflection for those of us who are beginning to clean up our yards and gardens after a very long winter ~ Lawns are littered with branches and pinecones that have broken off from trees and shrubs. These are raked up and disposed of because they are no longer attached to their source of life. Is this not Jesus speaking not only to his disciples 2000 years ago but to us today? It is a call and invitation to us to stay connected to him, our faith community, our families and friends – all those relationships that guarantee life for each of us.

- Take advantage of the town hazardous waste and electronic collection next Saturday, May 5 at the Town Highway Garage, 74 Elm Ave East, Selkirk. Check the town website www.townofbethlehem.org for information.
- Motivate your family to turn off the water faucet while brushing their teeth. A minimum of 4 gallons of water is saved each time we do that.
- If every American asked for drinks without plastic straws for one day, we would keep 500 million out of our landfills and oceans.
- Dog walkers can purchase eco-friendly waste bags at Petsmart.
- Have a family discussion at meal time, bed time or in the car on how you can celebrate Earth Day throughout the spring and summer

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Thank you to all those that made our April luncheon such a good time. Thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious cupcakes, to all our volunteers who helped to set up, serve and cleanup after the meal and to Town Supervisor David VanLoven who spoke about our town's future. Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on **Friday, May 18**. We will attend mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch together. If possible please bring a nonperishable food item for the St. Thomas food pantry. 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, May 14**.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheon. Could you please help us out next month with cookies? Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286.

Seniors Prom ~ A Royal Wedding! ~ Bethlehem Senior Services in conjunction with Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and the Bethlehem Public Library are hosting a Senior Prom! The theme is the "Royal Wedding" in honor of Prince Harry and Meghan's wedding. Dress up in your finery, dance or just listen to the songs of "Betsy and the Byegons," enjoy some light refreshments, and have your portrait taken at "Buckingham Palace" on the green screen. **Cost: FREE. Date: Friday, May 18. Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m. Where: Bethlehem Town Hall.** Reservations needed for either attendance and/or transportation. Call 518-439-4955 x1176.

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast, Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 12 pm, Holiday Inn Express Latham, **400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham**. Guest Speaker is Susan Conroy, author, speaker and EWTN TV host who journeyed to Calcutta to help Mother Teresa. Susan will speak about her friendship with Mother Teresa, chronicled in her first book: *Mother Teresa's Lessons of Love and Secrets of*

Sanctity. Registration is required by May 21. No walk-ins at the door. Tickets are \$25, check payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, 12065. Include: name, address, phone # and email address. Or, register online at magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/albany-ny/ Questions? Call Kathleen at 518-930-8380.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 5-6. All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE April 21-22

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| Offertory | \$13,210.39 |
| Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco) | <u>\$1,938.00</u> |
| Total Offertory Received | \$15,148.39 |
| Tithe from this Offertory | \$757.42 |

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 21-22, our collection was \$15,148.39. This was donated by approximately 414 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$2,069 in loose cash from other donors.

You can access Vanco e-giving on the St. Thomas website or myParish App to start or edit your e-giving offertory gifts.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

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| Sun | 4/29 | 9 am | RCIA Class | LCR |
| Sun | 4/29 | 6 pm | Virtus Training | MC |
| Wed | 5/2 | 11:30 am | Pastoral Care Mini-Retreat | GH |
| Thu | 5/3 | 10 am | Bible Study | LCR |
| Sat | 5/5 | 12 pm | Peace Prayer Vigil | PP |
| Sat/Sun | 5/5-6 | After All Masses | Hospitality | GH |
| Sun | 5/6 | 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 30 - May 4, 2018

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| Mon. | 12:15 pm | Patricia Shea <i>Luke Mullen</i> |
| | | Josephine Burns <i>Friends</i> |
| Tues. | 7:30 am | Patricia Burdick <i>The Pitts Family</i> |
| | | Raymond C. Ryan <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i> |
| Wed. | 7:30 am | Mary King <i>Betty McSweeney</i> |
| | | Grace M. Ricchiuti <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i> |
| Fri. | 12:15 pm | Patricia Burdick <i>Gerry and Kathy Schimanski</i> |
| | | John E. Graf, Sr., 18th Anniv. <i>Family</i> |

Next Weekend, May 5-May 6, 2018

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Loretta Carney <i>Alice Cantwell</i> |
| | | John Flanigan <i>Charlotte and Doug Maeder</i> |
| Sun. | 8:00 am | Mary Ann Krulcik <i>Gerry and Kathy Schimanski</i> |
| | | Tony Giordano <i>Jerry and Lois Smith</i> |
| | 9:30 am | For the People |
| | 11:00 am | Kenneth Chevalier <i>Helen Gray</i> |
| | | Michael and Gail Dwyer <i>The Family</i> |

Scripture Readings: Week of April 29, 2018

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| Sunday | Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8 |
| Monday | Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26 |
| Tuesday | Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday | Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday | 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14: 6-14 |
| Friday | Acts 15 :22-31 / Jn 15:12-17 |
| Saturday | Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21 |
| Next Sunday | Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 <i>/ Jn 15:9-17</i> |