

Church of

# Saint Thomas the Apostle



35 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054

Phone: 439-4951 • Fax: 439-0108

E-mail: [office@stthomas-church.org](mailto:office@stthomas-church.org)

Website: [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org)

**Rev. David V. Berberian J.C.L., Pastor**  
[dberberian@stthomas-church.org](mailto:dberberian@stthomas-church.org)

**Rev. Richard Leskovar, Weekend Assistant**

**Rev. James D. Daley, Pastor Emeritus**

**PARISH OFFICE: 439-4951 Fax: 439-0108**

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Patricia Holm, Pastoral Associate, Administration**  
[pholm@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pholm@stthomas-church.org)

**Barbara Ruggirello, Bookkeeper**

**Paul Edmundson, Office Assistant**

[pedmundson@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pedmundson@stthomas-church.org)

**Peter Bukowski, Facilities Manager**

[pbukowski@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pbukowski@stthomas-church.org)

**Maura Barrett, LMSW, Pastoral Care Associate**  
[mbarrett@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org)

**Avery Tunningley, Parish Music Director**  
[tunnac@aol.com](mailto:tunnac@aol.com)

**Nelly Brown Bunk, Choir Director**  
[nellybrownbunk@gmail.com](mailto:nellybrownbunk@gmail.com)

**Konstantin Tsykun, Contemporary Music Director**

**Dianne McMullen, Organist**

## **FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Closed Friday.

**Patti Staerker, Elementary Coordinator**  
[pstaerker@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pstaerker@stthomas-church.org)

**Elizabeth Kerins, MS and HS Coordinator**  
[ekerins@stthomas-church.org](mailto:ekerins@stthomas-church.org)

**Mary Ann Hospodar, Assistant MS and HS Coordinator**  
[mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org)

**Colleen Harrigan, Secretary**  
[charrigan@stthomas-church.org](mailto:charrigan@stthomas-church.org)

**PARISH TRUSTEES: Carmel Foltan and Adele Nucci**

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL: 439-5573 Fax: 478-9773**

[www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org)

[info@stthomas-school.org](mailto:info@stthomas-school.org)

**Thomas Kane, School Principal**

[tkane@stthomas-school.org](mailto:tkane@stthomas-school.org)

**Jennifer Murphy, Associate for Enrollment and Development**

[jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org)

## **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 19-20, 2018, Pentecost Sunday

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Mahar & Carol Tomlin	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Jeff Conklin & Alba Giordano	Jim Moran & Brian Gallagher	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Annemarie Farrell	Calen Ells & Kathleen Connolly	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & Sarah Comi	Doug Maeder & Barbara Veldran	2

## Pastor's Corner

### "SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" --

**2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL** ~ During May and June we are focusing on our 2018-19 Bishop's Appeal. Last weekend we conducted the in-pew collection after the homily at all the Masses. Our goal this year is \$199,166, which is 3% less than last year's assessment. To date we have received 91 gifts and pledges, a total of \$39,137 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**SAVE THE DATE** ~ On May 18, Father Leskovar will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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** go out to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. We are grateful to Elizabeth Kerins, Mary Ann Hospodar and their volunteer catechists who have worked with our young men and women to prepare them for the sacrament.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the family of the following children who were baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas: Leland Anthony Davis and Everett Lawrence Davis.

## 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Matthew Manzel-la and Thomas Tipple whose funerals were held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

**Training for New Acolytes** ~ We are looking forward to new acolytes being trained, to start serving this Summer! Any child who has received First Eucharist is eligible to serve in this ministry. We have scheduled two training sessions Tues., May 15 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and Sat., May 19 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Your

child only needs to attend one session. If your child is interested, please sign up at the oval table, opposite the community bulletin board, and indicate the session they will attend. Please be sure to take a permission slip which your child needs to bring to the session. There will also be copies of "Acolyte Guidelines" for you, to be reviewed before the training session. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 5:10**

**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.

**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.

**Ministers are needed to lead Rosary and Communion Services at Atria Delmar Place on Tuesdays mornings** ~ Our dedicated team leads this service approximately once every 4-5 weeks on Tuesday mornings at 10. The service lasts about 45 minutes. We could use some additional helpers. Many of the folks at Delmar Place are no longer able to get to Mass and the residents are very appreciative of the spiritual support they receive. Contact Maura if you are interested in joining this great group.

**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

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Faith Formation

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5) (Contact: Patti Staerker)

#### **Registration for next year's program is underway!**

~ Download the Annual Registration Form from the parish website, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org). Be sure to **register by this Tuesday, May 15 to take advantage of our early bird special; \$15 off your total registration fee!!!**

#### **Volunteers will be needed for next year's classes!**

~ 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!!

**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!! And, 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)

**Congratulations** to our students that received the sacrament of Confirmation this past Friday evening. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them as they continue their faith journey as adults in the Church.

## Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**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 a coffee house 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](http://www.rcda.org/springrichment), BE THE CHURCH NOW, for more information and sign up today!

**Special Blessing and Mass** for all of our High School Graduates Saturday June 2 at 5 p.m. Mass! Spread the word!

**Seeking leaders Grades 8-12** to form our CORE Team for Youth Ministry: commit to meeting once a month or every other month to plan fun recreational, service and prayer opportunities! Parents welcome! Contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org).

**Thank you God for all the wonderful women in our lives: our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunties, Sisters & friends! Thank you for their wisdom & love!**

**Summer Camp Opportunities** sponsored by: Pyramid Life Center and the Office of Youth Ministry:

- **BREAKAWAY:** June 24-28, grades 6 –8, at Pyramid Life Center. Week filled with hiking, service activities, workshops, swimming, Liturgy, canoeing, kayaking, and fun!
- **BREAKAWAY MUSIC:** June 24-28, at Pyramid Lake Center. Fill your days with music & singing explore your musical talent, meet other musicians and learn the music of our faith all while enjoying the great outdoors!
- **ST. ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE:** July 13-15 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs Auriesville, NY. Workshops, guest speakers, Adoration, liturgy, live music, FAITH AND FUN! For more information: [Joguesyouthconference.com](http://Joguesyouthconference.com).

**Scholarship Money Available!** ~ Please contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you are interested!

## School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

**Congratulations** to our students who have recently celebrated their First Eucharist including Royal Bannister, Ryan Barcomb, Timothy Burns, Reed DeWitt, Angelia Donato, Ciara Donlon, Niamh Donlon, Sarah Gerber, Jacqueline Hazzard, Grace Jones, Sophia Micheli, Daniel O'Callaghan, Marjorie Ostroff, Brady Phillips, Mayumi Poole, Tristan Pringle, Sophie Rini, Owen Russo, Declan Snye, Mia Thomas and Cesar Vasquez-Ruffino. May the Sacred Host that you received at your First Holy Eucharist be a source of inspiration each day of your life.

**Did you know?** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School offers parents many opportunities to get involved through our Parent-Teacher Organization as well as during various classroom activities, participation in family events, service projects and field trips throughout the school year.

**Partnering with Parents** ~ Encouraging prayer and Catholic faith-centered activities allows our teachers to reinforce the values you're working so hard to instill at home. We create an environment in which students are celebrated for their unique gifts and are encouraged to

explore and live their faith, to have respect for themselves and others, to always be eager to learn and to know how to find the answers and think critically. With this strong foundation, our students are prepared to be successful in high school, college and beyond. To schedule a tour or for more information please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

## Creation Care Team

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

**Pay It Forward** ~ The Risen Jesus promises His enduring Love ... **“As the Father Loves me, so I also Love you”** ... and His expectation that we Pay that Love Forward ... **“Love one another.”**

Pope Francis teaches us that **“Love is more in works than words: love is concrete.”**

**Caring for creation is more than words.** It is concrete acts ... large and small ... performed alone or in concert with friends known and unknown. Caring for creation is protecting and preserving the resources of the earth. It is demonstrating love for the people and creatures of the world ... through acts of kindness, sustainability and justice.

By Caring for Creation we **Pay the Love of Jesus Forward** to all living now and all yet to be born.

## Community

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** ~ Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov. 3-4 in ALBANY and May 19-20 in WARNER, NH. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.womenyalb.org>.

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food** ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults: 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

**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-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

**SEE THE MOVIE - "A CALLING"** ~ The film, "A Calling", featuring in part the Church of St. Lucy/St. Bernadette, Altamont, will have a local screening at Proctor's on Friday, May 25 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. "A Calling" is a story about Catholic women: religious, married, single, young and old. It is about the true power of these women as demonstrated throughout history. Tickets can be purchased at Proctors for \$10. To see the trailer, go to [www.acalling.njviscioletfilms.com](http://www.acalling.njviscioletfilms.com).

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE May 5-6

Offertory	\$13,963.38
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,488.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$16,451.38
Tithe from this Offertory	\$822.57

*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 **May 5-6**, our collection was **\$16,461.38**. This was donated by approximately **367** families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,120** 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

Mon	5/14	5 pm	Alzheimer's Care Team	GH
Tue	5/15	5:30 pm	Acolyte Training	CH
Wed	5/16	6 pm	Public Policy Group	GH
Wed	5/16	7 pm	Creation Care Team	LCR
Thu	5/17	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	5/18	12 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sat	5/19	10 am	Acolyte Training	CH
Sun	5/20	After 11 am Mass	Hospitality - Fr. Leskovar's 50th Ordination Anniv. Celebration	GH

**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 May 14 - May 18, 2018*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Tony Giordano</b> <i>Hospodar Family</i>
		<b>Patricia Burdick</b> <i>Luke Mullen</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Rev. Terrence Lee</b> <i>Diane and John McNiven</i>
		<b>Andrew Atkinson</b> <i>Bob Gola</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Ronald Russo, 8th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Sister Meir Montiel, FMSJ</b> <i>Sister Judith, FMSJ</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Patricia Dillon</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Anna Carroll</b> <i>Candace and Anita</i>

**Next Weekend, May 19-May 20, 2018**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Barbara Reuter</b> <i>Patricia and Aldo Villa</i>
		<b>Tony Giordano</b> <i>Walter and Barbara Gould</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Barbara Reuter</b> <i>Jeanne DeVoe</i>
		<b>Jose Samson</b> <i>Marie Morris</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>William J. Barnes</b> <i>His Family</i>
		<b>Michael and Gail Dwyer</b> <i>Family</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of May 13, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26 / 1 Jn 4:11-16 / Jn 17:11b-19</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25</b>
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23</b>