

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, June 2-3, 2018, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Coffey & Tricia Buhr	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	David Rothfuss & Alba Giordano	Brian Gallagher & Jim Moran	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Michael Connolly & Marianne Conophy	Catherine Snyder & Kailee Harrigan	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bill Burkhard & Sarah Comi	Cecilia Creamer & Eileen Desharnais	1

Pastor's Corner

"SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" --

2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL ~ Through the end of Juke, we will continue to focus on our 2018-19 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$199,166, which is 3% less than last year's assessment. To date we have received 227 gifts and pledges, a total of \$100,837 (51%) toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

We are happy to welcome seminarian Dan McHale to St. Thomas this summer ~ A native of Hudson, NY, Dan is completing his First Theology year at St. Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA. He will be arriving around June 1. Please keep Dan and all of our seminarians in your prayers as they continue their discernment process.

Memorial Day Holiday ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Memorial Day. There are no services in church scheduled for Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS to the families of the following children who were baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas: Giovanni Cole Izzo, Elaina Florence Klein, Harrison Drew McClosky and Jacqueline Marie Nassif.

A Note from Fr. Leskovar ~ Many thanks and gratitude to St. Thomas's staff and volunteers for making my 50th anniversary a truly memorable event.

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE ~ The monthly Prayer for Peace will be on Saturday, June 2, at noon at the Peace Pole near the entrance to the parking lot near the front of the church. All are welcome.

Memorial Day Mass - Calvary Cemetery ~ All are welcome to join parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the annual Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 28, at Calvary Cemetery, Route 9W, Glenmont. Mass is at 10 a.m. with Fr. Sean O'Brien presiding. Bring a chair and treats to share for the "get together" after Mass. This is a lovely way to commemorate this special day.

Usher's Meeting ~ All current and prospective ushers should attend an important usher's meeting on June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. The meeting will examine the role of usher and greeter at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP Paul Edmundson at (518) 439-4951 or pedmundson@stthomas-church.org or drop by the Parish Office. All ushers should pick up a letter from Father Berberian. The letter is located at the front entrance of the church.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord." – Proverbs 19:17

Welcome to Noah Poust! ~ Noah is a rising senior at LeMoyne College who will be interning this summer in Pastoral Care, learning and participating in the various ministries. We are glad to have you!

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.

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.

Most Holy Trinity

Faith Formation

Registration for the 2018-19 Faith Formation program continues ~ The office will remain open through June 7 so please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the parish website at <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>

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

A multitude of volunteers are still needed to staff next year's program, especially 4th and 5th grade catechists and class assistants. Please contact the faith formation office to find out how you can give your time and talent to this most wonderful ministry!!

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

Catechists, catechist assistants and gatekeepers needed! ~ Please consider sharing your faith with the teens of our parish. Volunteer forms can be found on the website at <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! ~ Please join us for a special blessing for our high school seniors and hospitality this Saturday June 2 at the 5 p.m. Mass! "Trust in HIM with your whole heart...acknowledge HIM and HE will direct your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall or email Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org.

Scholarship Money Available! ~ Please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org if you are interested!

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: [google Joguesyouthconference.com](http://google.com/joguesyouthconference.com).

Last call for 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!

"Lord, we remember and pray for all those brave, courageous veterans who gave their lives that we may be free. God bless all those who currently serve our country so we may be free. And help each of us to do our part to be a peacemaker in our home, community and the world! God Bless America!"

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Our 12th Annual Race for Education is off to a great start ~ This benefit run will raise funds for classroom technology, school sports programs, and help keep tuition affordable for all students. Cheer on students as they run, walk and participate in a day of fitness on Friday, June 1. To sponsor a runner or support our students, mail a check to St. Thomas the Apostle School - Race for Education, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054 or visit <https://www.youcaring.com/StThomas2018RFE>.

Looking for Used Smartphones ~ Do you have a smartphone you are no longer using? If so, please consider donating it to St. Thomas the Apostle School to enhance our Virtual Reality Program used in middle school academic classes. The phones do not need to be activated nor have a phone plan, we only need to use the computers inside them. We are in need of phones that can connect to the internet and have at least 1 GB of RAM (2-4 GB is preferred). Phones also need to be Android 4.4 or later or iOS 8.0 or later. For more information regarding how we will be using the phones, visit <https://vr.google.com/cardboard/>. If you have any questions, call the school at 518-439-5573 and leave a message for Mrs. Heilsberg. Thank you so much for all that you do to support our mission!

Did you know? ~ The Capital District Future City Competition is an educational program for middle school students to use their creative and innovative imaginations to design a city of the future. This year, the St. Thomas the Apostle School Future Cities Club was the recipient of two awards. The first, under the General Transportation heading, was Best Public Transportation System. The second, under the Innovative Transportation heading, was Most Innovative Transportation Infrastructure.

Come and see what a difference St. Thomas the Apostle School can make for your family. **Interested in a Tour/Shadow Day?** Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Community

SAVE THE DATE of Monday, October 15, for the next "Food for Thought," entitled: *Christian Advocacy in Today's Political World*, with our speakers, **Paul D. Tonko**, Congressman, 20th Congressional District of New York; **Kathleen M. Gallagher**, Director of Pro-life Activities, NYS Catholic Conference; and **Angela Warner**, Peace and Justice, St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Join us for fellowship and light refreshments at 6:30 pm at St. Thomas School. The program will begin at 7 pm. Keep checking the Bulletin for further details.

Active Older Adults Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Many thanks to our parishioners who baked delicious cookies and to our wonderful volunteers who helped decorate, set up, serve and clean up after our May luncheon. Thanks to all who brought in a food item for the St. Thomas food pantry. Also, thanks to our speaker, Diane Cameron, who spoke about work, purpose and life. Our last luncheon before we take a two month break will be on Friday, June 15. We will meet at 12:15 for mass and then enjoy lunch together. 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 518- 439-3286 by Monday, June 11.

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with sliced sheet cakes. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518- 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

.Cathedral Classic Golf Outing ~ The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is finalizing preparations for our **20th Annual Cathedral Classic Golf Outing** to be held at Wolferts Roost Country Club on **Monday, June 25**. All are welcome to join us for a wonderful time of lunch, golf, antics, fun, drinks and dinner...with lots of prizes, including 2 tickets to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City! Visit cathedralic.com/cathedral-classic/ for more information and/or registration or call 518-463-4447.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.wwomenyalb.org>.

Respect Life Forum ~ The annual Respect Life Forum will take place at St. Ambrose Church, Parish Hall, Lat-ham, on Friday, June 22 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.. For more

information, contact Renée Morgiewicz, Respect Life Ministry Office, at 518-453-6609 or renee.morgiewicz@rcda.org.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, May 26-27. 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.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Church in Central and Eastern Europe-Special Collection ~ THIS WEEK we will take up the Collection of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports organizations that provide affordable shelter, important services to the poor and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of generations of Communist rule. By providing pastoral care, support for families, faith formation and a place for prayer, gathering and learning your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please place your donation in the basket with the regular offertory. Thank you so much..

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
May 19-20**

Offertory	\$11,639.73
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,890.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,529.73
Tithe from this Offertory	\$676.49

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 19-20, our collection was \$13,529.73. This was donated by approximately 386 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,271 in loose cash from other donors.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	5/28		Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed / No Mass	
Thu	5/31	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	6/2	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP

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 28 - June 1, 2018

Mon.		Office Closed-No Mass (Memorial Day)	
Tues.	7:30 am	Living Intentions—Myrtle Family Living Intentions—Holly Bergeron	
Wed.	7:30 am	John Piechnik Janet Angelo	Vera Peek Fred and Barbara Heisler
Fri.	12:15 pm	Alfonso Lazaro Anna K. Scalzo	Lomotan Family Richard and Marcia Bassotti

Next Weekend, June 2-June 3, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Dolores Betor Barbara Reuter	Son and Family JoAnn Duquette
Sun.	8:00 am	Natalie Tessitore Tony Giordano	Greg and Monica Rutnik Richard and Marcia Bassotti
	9:30 am	For the People	
	11:00 am	Michael and Gail Dwyer Pat Burdick	Family Karen Jones

Scripture Readings: Week of May 27, 2018

Sunday	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16- 20
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9 / Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16 / Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	1 Pt 1:18-25 / Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56
Friday:	1 Pt 4:7-13 / Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Jude 17, 20b-25 / Mk 11:27-33
Sunday	Ex 24:3-8 / Heb 9:11-15 / Mk 14:12- 16, 22-26