

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 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel.

BAPTISM: Baptism of infants is usually celebrated on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Contact Father Tom for arrangements. Preparation sessions for parents presenting infants for Baptism are held monthly.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Contact Father Tom for information.

MATRIMONY: Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 to 8 months in advance and before scheduling a reception. Contact Father Tom 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 to meet with Father Tom.

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 6-7, 2017, Fourth Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Denis Hurley	Anna Barron & Matthew Barron	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Alba Giordano & David Rothfuss	Tyler Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Michael Connolly	Emily Sagendorph & Morgan Sears	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Vera Frangella & Tom Hedderman	Ryan McCarroll & Daniel Desharnais	2

Father Tom's Corner

A WORD FROM FR. TOM ~ Many people have asked what I will be doing now that my retirement begins on the first of May. First of all, I should clarify that I am not retiring from the ministry but rather from parish administration. I will be making myself available to help cover weekend liturgies around the diocese as the need arises. Folks ask whether I will be coming for weekend mass or other celebrations at St. Thomas but my response is that that would not be fair to the new pastor who will need the space to develop his own style in ministering to this community.

For a residence, I have a town house in Halfmoon which I have used as my permanent legal address for the past ten years. While at St. Thomas, I would go there for my day off on Thursdays as well as on Sunday afternoons after weekend masses here. I have no immediate plans for the summer apart from just taking time to get adjusted to a new lifestyle. I will however be taking a week long course in July at the Maryknoll Mission Institute in Ossining, NY, on the new cosmology and its implications for liturgy and worship. As you know, I enjoy studying the intersection of faith and science in the modern age. If you wish to keep in touch, my personal email is thayes2347@gmail.com.

Thank you for all the support and cooperation over the past seven plus years. I have made many friends here and I wish you all well as I say farewell to my time as pastor of St. Thomas.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL ~ Next weekend will be the in-pew solicitation for the 2017-2018 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 you gift or pledge to help St. Thomas reach its assessment of \$205,326.

CONGRATULATIONS to the families of the following who were baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas: Edima Kefre Lleyton Ekwo; Josephine Mitsuko Giuliano; Eleanor Rose Olsen.

UNIDOS EN CRISTO – UNITED IN CHRIST ~ We have a limited number of these missalettes for those whose first language is Spanish. Copies are available on the top of the organ console in the church. The new issue runs from Holy Week to Pentecost. They are free for the taking.

EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR ~ It is located near the bulletin boards in the Gathering Hall close to the main church entrance. Please note the location of this device in case we need to use it during an emergency.

Caring for Our Common Home

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdschrempf@verizon.net)

Caring for Our Common Home ~ Our parish and our environmental committee are deeply grateful to Father Tom Hayes for the inspiration, guidance, and support given that our parish might embrace the wisdom and advocacy of Pope Francis' call to care for creation as a principle of our Catholic faith. Through his book studies, homilies, bulletins, and personal support, our pastor led our parish to know and understand more fully that care for the earth and all its people is a right to life commitment that each of us must make. With his support and your donations, we have sent \$500.00 to Catholic Relief Services for their water projects in impoverished areas. Our prayerful reading and discussion of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* - Our Care for Our Common Home and the Lenten book study *Just Water* have given us a new and more ambitious goal – to work with an international organization to build a well in an area without safe and accessible water. We have already begun steps to reach this goal and will use the bulletin and parish website to provide details and fundraising information. And when we reach our goal, Father Tom, it will be because you taught us that water is a right to life issue for each person on the earth! My God bless you in the new chapters of your life. Gratefully – the People of St. Thomas.

Prayer & Worship

Until Our New Pastor Arrives ~ The Diocese is in the process of identifying the best possible candidate to be our new pastor. At this time we do not know when someone will be assigned but we will do our best to keep you informed, via the bulletin and our website www.stthomas-church.org, when we have news to share. During this transition, the Diocese will assign priests to cover our weekend Masses. If we have that information in advance we will include it in the bulletin. If not, we will update our homepage as the priest is assigned. For the month of May, Fr. Leskovar will preside at each of the 8:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday. He has also graciously offered to preside at our regularly scheduled weekday Masses with a few exceptions. We will not have weekday Masses on the following dates: Monday, May 1, Friday, May 12 and Monday, May 29 (Office is closed for Memorial Day weekend.) If you have any intentions scheduled for one of these days, we will contact you to reschedule and we apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

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

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

Thank you to the High School Youth Ministry Group and the Confirmation students and their parent volunteers, Kim Lawyer and Trish Kazanjian for creating 100 palm crosses and Easter magnets and cards that were delivered to our home bound and nursing home parishioners. The recipients were so touched by your kindness and it helped them to continue to feel connected to the parish especially during the Easter season.

You can become involved too! ~ There are many ways to assist those who are aged, ill, and needy in our parish. Working full-time? No problem! We have a number of ministries that offer **flexible scheduling, with opportunities for as little or as much time as you are able to give.** Visit the Pastoral Care link on the parish website or contact Maura at mbarrett@stthomas-church.org or by phone for more information. I am sure we can find a place for you!

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.

Is a family member hospitalized? ~ Please let the Pastoral Care office at the **hospital** know that you are from St. Thomas Parish so you can be put on the HIPPA list and can receive parish visits. Due to privacy policies, we may not know that you have admitted.

Our Meal Ministry Team provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support, OR if you would like to join the team** please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

Pyx needed ~ Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. If you are no longer providing Communion to the homebound and have borrowed one of our pyx, kindly return to the office or chapel sacristy so we can use it for others. Thank you!

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Congratulations to the following children who made their First Communions last weekend: Chelsea Biche, Meghan Biche, Aiden Bigwarfe, Ethan Bigwarfe, Jack Cunningham, Declan Dunleavy, Nicholas Giacone, Vivian Graf, Taylor Ilardi, Tyler Ilardi, Madeline Lee, Avery Lobban, Caidyn Mahan, James Mantor, Jamie Mantor, Malory Maycrink, Molly McCarthy, Isabella McSweeney, Caleb Potenza, Zackery Rogers, Gabe Stevens, Brendan Sweeney, Grace Vatter, and Jackson Vatter.

It's time to register for next year's classes! ~ We have begun accepting registration forms for our 2017-2018 Faith Formation program. Please download a registration form from our church website {<http://www.stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>} and submit it as soon as you can. Once again, we are offering an 'Early Bird Special' for those submitting their completed forms by May 31, 2017!

We will be seeking new and returning catechists and assistants to staff our classes for the 2017-18 faith formation year ~ Please contact our office to learn more about how you can help spread the Good News to

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Confirmation is Friday May 12 at 5:00 p.m. ~ Readers should report to the church by 4:00 p.m. All Confirmandi need to be in the chapel by 4:30 p.m. for rehearsal. Confirmandi and their sponsors should be in their seats by 4:45 p.m.

Best wishes on your retirement Fr. Tom! ~ Thank you for your guidance and leadership over the past 7 years from **Faith Formation and Youth Ministry! God Bless you as you begin a new chapter on life's journey. Congratulations!**

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Spring Break and still making a difference! ~ Special thanks to our young people who volunteered at the **Sr. Maureen Joyce Center:** Dylan Grigas, Maren Louridas, Daniel Chambers, Nate Sullivan, Jenna Golas, Owen Simonsen, Eamonn Hayes and Michael Maloney. Special thanks to our adults: Misty Hayes and Janet Knopp. Great team work! Shout out to our **Earth Day Pine Bush** trash collectors: Jack DeSanti, Chris Frey, John Henry Walters, Owen Simonsen, Aiden Somerville and our adults Kerry Pilek, Eric Somerville, and Joan Walters! Awesome job! And a gentle reminder please don't litter. **Take care of our home; EARTH!**

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

Accepting Applications for 2017/2018 – Limited Openings Available ~ Students at St. Thomas the Apostle School are encouraged to think, create and understand. From our youngest students in preschool to our 8th graders who are preparing for high school, it is always our goal to empower each and every student to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment which is rich in Catholic tradition. To schedule a tour, or for more information, contact Carmel Foltan or Visit www.stthomas-school.org

Spring Concert ~ All are welcome to attend the annual St. Thomas the Apostle School Spring Concert. Enjoy selections performed by the school band, grade 3-8 chorus and the Liturgy Choir. Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Register for Summer Camp at St. Thomas the Apostle School ~ Campers will participate in theme based activities, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor play daily. Full day campers will also have daily reading time, water play and field trips! For more information and to register, visit www.stthomas-school.org or call (518) 439-5573.

Community

The Public Policy Ministry requests that you **SAVE THE DATE of Monday, October 16**, for the seventh "Food for Thought" entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. The program weaves the art of Marion Honors, CSJ, with discussion, music, poetry, story and science. Watch the Bulletin for further details. Join the Public Policy Ministry; call Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or email mariecopeland62@gmail.com.

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on **Friday, May 19**. 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, May 15**.

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.

The Creation Care Team would like to thank Fr. Tom and all of our parishioners who accepted the challenge to pray, serve and conserve this Lent ~ Students who participated in our **WATER Poster Extravaganza** may pick up a packet of seeds in appreciation for your willingness to educate others to conserve our precious gift of WATER. Your posters were awesome!

Parishioners who accepted our **WATER Pledge** via a rain drop are welcome to pick up a packet of seeds for your participation. Seed packets are available in the Gathering Hall. Special thanks to our raffle donors: Honest Weight Food Co-op and Bethlehem Town Recycling Dept. for their support!

Raffle winners can pick up their prizes Monday – Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the church office. The winners are: *Honest Weight Food Co-op \$50 gift card Isabella & Nicholas Faio-la*; *Honest Weight Snack Basket DeToyo Family*; *Compost container from Town of Bethlehem, the Smith's*; *Compact bag The Barrett Family, Compact bag O'Connor's Conservation puzzle, Emma Greenblatt, Cinch pack Kelly and Cooley*. Congratulations! **Our next Creation Care Team Meeting is May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. All are welcome!**

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
April 22-23, 2017**

Offertory	\$11,641.78
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,765.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,406.78
Tithe from this Offertory	\$670.34

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Counters Needed ~ Volunteers are needed to spend several hours every month or so on Sunday morning to help count the weekend collection. Please let me know if you are interested. Thanks for considering this ministry opportunity.

Calendar

Sat, Sun	4/29, 4/30	After All Masses	Hospitality - Thanks Fr. Tom	GH
Wed	5/3	11 am	Pastoral Care Retreat	GH
Wed	5/3	7 pm	Creation Care Team Meeting	GH
Thu	5/4	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	5/6	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Sat, Sun	5/6, 5/7	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	5/7	9 am	RCIA Meeting	LCR1

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 1 - May 5, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	No Mass	
Tues.	7:30 am	Maureen O'Connell	<i>Maria Villa and Sean Moloney</i>
		Jimmy Moloney	<i>Sean Moloney</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Mary King	<i>Betty McSweeney</i>
		Jeffrey Boros	<i>Sean Moloney</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Enrollees of the St. Thomas Memorial Fund	

Next Weekend, May 6-7, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Thomas Magliocca	<i>The Family</i>
		Mary Klycek	<i>Friends from Quail Hollow</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Martin J. McDonagh	<i>Ann McDonagh</i>
		Lou Dempf	<i>Terry and Mary Ann Mitchell</i>
	9:30 am	For the People	
	11:00 am	Scott Lymburner, 15th Anniv.	<i>Charlotte and Doug Maeder</i>
		John S. Kelly and M. Patricia Kelly	<i>Their Daughter Maureen</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of April 30, 2017

Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24: 13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
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
Next Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10: 1-10