

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: Patrick Gallagher 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 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 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, October 21 - 22, 2017, Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Hank Steadman	Kelsie Apicelli & Shelby Whitman	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Mary Richards & Paul Edmundson	Nancy Chiu & Chris Corson	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Paul Connolly	Bridget Connolly & John Keating	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Sarah Comi & Tom Hedderman	Ryan McCarroll & Lucy Creamer	2

## Pastor's Corner

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18.**

**St. Thomas Parish Picnic - OCTOBER-FEST 2017~ Sunday, October 22, Noon to 4 p.m. at the Elm Ave. Park, Delmar.** Free Food, Soda, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, A Bouncy-Bounce for children, 50-50 Raffle. A Big Screen T.V. to be raffled off. For further information and to volunteer, please call one of the "tri-chairs": Bruce McShane at [518-928-3035](tel:518-928-3035), Paul Supple at [518-221-7125](tel:518-221-7125), or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286).

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall after each Mass. Please find an attendance sheet in the Gathering Hall and sign up your family so we can estimate food for all attending or sign up online at [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org). Scroll down to the news article about the parish picnic and follow the instructions **ALL ARE INVITED**.

**Catholic Charities' Collection THIS WEEK ~** Catholic Charities is partnering with parishes for a collection October 14-15 to benefit **The Campaign for Catholic Charities**. Those families that have envelopes will find a Catholic Charities' envelope in their monthly packet. For those not in the envelope program, there will be special envelopes available at all the entrances of the church or you may donate without an envelope. If you donate by check, please indicate "Catholic Charities" in the memo section. Place all donations in the regular offertory basket. . More information can be found online at [www.ccrda.org/campaign](http://www.ccrda.org/campaign) or in the October 5 issue of the Evangelist.

**Please welcome the following new parishioners to St Thomas:** Alaina and Carl DeWitt and children Reed, Luke and Carson; Patrick and Kathryn Markiewicz; Meghan and Domenico DeNitto and children Olivia and Julia.

## Prayer & Worship

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

**Please Remember in Prayer** Joan Racana and Herbert Fox Jr. whose funerals were held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us," –Pope Francis.**

**Welcome to Ralph Rahm** who has recently joined our Pastoral Care Ministries! **YOU** are invited to join us too ~ there are a number of ministries with flexible opportunities for service. Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able. See our website or contact Maura for more information.

**Kudos to our Meal Ministry Team!** ~ This dedicated group of ministers has cooked over 100 meals this year and has served over 40 people! The support you give to your fellow parishioners in times of stress is so greatly appreciated! Thank you ~ **Chris & Steve Corson, John Costello, Joe Creamer, Mary Jo Cronin, Mary Kay DelGiaccio, Kim Deragon, Beth Flanagan, Barbara Hodom, Kathy Hogan, Ann Jeram, Cindy Kaiser, Regina Kalet, Lori Keegan-Brady, Nancy Leveille, Rose McAvoy, Adele Nucci, Katie & Greg Potestio, Mary Regal, Chris Ryan, Alex Sanchez, Cathy Semenoff, Anne Sheehan, Lois Smith, & John Staerker!**

**Hospital Visitation Ministry ~** Would you like to join us? Our team 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.

**The Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA)** will be hosting their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Low Vision Technology Fair on Monday, October 16 at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany, from 9:00-4:00 p.m. The purpose of this fair is to showcase the latest in technologies designed to assist people with low vision and vision impairment with reading and daily activities. Guest speaker ophthalmologists, Dr. Glenn Thompson & Dr. Thomas Federici, will be presenting on issues related to eye health, diseases, research and treatments at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. People with vision impairment as well as family members, caregivers, educators and healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend. No charge. For more information contact: Cheryl Lawyer at (518) 463-1211, [clawyer@naba-vision.org](mailto:clawyer@naba-vision.org)

## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith Formation

#### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**First Eucharist family prep classes** begin next weekend. The first sessions will be Sunday, October 22 at 8:15 a.m. or Monday October 23 at 6 p.m. in the school media center. These first mandatory sessions are for parents only. Babysitting will be provided by our Middle School and High School Faith Formation students. Attend whichever one of these two sessions is more convenient for you.

**There will be no Faith Formation classes** during the week of October 31, November 1 and November 2 in honor of the Holy Day of Obligation, All Saint's Day. All families are strongly encouraged to attend Mass that Wednesday in lieu of class that week.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Middle and High School classes** continue this week!

**If your son/daughter** needs to attend a class other than their regularly scheduled class, please contact the Faith Formation office.

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Living Rosary** ~ Bring your family, your rosary and join us in Prayer to our Mother Mary on Sunday October 22 at 5 p.m. in the church. We will be collecting gently used fall & winter Clothing for Mary's Corner size 2T- 6 : coats, boots, shoes, PJ's, pants, shirts and books from birth to 4 years of age. Thank you for your support!

**Spooktacular Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale** is set for Sunday, October 29, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. All proceeds to benefit this year's NCYC Team! Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Hall after all Masses and in our Faith Formation Office during the week. Cost is \$6.00 per ticket or 4 for \$20. **We will also honor all of our "Spectacular" Catechists and Faith Formation Volunteers for echoing God's Word at Mass this weekend as well as at our Pancake Breakfast! God bless you for making a difference!**

**Parish and Community Service Opportunities** are located in our "Make A Difference" Binder in the Gathering Hall and can be downloaded from our Parish Website; Under *Education/Faith Formation*.

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

**Have you considered a Catholic School Education for your child? ~ PreK-8th Grade Open Enrollment. Please contact us today for a tour.** From our youngest students in PreK 3 to our 8th Grade students 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. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy.

**Did you know?** This is the sixth year we will be offering Latin for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 through Middlebury College, one of the world's leading institutes in the study of language. This is in addition to our World Language Program where we offer both French and Spanish.

**Please join us for the 3rd Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint & Socialize Event** on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., for wine, dessert, and painting a beautiful canvas through guided instruction. This event is open to the ladies of St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish and their friends. To reserve your seat, \$25 per person (must be 21 & over), RSVP to Jennifer Murphy at St. Thomas the Apostle School by November 3 with payment made to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. Please provide the number of guests attending, names of attendees, and one email contact to Jennifer Murphy at [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) or contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573. Seating is limited, so be sure to get your tickets before it's too late. All proceeds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School, and we thank you for your continued support!

**Our Shop 'Til You Drop Craft Fair** is right around the corner! Please join us on Saturday October 21 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be a variety of craft vendors, a Scholastic Book Fair, bucket auction, bake sale, breakfast and lunch items for sale. All money raised benefits activities for St. Thomas students throughout the year. **Sign up for the Ziti and Meatball Dinner from 2 p. m. to 4 p.m. Dine in or take out. Preorder forms are on the oval table in the Gathering Hall.**

### Creation Care Team

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

**Caring for Our Common Home** ~ This summer the Creation Care Team wrote and adopted a mission statement in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home*. It states that the



mission of this parish committee is **To care for God's creation through action, awareness, advocacy and education as part of our Faith.** Our planning, prayer, communication, activities, and formation opportunities for the committee and the parish will flow from this mission. We have all realized this summer and early fall that caring for our common home – its lands, waters and people - extends far beyond the reaches of the Town of Bethlehem. Sometimes our advocacy is fund raising, hands on assistance, and greater awareness and dedication to climate change. Sometimes it is falling on our knees when there are no words for horrific violence or destruction of homelands.

**For all parishioners:**

- Mark your calendars for **America Recycles Day!** November 18 at the Bethlehem Middle School. Clothing, textiles, book reuse and recycling plus document shredding will be available
- Follow media and newspaper communication on efforts to support our sisters and brothers in Las Vegas and Puerto Rico.
- Join our parish community and guests from neighboring churches and towns on this Monday, October 16 at 7:00 for the "Food for Thought" presentation **Earth: Our Common Home** by Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ.

## Community

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention Active Older Adults!** Our next luncheon will be on **Friday, October 20.** We will attend mass at 12:15 p.m. and then gather for lunch and dessert. Please invite a friend to come with you. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners. If possible, please bring a personal care item that will be donated to Bethlehem Senior Services. For reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) by **Monday, October 16.**

**Parishioners:** We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in October, we would appreciate any type of apple dessert. Please contact Christine or Steve at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) if you can help.

**Diocesan Mental Awareness Week ~** In collaboration with the Diocesan Consultation Center, Respect Life Ministry and the Vicariate of Catholic Faith Formation and Education, the Diocese has designated the week of October 15-22 as Diocesan Mental Health Awareness Week. Did you know that according to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in a year? Please see the community bulletin board for a list of "Signs and Symptoms of Mental Health Issues." For more information and resources, please contact the Diocesan Consultation Center at [518-489-4431](tel:518-489-4431).

## Christian Service

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, October 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.

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**Stopping Envelopes While You Are Away ~** If you receive offertory envelopes and plan to be away during the coming months, please let us know and we can temporarily stop your envelopes. The December/January envelopes are ordered on November 1, so please let us know by that date. Thanks.

**World Mission Sunday ~ Next Sunday** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday in solidarity with missions throughout the world. Your generosity is appreciated.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE October 7-8

Offertory	\$10,743.31
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$2,400.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,143.31
Tithe from this Offertory	\$657.17

**Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!**

## Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun	10/15	1 pm	Long Walk for Water	CH, GH
Mon	10/16	6 pm	Sacrificial Giving Committee	PO
Mon	10/16	6:30 pm	"Food for Thought"	MC
Wed	10/18		NO MASS	
Wed	10/18	7:00 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Thu	10/19	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Fri	10.20	12:15 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sun	10/22	9 am	RCIA Weekly 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 October 16 - October 20, 2017***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Living Intentions- Susan Trofimow</b>	<i>Arlene Grady</i>
		<b>Mary Potera</b>	<i>Arlene Grady</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Devin Barry</b>	<i>Duncan Berry</i>
		<b>Karen Polega</b>	<i>Vera Peek</i>
<b>Wed.</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Bill Reilly</b>	<i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>
		<b>Constance Albert</b>	<i>Harriet and Al Hofaker</i>

## ***Next Weekend, October 21-22, 2017***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Art Roberts</b>	<i>Dan and Diane Colacino</i>
		<b>June Carey</b>	<i>Chris and Steve Corson</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Edward and Eleanor Lawson</b>	<i>The Family</i>
		<b>Lawrence Simard</b>	<i>The Family</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For The People</b>	
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Doug Moak, 12th Anniv.</b>	<i>The Family</i>
		<b>Joseph Anthony Emma 3rd, 3rd Anniv</b>	<i>Mom, Dad , Michelle and Paysen</i>

## ***Scripture Readings: Week of October 15, 2017***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 Tim 4:10-17b / Lk 10: 1-9</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Rom 4:13, 16-18 / Lk 12:8-12</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21</b>