

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, January 13 - 14, 2018, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | <u>CELEBRANT</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>SERVERS</u> | <u>EM TEAM</u> |
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| 5:00 p.m. | Father Berberian | Hank Steadman & Patricia Marcone | Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio | 1 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Father Berberian | Anthony Scisci & Mary Richards | Nancy Chiu & Paul Edmundson | 1 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Father Berberian | Michael Connolly & Annemarie Farrell | Anna-Jeanne Staerker & Andrew Thorp | 3 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Father Leskovar | Paulot Truchard & Maureen Cahill | Eileen Desharnais & Katie Desharnais | 3 |

Pastor's Corner

Thank You ~ Father Leskovar and I are very appreciative of the many Christmas greetings, cards and other delights that sometimes just appeared at the office. It is our sincere hope and prayer that as we conclude the Christmas season that the Light of Our Savior's birth will continue to warm your hearts and homes.+

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS: Patricia Sgarlata; Sable and Carey Trappenburg and son, Holland and Maurice Burke.

Congratulations to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Emilia Katherine Spina, Carmen Elizabeth Treffiletti, Nolan Clark Williams and Harvey Alexander Malone.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Thomas J. Hamill and Peggy Anne MacKrell whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas and Marie Hayes, mother of Fr. Tom Hayes, who passed away on Christmas Eve. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

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

Cantors Needed ~ St. Thomas has a **CRITICAL** need for cantors to sing at the weekend and holy day Masses. If you would like to volunteer for this valuable liturgical ministry and have been confirmed, please contact Avery Tunningley, Parish Music Director, at 518-357-0718 as soon as possible.

Christmas Environment Take Down ~ Our Christmas Season has come to an end and there is a need to deconstruct our Holyday Environment. Help is needed to remove the Nativity scene and Christmas trees amongst other things. Please find time to give an hour or two to this New Year activity at 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 9.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

Happy New Year! A new year can bring NEW opportunities ~ Please visit our updated webpage at www.stthomas-church.org under the Pastoral Care link. You will find information on all of the pastoral care ministries that you can become involved in!

Wow! ~ Our Hospital Visitation Team has visited over 250 people in 2017 at St. Peter's Hospital and Albany Medical Center. The spiritual support they provide and linkages back to other ministries is invaluable. Thank you all ~ **Brian Browne, Bill Acquario, Ginny Acquario, Melissa Faiola, Mary Kay DelGiaccio, Ann Drapeau, Nancy Applebee, Peter Gallagher, Eileen Gallagher, Barbara Gorman, Lori Keegan-Brady, and Jim Kelly.** You can be a part of this great group too! Scheduling is only once every 5-6 weeks! Contact Maura if you are interested. Training provided.

Attention Caregivers ~ You are not alone ~ There are many supportive resources available to you. Contact Maura if you would like some referral 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.

Knitting and Quilting with Love ~ Call for squares! Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn. You may drop off your squares in the basket in the church vestibule. This group is putting together beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for person in our own community. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact Christina Ryan at 439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura.

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last two years, is currently full. Please contact Maura Barrett if you would like to be placed on the waiting list and/or would like more information about the program or other bereavement resources. Current attendees please note the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

The Epiphany of The Lord

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**, please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tue-Thu 8:00-3:00).

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith formation families will continue to enjoy our annual extended Christmas recess this final week ahead. Classes will resume the week of January 16-18 for the start of our second half of the year. We hope all of you are enjoying a wonderful start to 2018, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Our next session of First Eucharist prep classes for families enrolled in that program will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 8:15 a.m. and Monday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the school Babysitting for siblings of first Eucharist children will be available during these sessions for the convenience of the parents. For those families enrolled in our First Eucharist preparation program, **please note that the retreat in March has been changed to Saturday, March 17 {from March 10}**.

As a reminder to all families attending the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays, **Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues each week. **This program is open to all 3, 4 and 5 year olds in attendance at the 9:30 Mass; no registration is required!!** Children are invited up to the altar for a blessing by Father, and are then dismissed with our catechists to the chapel where they receive a lesson on that week's gospel reading at their own level doing crafts, singing songs, playing games and hearing stories. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful program, **we could really use another catechist or two** to lead the lessons on a rotational basis. Please contact the elementary faith formation office for information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Boundaries/Respecting Sexuality Training for all 9th graders will be offered on **Tuesday, January 16 and Thursday, January 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Media Center**. Your son/daughter is only required to attend one of the sessions. If you have not yet registered your son/daughter, please email Elizabeth by Friday, January 12 with your preferred date.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Parish and Service Opportunities for 2018 are posted in our **Make a Difference binder** in the Gathering Hall! Thank you for your service in our parish and community.

Upcoming events:

- **Sunday January 21: Catholic Trivia!** 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Test your knowledge of our Faith and have some fun. Free Raffle! Refreshments needed.
- **Saturday January 27: 11- 12 noon, Tour of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.** Learn of its richness in faith, history, art and mystery! Families are welcome! Will meet at the Cathedral.
- **Sunday January 28: 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Rosary for Respect of Life!** Items will be collected for Catholic Charities Maternity Services!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Thank you to everyone who has purchased gift cards through our Scrip program. **To date, you have helped us raise over \$1,000 for the school!** Cards are available year-round and are a great way to plan for gifts throughout the year as well as weekly/monthly purchases at places like ShopRite and WalMart. Visit <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop> to view which cards/denominations are available. Order forms are available in the Gathering Hall and can be dropped off or mailed in with cash or check payment to St. Thomas the Apostle School, [42 Adams Place, Delmar](#). If you have any questions, please contact Erica Fox at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or efox@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ St. Thomas students participate in several field trips, both curricular and service-related, throughout the school year. Students visit the Ronald McDonald House, Reilly House, The NYS Museum, The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, Boston Aquarium & Museum of Science, Howe Caverns and Washington DC to name just a few.

Open Enrollment - Tours and Student Visits ~ As part of the application process, once a family has toured, we invite the child/children to join us for a "Shadow Day". They are invited to spend the entire school day, attend classes and get to know their potential St. Thomas classmates, teachers and staff. **Interested in a Tour/Shadow Day?** Please contact Jennifer Murphy at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Creation Care Team

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

Caring for Our Creation ~ As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, bring closure to this Christmas season and anticipate the beginning of the 2018 New Year, the reflection by the theologian and poet Howard Thurman is a message to ponder and take to heart.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all, to make music in the heart ... and to protect and care for the earth and all of creation.

For all parishioners:

- Recycle wrappings and boxes in proper containers or take them to the Elm Ave bins. Take unused holiday lights to Lowes to be recycled. Take a Clynk bag from the Gathering Hall to dispose of bottles and cans and bring it to the Hannaford recycle center to help us fund our wells in Africa. Be generous with the parish or area food pantry collections.

Community

The 22nd Annual Kathleen Pallante Memorial Tournament will be held January 10 - 14. Game times will be posted on the **CYO Basketball** website: <https://stthomas-church.org/cyo-basketball>

Senior Luncheon and Service Project – Faith, Fun and Food ~ St Thomas Active Older Adults:

Please join us on **Friday, January 12** in the Conference Room at 11:15 am for coffee and donuts and writing Valentine cards for shut-in members of our parish community. Please bring a box of Valentine cards to share. We will attend Mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch together. This is a great opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Encourage a friend to come along with you. For reservations, cancellations or transportation, contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, January 8**.

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help out the Seniors Spiritual and Social activities ministry this month with bundt cakes. Please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **next weekend. All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

2018 Calendars ~ Please be sure to take a 2018 wall calendar, found at each church entrance. These lovely calendars are an annual gift to parishioners from Peter Applebee. Thank you, Peter!

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ The parish office will send statements of 2017 contributions to all contributing parishioners by the end of January.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE December 23-24, 2016

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| Offertory | \$9,311.56 |
| Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco) | \$1,705.00 |
| Total Offertory Received | \$11,016.56 |
| Tithe from this Offertory | \$550.83 |

CHRISTMAS—December 25, 2017

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| Offertory | \$40,705.21 |
| Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco) | \$605.00 |
| Total Offertory Received | \$41,310.21 |
| Tithe from this Offertory | \$2,050.51 |

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

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| Sun | 1/7 | 9 am | RCIA Weekly Meeting | LCR |
| Mon | 1/8 | 7 pm | Pastoral Council | LCR |
| Wed | 1/10 | 6 pm | Bereavement Support Group | LCR |
| Wed | 1/10 | 7 pm | Creation Care Team | GH |
| Thu | 1/11 | 10 am | Bible Study | LCR |
| Fri | 1/12 | 12 pm | Senior Luncheon | GH |
| Sat/ Sun | 1/13- 14 | After All Masses | Hospitality | GH |
| Sun | 1/14 | 9 am | RCIA Weekly Meeting | 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 January 8 - January 12, 2018

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| Mon. | 12:15 pm | Roseanne Bruno <i>Norman Morand</i> |
| | | Ralph J. Riello <i>Zuber Family</i> |
| Tues. | | Sr. Killian Anson, FMSJ <i>Sr. Judith, FMSJ</i> |
| | | William and Julia Hanley <i>John Hanley</i> |
| Wed. | 7:30 am | Michael Fasulo <i>Anastasi Family</i> |
| | | Marie Hayes <i>Rev. Richard Leskovar</i> |
| Fri. | 12:15 pm | Stephen Ruzzi <i>Family</i> |

Next Weekend, January 13-14, 2018

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Mary Lou Fendrick, 22th Anniv. <i>Her Daughter and Grandson</i> |
| | | Marilyn Soucy <i>Adele Nucci</i> |
| Sun. | 8:00 am | George Cochran, 4th Anniv. <i>Mary Cochran</i> |
| | 9:30 am | For The People |
| | 11:00 am | Mary Lou Fendrick, 22th Anniv. <i>Her Daughter and Grandson</i> |
| | | Marianne Lyons <i>Howell and Mary Morris</i> |

Scripture Readings: Week of January 7, 2018

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| Sunday | Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 |
| Monday | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Mk 1:7-11 |
| Tuesday | I Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday | I Sm 3:1-16, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday | I Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-49 |
| Friday | I Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday | I Sm 9:1-4, 17-19,10:1 / Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday | 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42 |