

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 20 - 21, 2018, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Denis Hurley & Carol Tomlin	Lizzy Kloss & Julia Kloss	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Jeff Conklin & Cathy Semenoff	Kailee Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Marianne Conophy	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & Bridget Connolly	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Jack Canning & Vera Frangella	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	1

Pastor's Corner

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.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Diocesan Holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There are no services scheduled in church on Monday.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Mary Ann McNeil who passed away recently. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

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

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it." - Blessed Mary Mackillop.

THANK YOU to the **MS/HS Faith Formation students** who were involved in Santa's Workshop and made beautiful blankets and ornaments for our older parishioners. And, **THANK YOU** to our **Elementary Faith Formation students** who lovingly created special Christmas cards for homebound members of the community. You brought smiles and the Christmas spirit to many! Great job!

Our Pastoral Care Department provides such services as: Eucharistic ministry to the homebound, Rosary and Communion services at local agencies, hospital visitation, meal ministry, bereavement and funeral support, to name a few. Please visit our website to see more details about how **YOU** can become involved. Give as much or as little time as you are able. Here are a couple of examples of how you can become involved:

Hospital Visitation Team ~ Our ministers provide friendly visits and spiritual support to our hospitalized parishioners as well as linkages to other ministries in our parish upon discharge. Visits are once a week on a 5-6 week rotation with flexible scheduling. Training provided. Let Maura know if you would be interested in assisting in this very meaningful ministry on a regular basis, or as a substitute.

Knitting, Quilting, & Crocheting with Love ~ This team is expanding and evolving! And you are welcome to join! The team will meet on **Wednesday, January 17 at 2:00** in the Gathering Hall. Prior to that, Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer. This group is putting together beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. **After the business portion of the meeting, the group will have a more social time and will stay, teach and learn from one another. We have a quilter willing to assist the novices in addition seasoned knitters and crocheters.** Please contact Chris Ryan with questions at 518-439-8517. All are welcome!

Stress Busting Program for Family Caregivers ~ Do you provide care for a loved one with a chronic illness? **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** Catholic Charities Senior & Caregiver Support Services is offering a 9-week program for family caregivers of a loved one with a chronic illness who are Albany County residents. This is a multi-component program that will meet on Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30 PM, at Catholic Charities Main Office, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany. Program runs January 23-March 27. To register contact: 518-372-5667 or www.caregiverstressbusters.org.

Pastoral Care Ministry Ongoing Enrichment – "Christ reveals Himself in Tears," presentation. ~ Yervant Kutchukian, instructor for Pastoral Care Ministry's Pastoral Visitation to the Sick, Elderly and Homebound skill-building workshop, will explore how we see Christ through the lens of tears—both of those we serve and our own—and how these can be a source of healing and hope for the receiver and giver of care. Yervant is the full-time chaplain at Albany Medical Center and has an extensive background in Pastoral Care. FREE. Date: Saturday, 1/27/18 at 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany. To register, go to: http://www.rcda.org/Offices/pastoral_care_ministry/events.asp or email Maria Schollenberger at Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org or call (518) 641-6818.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Elementary Faith Formation Classes will resume this week, January 16-18. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again after our lengthy Christmas recess!!

Our next session of **First Eucharist prep classes** for families enrolled in that program will be held next 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 parents. For those families enrolled in our First Eucharist preparation program, please note that our **retreat in March has been changed to Saturday, March 17** {from March 10}.

As a reminder to all families attending the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, our **Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues each this week during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. **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 by 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 2** 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)

Informational meetings for all Confirmation candidates and their parents will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m. or Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. The details of the Confirmation preparation program and required paperwork will be discussed. **Attendance is mandatory** as registration and sponsorship forms will only be distributed at these meetings. All meetings will be held in the church and should last approximately one hour.

This is a reminder that Boundaries/Respecting Sexuality Training will take place on Jan. 16 or Jan. 18 for all 9th graders in our Faith Formation program. The training begins at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Media Center.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Join us for Catholic Trivia! Sunday, January 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ~ Test your knowledge of our faith and have some fun! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall!

Tour of our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception ~ Saturday, January 27, 11a.m.-noon. We will meet downtown at the Cathedral! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall!

Glorious Mysteries for Life! ~ You and your family are invited to join us as we pray the rosary on Sun., Jan. 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. WE will also be collecting: newborn and size 5, 6 diapers, onesies (0-3 months) wipes, pacifiers, teething toys, children toothbrushes & toothpaste, receiving blankets, bottles, learning toys, baby clothing to size 3T for Catholic Charities Community Services. A bin is in the Gathering Hall. **Thank you for supporting the young women and men who have chosen life!**

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Congratulations to Mackenzie Sherburne, the 5th grade winner of the Times Union's Holiday Card Contest. Way to go, Kenzie!!

Did you know? ~ St. Thomas students love attending Mass! When asked what their favorite part of Mass is and why, responses have included "Communion is my favorite because it makes me feel close to God." (Claire, Gr. 5), "My favorite part of Church is serving as an acolyte because I feel like I am serving God." (Tyler, Gr. 8) and "My favorite part of Church is Father Berberian because he is good." (Clark, Gr. 1)

A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools ~

1. We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
2. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
3. We set high standards for student achievement and help students succeed.
4. We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
5. We use technology effectively to enhance education.
6. We instill in students the value of service to others.
7. We teach children respect of self and others.
8. We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
9. We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
10. Nationally, Catholic schools have a 99% high school graduation rate and 85% of graduates move on to college.
11. We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are loving, caring, dedicated and effective.
12. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all. **Contact Jennifer Murphy for a personal tour 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.)

Guardians Of Creation ~ The frigid days of winter when we spend more hours indoors than out, can be the perfect time to take an inventory of our homes and make changes that will benefit creation as well as ourselves and our families. In addition, in four short weeks we will enter the holy season of Lent. We can prepare for those pre-Easter days, in part, by assessing how we are living now and committing to not simply "doing" something or "giving something up", but to "being" the people we are called to be by God. As Pope Francis reminds us we are called to "be the guardians of creation", nurturing and cherishing the earth and all creatures who inhabit it.

Purchase Less: Buy less/create less waste in the future. Grocery shop wisely, purchasing only what you will use, preventing food waste.

Share: Decrease waste and clutter, share items such as books, magazines, movies, games, and newspapers with friends and neighbors.

Replace Disposables: Wherever possible, replace disposable products with reusable ones (i.e., razor, food storage, batteries.)

Recycle: 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.

Check Fireplace: Prevent wasteful heat loss by keeping your fireplace damper closed when not in use. Inspect the flue damper seal, be sure it is snug.

Use Humidifier: Air can become extremely dry in winter, making it uncomfortable, and lowering its ability to entrap heat molecules. A humidifier can help balance the moisture concentration in the air and keep the room insulated.

Community

The Public Policy Ministry invites parishioners to their meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall, to plan the next "Food for Thought" event. Contact Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or mariecopeland62@gmail.com.

Christian Service

We need your help! ~ The St. Thomas Bethlehem Outreach meal program is in need of cooks to help provide a meal for Bethlehem seniors on Mon., Feb. 12. We will be serving macaroni and cheese with ham salad, bread and butter and apple crisp/cobbler. This is a

wonderful opportunity to help the seniors in our community. If you are able to provide any part of this meal, please contact Marie Copeland at (518) 439-4050 or Marie Vitillo at (518) 439-9470. Many Thanks!

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **THIS 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 30-31, 2017

Offertory	\$14,872.18
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,330.00
Total Offertory Received	\$16,202.18
Tithe from this Offertory	\$810.11
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,905.71

January 6-7, 2018

Offertory	\$11,298.11
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$2,150.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,448.11
Tithe from this Offertory	\$672.41

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sat/ Sun	1/13- 14	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	1/14	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	1/15		Diocesan Holiday - Office Closed - No Mass	
Thu	1/18	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	1/21	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 15 - January 19, 2018

Mon.		Diocesan Holiday - No Mass	
Tues.		Marie Hayes <i>Rocco and Nancy Losavio</i>	
		Ann Cimini <i>The Phelps Family</i>	
Wed.	7:30 am	Marie Hayes <i>The Hospodar Family</i>	
Fri.	12:15 pm	Emil Elsner, 12th Anniv. <i>Michael and Karen Graziade</i>	
		George Cochran <i>Mary Cochran</i>	

Next Weekend, January 20-21, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	David Cerneck, 14th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>	
		Marilyn Soucy <i>Altar Society</i>	
Sun.	8:00 am	For Our Sister Parish	
	9:30 am	Marie Hayes <i>A Friend</i>	
	11:00 am	For the People	

Scripture Readings: Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20