

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 27 - 28, 2018, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Coffey & Maureen Roberts	Shelby Whitman & Laiba Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Edmundson & Coleen Flynn	Mary Richards & Cathy Semenoff	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Martha Snyder	Matthew Connolly & Coleen Ells	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bob Conway & Barbara Kavanagh	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	2

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.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Thomas J. Neary and Marjorie J. Farrell whose services were celebrated last week at St. Thomas. 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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS ~ "Gluten-free" hosts are available at Mass for those who have allergies. These are not 100% gluten-free but satisfy the FDA's requirement as they have a miniscule amount of wheat, less than 20 parts per million, which also satisfies the Church's requirement that the host contain wheat. If anyone wishes to receive communion using this option, please speak to the priest celebrant before Mass so he can place a "gluten-free" host on the altar to consecrate during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have concerns about whether this host will meet your needs, please contact your healthcare provider.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"The value of life does not depend upon the space we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that space." – St. Therese of Lisieux

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.

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 p.m., 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.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA INQUIRIES WELCOME ~ Is God calling you or someone you know to become a Catholic Christian? If so, and you would like more information, come join us at our weekly meeting on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Large Conference Room to learn more about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Contact Paul Edmundson at 518-439-4951, if you have any questions.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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}.

Catechists needed to help out with our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program! ~

Each Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, preschool age children are invited to participate in a lesson based on the gospel reading. We currently have 2 wonderful and dedicated catechists taking turns leading the lesson each week, and helping out each other on the weeks they are not leading the lesson. **We really need to offer them some support in the form of additional catechists/ assistants!!!** Please come and sit in on a lesson or 2, and see if it is something to which you could volunteer your time and talent. You'll be glad you did!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Confirmation informational meetings are being held at 12:15 p.m. today and Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a son/daughter eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this spring, please plan to attend one of these meetings. All meetings will take place in the church.

Middle and High School Classes resume the week of February 6-8. If you need to change your son/daughter's class day/time, please contact Colleen or Elizabeth in the Faith Formation office.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Catholic Trivia is tonight Sunday, January 21 in the Gathering Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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 and

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)

Preschool – Gr. 8 Open House and Learning Expo Sunday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. ~ The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2018, beginning on January 28, is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Please join us at our Open House and Learning Expo to learn how St. Thomas the Apostle School helps students to learn, to serve others and develop the skills necessary to lead and succeed. All parishioners, existing families, and families interested in learning more about St. Thomas the Apostle School are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

In celebration of the upcoming National Catholic Schools Week, please consider a gift to our annual Continuing the Vision Campaign ~ Your gift allows us to keep tuition affordable for all families. A monthly gift, a one-time gift or any other gift as you see fit, makes the difference in the lives of our students. Brochures and donor cards are available in the Gathering Hall and in the School Lobby. Thank you for making a difference!

Did you know? ~ St. Thomas students enjoy a variety of clubs including Star Wars Club, American Girl Club, Art Club, LEGO Club, Academic Challenge Bowl, Future Cities and Book Club as well as seasonal athletics such as Soccer, Running Club and Basketball.

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!

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, January 27-28. 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

Creation Care Team

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

Care for Creation ~ How often does The New York Times quote Pope Francis in its Op-Ed page? Its columnist David Brooks shared Pope Francis' New Years Eve homily in his column **How Would Jesus Drive?** The pope reminded us that the people who have the most influence on society are not those capturing headlines – they are actually the normal folks, through their normal, everyday gestures being kind in public places, attentive to the elderly, caring for others and our earth. The pope called such people, in a beautiful phrase, **“the artisans of the common good.”** Small deeds, he said, **“express concretely love for the city...without giving speeches, without publicity, but with a style of practical civic education for daily life.”** He goes on to encourage us to see that we can create a culture of civility in how we drive and treat others on the road – it is here that we can be **“artisans for the common good.”**

For all parishioners:

- Have a family discussion on how you can be **“artisans for the common good”** more intentionally this year.
- Try to be more vigilant in remembering to bring recyclable bags to the stores when you shop. Two things happen when you do – you eliminate plastic waste in landfills and you set an example for others.
- Mark your calendars for our parish Creation Care Mardi Gras celebration February 10-11 in the Gathering Hall.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Thank you to all those who helped to write Valentine cards for the shut-in members of our parish community. Thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious bundt cakes. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up after the luncheon. **Our next luncheon will be on Friday, February 9** We will attend Mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. For reservations, cancellations or transportation, please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518-439-3286 by **Monday Feb. 5.**

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' spiritual and social activities ministry this month with sliced sheet cakes. Please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518- 439- 3286 to help with baked goods.

Paid Ministry Job Opportunities at Capital City Rescue Mission ~ Giving Hope and Transforming Lives. The Rescue Mission has the following full time and part time paid ministry openings: **Learning Center Director** (Full Time) and **Nurse Coordinator** (Part Time).

Please pray with us that the Lord brings the right people into these key roles. Send resume to giving-hope@albanymission.com or call Capital City Rescue Mission at 518-427-8144 for further information. More details about the job openings are also posted on the Community Bulletin board next to the Gathering Hall.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
January 13-14, 2018**

Offertory	\$13,668.38
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,275.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,943.38
Tithe from this Offertory	\$747.17

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 January 13-14 our collection was \$14,943.38. This was donated by approximately 370 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,500 in loose cash from other donors. We thank you for your generous support of the parish.

Calendar

Sun	1/21	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	1/22	7 pm	Finance Committee	PO
Thu	1/25	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	1/28	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 22 - January 26, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Marie Hayes <i>Luke Mullen</i>
		Thomas, 40th Anniv., and Mary, 29th Anniv., Egan <i>The Family</i>
Tues.		Diana Barry <i>Her Husband</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Rev. Eugene R. Hamilton, 21th Anniv. <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Rev. Janes M. Cribbs, 20th Anniv. <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Thomas Egan, 1st Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Marie Hayes <i>Barbara Veldran and Maureen Cooley</i>

Next Weekend, January 27-28, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Linda L. Giglio <i>The Pinkel Family</i>
		John Hooper <i>The Hooper Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Edwin and Eleanor Lawson <i>The Family</i>
	9:30 am	For The People
	11:00 am	Marie Hayes <i>St. Thomas Choir</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20
Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:12-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15
-18	
Friday	2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28