

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.

ANOIDING 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, February 3 - 4, 2018, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Ehring & Tricia Buhr	Raegan Ehring & Meerab Gill	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	David Rothfuss & Alba Giordano	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Amanda Smith	Samantha Gomez & Stephen Gomez	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Hedderman & Maureen Cahill	Lucy Creamer & Eileen Desharnais	3

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE ~ The monthly Prayer for Peace will be on Saturday, February 3, at noon at the Peace Pole near the entrance to the parking lot near the front of the church. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to heaven." – St. Camillus de Lellis

Welcome to Jim Driggs! ~ He has recently joined our Pastoral Care Ministries. There are a number of opportunities for **YOU** to become involved through our vibrant Pastoral Care Ministries too – Communion to the home bound; Rosary and Communion Service leader at Kenwood Manor, Good Samaritan and Delmar Place; sewing, knitting and quilting ministries; prayer chain; meal ministry and more! Check out the St. Thomas website or contact Maura for more 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.

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 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00-3:00).

Knitting, Quilting, & Crocheting with Love ~ This team is expanding and evolving! And you are welcome to join! The team will meet on **Wednesday, January 31 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!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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!!

Our next session of **First Eucharist prep classes** for families enrolled in that program will be held Sunday, February 11 at 8:15 a.m. and Monday, February 12 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.

Ash Wednesday is February 14! ~ That day only, elementary faith formation classes will dismiss at 5:10 p.m. to allow families and volunteers the opportunity to attend the 5:30 .pm. Mass here at St. Thomas.

As a reminder, there will be **no faith formation classes February 20-22** when children are on winter recess from school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

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)

Glorious Mysteries for Life! ~ Tonight, Sunday, Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Please consider donating a baby item for Catholic Charities Community Services.

Souper Bowl for our Sister Parish's Evangelization Center ~ NEXT WEEKEND, Feb. 3- 4! Our Pueblo to People Committee and Faith Formation Students will be serving Fr. Rich Broderick's special soup recipe **after the 5 p.m. Mass on Feb. 3 in the Gathering Hall. Please consider dining with us!** On **Sunday Feb. 4, take out containers of soup** will be available after all Masses in the Gathering Hall. All donations will be sent to our Sister Parish.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Preschool – Gr. 8 Open House and Learning Expo Sunday, Feb. 4 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. ~ National Catholic Schools Week is here! The theme this year 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.

Script gift 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? ~ Every St. Thomas student receives a special birthday blessing during our Monday morning prayer service and an "It's My Birthday" t-shirt to wear and have their friends sign on their own special dress-down day. At St. Thomas, we celebrate our students and we teach them to celebrate each other.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Creation Care Team

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

Care For Creation Through Prayer – Fasting -- Almsgiving This Coming Lenten Season ~

Commit to pray each day for those who thirst for fresh water, who long for safe homes and hunger for nourishing meals, as well as for all who work to help them. Care for your neighbors with prayer each day, join the parish Prayer Chain.

Fast from wasting the gifts of Creation, from using non-recyclable cups, bags; from buying more than you need. Plan with your family how you will do this not only during Lent, but into the future.

Give alms by donating your time with one of the parish service committees, such as the Hospital Visitation Team (check this bulletin for other committees) or with community services such as Habitat For Humanity, Meals on Wheels. Bring clothes, paper products to the Recycle Stations at the Elm Ave. CDTA Park 'n Ride (Elm Avenue/Rte. 32 intersection) and Municipal parking lot near Four Corners, 407 Kenwood Ave, Delmar.

Creation Care Team invites all members of the parish to participate in the Second Annual Mardi Gras Celebration after each Mass Feb. 10 and 11 in the Gathering Hall.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: 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.

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 **THIS 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.

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 20-21, 2018**

Offertory contribution information for January 20-21 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	1/28	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Wed	1/31	2 pm	Knitting and Quilting Group	GH
Thu	2/1	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	2/3	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Sun	2/4	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 29 - February 2, 2018

Mon. 12:15 pm Marie Hayes
Patricia McDermott
George Esposito, 36th Anniv.
Family

Tues. 7:30 am Intention of Celebrant

Wed. 7:30 am Intention of Celebrant

Fri. 12:15 pm Thomas Neary
James Fuller

Next Weekend, February 3-4, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm David Cerneck
The Family
Thomas Nell
Betty and Collin Burse

Sun. 8:00 am For the People
9:30 am Intention of Celebrant
11:00 am Intention of Celebrant

Scripture Readings: Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

Monday 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 /
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

Friday Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2: 14-18 / Lk 2:22-40

Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 /
Mk 1:29-39