

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, May 12-13, 2018, Seventh Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Ehring & Maureen Roberts	Raegan Ehring & Sarah Gill	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Anthony Scisci & Colleen Flynn	Nancy Chiu & Paul Edmundson	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Lynne Lenhardt	Liam Witting & Kayleigh Bigwarfe	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bill Burkhard & Peggy Hogan-Rao	Lucy Creamer & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

Pastor's Corner

"SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" --

2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL ~ This weekend we "kick-off" the annual *Bishop's Appeal* with an in-pew collection, after the homily at all Masses. Through the Bishop's Appeal all parishes unite and become one family to support and sustain the programs and services which educate the young, care for the elderly, feed the hungry, house the homeless and strengthen our Catholic faith in our homes, parishes and communities. Additionally, your support of the Appeal ensures that individual parishes are provided with essential diocesan support services. Last year we met our goal and with everyone's assistance we expect to do the same this year! Our goal this year is \$199,166 which is 3% lower than last year's assessment. Please consider making a pledge, which you can pay throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your generous support, helping us meet our obligation to our Diocese.

SAVE THE DATE ~ On May 18, Father Leskovar will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. **Father will preside at the 11:00 Mass on May 20 (Pentecost Sunday) to mark this milestone. Hospitality will follow in the Gathering Hall.** All of us at St Thomas the Apostle congratulate Father Leskovar on this Golden Jubilee and are so grateful for his many years of dedicated priestly service to the parish. *Ad multos annos!*

CONFIRMATION ~ Bishop Scharfenberger will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. May the Lord bless all our candidates who have completed their preparation for this sacrament and may the Spirit of the Risen Christ continue to guide them throughout their adult lives

ASCENSION THURSDAY ~ This Thursday, May 10, is Ascension Thursday. We will offer Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. All are encouraged to join us for Eucharist on this holy day!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ David and Amy Cavallo and their son, David and Maureen Carey.

ELECTRONIC GIVING --A CONVENIENT METHOD FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE PARISH

~ As many parishioners know, our electronic giving program, through Vanco, is a convenient and secure method for making contributions to the parish, whether it's offertory contributions, donations for other holy days, or even the Bishop's Appeal. You can set it up to make contributions weekly, monthly or annually and it ensures that your support to the parish is on an ongoing basis. No more filling out envelopes, or forgetting to issue a "make-up" check for times that you are away. It is a simple process, and you can make changes directly as needed. We encourage you to take advantage of this program, and there are several options to get you started. You can now **go to our website, www.stthomas-church.org, click on electronic giving** on the home page which sends you to the **electronic giving** page that has a link to the Vanco site. Also, **myParishapp now provides that same option**, so you can contribute any time, from any where using your smartphone! And, there is still an option to complete the Vanco application form, found on the oval table near the Community bulletin board. Questions about Vanco or need help? Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office.

Prayer & Worship

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

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Ascension Thursday Masses ~ Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the 7:30 a.m., 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Masses. Acolytes are ONLY needed at the 7:30 and 5:30 Masses. STS students will serve as acolytes at the 12:15 Mass. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Virginia M. Colen whose funeral was held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Training for New Acolytes ~ We are looking forward to new acolytes being trained, to start serving this Summer! Any child who has received First Eucharist is eligible to serve in this ministry. We have scheduled two training sessions Tues., May 15 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and Sat., May 19 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Your child only needs to attend one session. If your child is interested, please sign up at the oval table, opposite the community bulletin board, and indicate the session they will attend. Please be sure to take a permission slip which your child needs to bring to the session. There will also be copies of "Acolyte Guidelines" for you, to be reviewed before the training session. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

Pastoral Care In-Service and Mini-Retreat Day was a very successful event once again. It was a lovely day of learning, sharing of experiences in ministry, and spiritual renewal. **Devon J. Barrett**, Elder Navigator & Outreach Specialist, Senior Services of Albany, presented a terrific program on "Elder Abuse: A Faith Based Response." Faith leaders and ministers are in the unique and trusting relationships with vulnerable older adults in the parish. They learned how to identify and respond to elder abuse as well as assist in prevention in their special role in Pastoral Care Ministry. This is important information to share with all. You can find the materials from the program in the church foyer. Contact Maura if you have additional questions or concerns regarding the issue of elder abuse.

Pastoral Care Support ~ Our Pastoral Care Department can provide support to you in your time of need. We provide consultation, referral and educational materials on a variety of topics and issues in a confidential manner. Contact Maura for more assistance.

Are you or a loved one no longer able to get to Mass due to illness or injury? We can arrange for you to receive Communion at home. 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.

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will meet on **Wednesday, May 9 at 6:00-7:30** in the large conference room in the parish office. **You must register** with Maura if you are interested in joining this group. For more information, please contact Maura Barrett, at 439-4951 ext. 104 or mbarrett@stthomas-church.org.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Registration for next year's program is underway!

~ Download the Annual Registration Form from the parish website, www.stthomas-church.org. Be sure to register by May 15 to take advantage of our early bird special; \$15 off your total registration fee!!!

Volunteers will be needed for next year's classes!

~ Catechists, class assistants and gatekeepers will be needed to cover all classes, days and times. Please contact the faith formation office to find out how you can give your time and talent to this most wonderful ministry!!

Offices will remain open through June 7 as we wrap up this current year and begin to plan for next year. We wish all of our families a wonderful Spring and Summer!! And, again, be sure to get those registrations for next year in as soon as you can and knock one item off of your summer 'to do' list while taking advantage of our early bird incentive!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Confirmation is set for Friday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

~ Candidates should plan to arrive by 5:45 p.m. and report directly to the Chapel to rehearse. Candidates and sponsors should be seated by 6:15 p.m. Those doing readings should report to the church by 5:30 p.m. in order to practice.

Registration for the 2018-19 Faith Formation program has begun! Please consider sharing your faith with the teens of our parish by volunteering as a catechist, catechist assistant or a gatekeeper for next year. Registration forms can be found on the St. Thomas website.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

BE THE CHURCH NOW! ~ Young church: high school students and young adults please don't miss this opportunity to share, pray and accept the invitation to take your place in the church! Bishop Ed hopes you accept this invitation to participate in the Spring Enrichment program "Be the Church Now" on Thursday May 17, 4-9 p.m. at St. Rose College. Keynote speaker is Chris Padgett, followed by breakout sessions, blessing and a coffee house with Bishop Ed. Come and meet other young people who share our faith. *Confirmed Students are invited to participate in a 4-6 p.m. workshop on The Eucharist (prepare to be a Eucharistic Minister) and other Peer Ministries.* The program includes Dinner and is FREE! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall or go to www.rcda.org/springrichment **BE THE CHURCH NOW** for more information and sign up today!

Please check out the Summer Binder in the Gathering Hall for Service Camps this summer! Make new friends, grow in faith and have some fun! Details to follow in next week's bulletin.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Higher standards for a higher purpose ~ Please help us grow in our ministry for Catholic education through our Continuing the Vision Campaign. Your gift allows us to keep tuition affordable for all families. A monthly gift, a one-time gift, a celebratory gift or any other gift as you see fit, makes the difference in the lives of our students. Brochures and donation cards are available in the Gathering Hall and in the School Lobby. Thank you for making a difference!

Did you know? ~ Every year, St. Thomas students participate in the Lions Eye Bank/Sight Society of Northeastern New York's drawing contest. Students are asked to submit a drawing that depicts what the "Gift of Sight" means to them, such a wonderful way to encourage students to really think about something that most of us take for granted. Fourteen drawings are selected to be used in the bank's calendar and holiday card. This year, four St. Thomas students received the honor of having their artwork selected! Congratulations to Malia Fiorita, Margot McAvoy, Emma Rucinski and Emily Dievendorf!

Scrip 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.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on **Friday, May 18**. We will attend mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch together. If possible please bring a nonperishable food item for the St. Thomas food pantry. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, May 14**.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheon. Could you please help us out next month with cookies? Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286.

Seniors Prom ~ A Royal Wedding! ~ Bethlehem Senior Services in conjunction with Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and the Bethlehem Public Library are hosting a Senior Prom! The theme is the "Royal Wedding" in honor of Prince Harry and Meghan's wedding. Dress up in your finery, dance or just listen to the songs of "Betsy and the Byegons," enjoy some light refreshments, and have your portrait taken at "Buckingham Palace" on the green screen. **Cost: FREE. Date: Friday, May 18. Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m. Where: Bethlehem Town Hall.** Reservations needed for either attendance and/or transportation. Call 518-439-4955 x1176.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after all Masses **THIS WEEK-END, MAY 5-6. All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
April 28-29**

Offertory	\$11,086.00
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,063.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$12,149.00
Tithe from this Offertory	\$607.45

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 April 28-29, our collection was \$12,149.00. This was donated by approximately 379 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,355 in loose cash from other donors.

You can access Vanco e-giving on the St. Thomas website or myParish App to start or edit your e-giving offertory gifts.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Sat/Sun	5/5-6	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Wed	5/9	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Thu	5/10	7:30, 12:15 and 5:30	Masses for Ascension of the Lord	CH
Thu	5/10	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	5/11	6:30 pm	Confirmation	CH

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 May 7 - May 11, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Patricia Burdick <i>Hospodar Family</i>
		Lorraine Sellie <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Patricia Burdick <i>Ann and Tom Connolly</i>
		Martin J. McDonagh <i>Ann McDonagh</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	John Bujold, 13th Anniv. <i>Family</i>
		Susanne Arkinson <i>Betty McSweeney</i>
Thurs.	7:30 am	Pat Burdick <i>The Bridge Group</i>
	12:15 pm	For the People
	5:30 pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Fri.	12:15 pm	John Flanigan <i>Diane McNiven</i>
		Carl Winters, 80th birthday <i>Karen Winters</i>

Next Weekend, May 12-May 13, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Art Roberts <i>His Family</i>
		Loretta Carney <i>Karen Jones</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Barbara Reuter <i>Joe and Josette Guastella</i>
		Tony Giordano <i>Cathy and Dave Semenoff</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	George W. Bragle <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Richard Newell <i>His Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15,22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mk 16: 15-20
Friday	Acts 18 :9-18 / Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday	Acts 1:15-17,20a,-20c-26 / 1 Jn 4:11-16 / Jn 17:11b-19