

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 26-27, 2018, The Most Holy Trinity

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Denis Hurley & Sandie Flynn	Morgan Leonard & Shelby Whitman	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Cathy Semenoff	Kailee Harrigan & Tyler Harrigan	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Maureen Nyilis	Samantha Gomez & Steven Gomez	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bob Conway & Barbara Kavanagh	John Henry Walters & Eileen Desharnais	3

## Pastor's Corner

**"SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" -- 2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL** ~ Through the end of Juke, we will continue to focus on our 2018-19 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$199,166, which is 3% less than last year's assessment. To date we have received 177 gifts and pledges, a total of \$81,627 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**Congratulations to Doug Erickson who**, along with three others, **was ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday** by Bishop Scharfenberger. We wish him many years of fulfilling and fruitful ministry. Doug will give the homily at all of our Masses next weekend, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

Each year the seminarians studying for our Diocese are given a ten week summer placement in a parish. Part of the purpose of the placement is to give the seminarian a hands-on experience of the wide diversity of the 126 parishes in the diocese, to help introduce them to the concrete practicalities of parish life and to give them the chance to develop the skills needed for parochial ministry. **We are happy to welcome seminarian Dan McHale to St. Thomas this summer.** A native of Hudson, NY, Dan is completing his First Theology year at St. Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA. He will be arriving around June 1. Please keep Dan and all of our seminarians in your prayers as they continue their discernment process.

## 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.

**Memorial Day Mass - Calvary Cemetery** ~ All are welcome to join parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the annual Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 28, at Calvary Cemetery, Route 9W, Glenmont. Mass is at 10 a.m. with Fr. Sean O'Brien presiding. Bring a chair and treats to share for the "get together" after Mass. This is a lovely way to commemorate this special day.

**Usher's Meeting** ~ All current and prospective ushers should attend an important usher's meeting on June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. The meeting will examine the role of usher and greeter at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Father Berberian and several members of the Pastoral Council will lead an informal discussion about the usher ministry. Your thoughts about the roles and responsibilities of usher are very valuable to us. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP Paul Edmundson at (518) 439-4951 or [pedmundson@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pedmundson@stthomas-church.org) or drop by the Parish Office. All ushers should pick up a letter from Father Berberian. The letter is on the right table at the front entrance of the church.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Love has no meaning if it isn't shared. Love has to be put into action."** – Mother Teresa

**Ministers are needed to lead Rosary and Communion Services at Atria Delmar Place on Tuesdays mornings** ~ Our dedicated team leads this service approximately once every 4-5 weeks on Tuesday mornings at 10. The service lasts about 45 minutes. We could use some additional helpers. Many of the folks at Delmar Place are no longer able to get to Mass and the residents are very appreciative of the spiritual support they receive. Contact Maura if you are interested in joining this great group.

**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.

# Pentecost Sunday

## Faith Formation

### **ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)** (Contact: Patti Staerker)

#### **Offices will remain open through June 7!! ~**

Please submit registration forms for next year's classes as soon as you can, so we can begin to process them and start setting up classes for next year. Forms are available through the parish website, <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>

**A multitude of volunteers are still needed** to staff next year's program, especially 4th and 5th grade catechists and class assistants. Please contact the faith formation office to find out how you can give your time and talent to this most wonderful ministry!!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION** (Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Registration for the 2018-19 Faith Formation program** continues! 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 at <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>.

## Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Special Blessing and Mass** for all of our High School Graduates Saturday, June 2 at the 5 p.m. Mass! Spread the word!

**Scholarship Money Available!** ~ Please contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you are interested!

**Summer Camp Opportunities** sponsored by: Pyramid Life Center and the Office of Youth Ministry:

- **BREAKAWAY:** June 24-28, grades 6 –8, at Pyramid Life Center. Week filled with hiking, service activities, workshops, swimming, liturgy, canoeing, kayaking, and fun!
- **BREAKAWAY MUSIC:** June 24-28, at Pyramid Lake Center. Fill your days with music & singing explore your musical talent, meet other musicians and learn the music of our faith all while enjoying the great outdoors!
- **ST. ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE:** July 13-15 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs Auriesville, NY. Workshops, guest speakers, Adoration, liturgy, live music, FAITH AND FUN! For more information: google Joguesyouthconference.com.

**Seeking leaders Grades 8-12** to form our **CORE** Team for Youth Ministry: commit to meeting once a

month or every other month to plan fun recreational service and prayer opportunities! Parents welcome! Contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org).

## School News

(Contact: Thomas)

### **8th Grade Trip at St. Thomas the Apostle School**

~ One of the capstone activities for students at St. Thomas the Apostle School is a trip to Washington, DC. The 4-day trip brings to life much of what the students have been studying throughout the year. In addition to the trip, many students in 8th grade are preparing to take both the Integrated Algebra Regents and the Living Environment Regents in June in addition to proficiency exams in one or two world languages. Many 8th grade students will graduate from St. Thomas with as many as four high school credits. The 8th grade class will graduate on Friday, June 15th at 5PM in the Church. All are welcome to attend. Discover St. Thomas the Apostle School today! Visit [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) or to schedule a visit, contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

**Did you know?** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is running strong and our **12th Annual Race for Education** will make us even stronger! This benefit run will raise funds for classroom technology, school sports programs, and help keep tuition affordable for all students. Cheer on students as they run, walk and participate in a day of fitness on Friday, June 1st. To sponsor a runner, mail a check to St. Thomas the Apostle School - Race for Education, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054 or visit <https://www.youcaring.com/StThomas2018RFE>.

### **Spring is a time for new beginnings...begin with a Catholic education at St. Thomas the Apostle School**

~ Register now for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Limited openings in our program. The Preschool offers a nurturing, compassionate, faith-based program for 3- and 4-year-old children, providing early socialization, Kindergarten readiness and unique educational experiences and opportunities for your child. The Kindergarten program provides a variety of social, physical, emotional, and academic learning experiences, and features a full-day program, an introduction to world languages as well as opportunities to participate in a variety of after school clubs and activities. To schedule a visit and for more information, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

## Community

**SEE THE MOVIE - "A CALLING"** ~ The film, "A Calling", featuring in part the Church of St. Lucy/St. Bernadette, Altamont, will have a local screening at Proctor's

on Friday, May 25 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. "A Calling" is a story about Catholic women: religious, married, single, young and old. It is about the true power of these women as demonstrated throughout history. Tickets can be purchased at Proctors for \$10. To see the trailer, go to [www.acalling.njvisciofilms.com](http://www.acalling.njvisciofilms.com).

### Creation Care Team

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

**The readings for this weekend, Pentecost Sunday**, speak to us of the beginning of the Church and are as amazing and important today as they were 2000 years ago. They tell the story of the Holy Spirit being sent to the community to enable those early disciples and us today to know and speak the truth and use our individual and collective gifts to live and spread the Gospel through love, joy, kindness, generosity, and peace. These readings need to be read and reflected on by each of us. Hearing them proclaimed at weekend liturgies and even broken open in the homilies doesn't seem sufficient to really understand and embrace the depth and challenge of God's Word to us this weekend.

- Spend some reflective time praying over God's Word to us: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11, Paul's letter to the Corinthians 1 Cor 12-3b-7, 12-13, and John's Gospel 20:19-23.
- As you prepare your lawns and gardens, find some room for shrubs and plants that attract birds and butterflies.
- Plan to recycle outgrown or gently used clothing. Wire coat hangers can be returned to area dry cleaners. Glass flower vases can be returned to area florists such as The Floral Garden next to our church.

### Christian Service

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, May 26-27. 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)

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe-Second Collection ~ NEXT WEEK** we will take up the Collection of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports organizations that provide affordable shelter, important services to the poor and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of generations of Communist rule. By providing pastoral care, support for families, faith formation and a place for prayer, gathering and learning your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to this Special Collection next week.

### 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](http://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.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE May 12-13

Offertory	\$12,067.02
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,343.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,410.02
Tithe from this Offertory	\$670.50
Ascension Thursday	\$1,480.06

*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 May 12-13, our collection was \$13,410.02. This was donated by approximately 467 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,893 in loose cash from other donors.*

**We appreciate your continued support of the parish!**

### Calendar

Sun	5/20	After 11 am Mass	Hospitality - Fr. Leskovar's 50th Ordination Anniv. Celebration	GH
Thu	5/24	10 am	Bible Study	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 May 21 - May 25, 2018*

**Mon. 12:15 pm Shirley Cerone**  
*Joyce, Lisa and Nick*

**Patricia Burdick**  
*Richard and Marcia Bassotti*

**Tues. 7:30 am Rev. Terrence Lee**  
*Diane and John McNiven*

**Living Intentions—Klob Family**

**Wed. 7:30 am Living Intentions—Kelsey Family**

**Living Intentions—Setlur Family**

**Fri. 12:15 pm Daniel Crowley**  
*O'Keefe Family*

**Living Intentions—Lamonica Family**

**Next Weekend, May 26-May 27, 2018**

**Sat. 5:00 pm James Patrick and Diane Manning**  
*Margaret Manning*

**Terry Burke**  
*Kevin Kiley*

**Sun. 8:00 am Richard Quinn**  
*The Guerin Family*

**Tony Giordano**  
*Charlotte and Doug Maeder*

**9:30 am For the People**

**11:00 am Maurice Fendrick**  
*Daughter and Grandson*

**Emilio LaPietra**  
*Daughter and Family*

**Scripture Readings: Week of May 20, 2018**

**Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 /  
 Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18 / Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday** Jas 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday** Jas 4:13-17 / Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday** Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:41-50

**Friday** Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday** Jas 5:13-20 / Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 /  
 Mt 28:16- 20