

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 appt.

**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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF 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, June 9-10, 2018, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Hank Steadman & Lynne Lenhardt	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Anthony Scisci & Maureen Nyilis	Shayla Harrigan & Tyler Harrigan	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Annemarie Farrell	Marjorie Ostroff & Morgan Leonard	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bob Conway & Vera Frangella	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	2

## Pastor's Corner

**"SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" -- 2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL** ~ Through the end of June, we will continue to focus on our 2018-19 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$199,166. To date we have received 281 gifts and pledges, a total of \$134,457 (68%) toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following children who were baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas: Nola Maria Buchanan, Ava Marie Collins, Jack Vincent Collins and Emma Louise Hupe.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** ~ Greg and Kristen Rafalik and Beth Hanley.

**Save a Life -- Be Trained on the Use of the Defibrillator** ~ We have a defibrillator in the church complex, installed near the "Community" bulletin board. We will be conducting classes on the use of this equipment in the event someone needs emergency care during Mass or a parish event. The classes will be offered by a paramedic and you will have the option of attending a class in the Gathering Hall on Wednesday, June 13 at either 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. No prior medical training is necessary but we ask that you only attend if you are committed to offering this aid in time of need. If you plan to attend, please contact Paul Edmundson at the parish office, 518-439-4951, [pedmundson@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pedmundson@stthomas-church.org), and provide your name, choice of class time and your phone number. We thank you for your willingness to help in an emergency.

## 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.

**Usher's Meeting** ~ All men and women of the parish interested in serving as ushers should attend an important usher's meeting **NEXT SUNDAY**, 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. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP Paul Edmundson at (518) 439-4951 or [pedmundson@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pedmundson@stthomas-church.org).

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Love one another and help one another." -- St. Mary MacKillop**

**The Bereavement Support Group**, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will meet on **Wednesday, June 6 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](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org).

**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.

## Faith Formation

**Offices will remain open through this Thursday, June 7!!** ~ We will then be closed for the summer re-opening mid-late August. Emails and voice messages will be checked intermittently over the summer weeks.

# Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Please submit registration forms for next year's classes as soon as you can**, so we can process as many as possible before closing for the summer. Those received during the summer weeks will be processed upon our return to the office in August. Forms are available through the parish website, <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>.

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

**Many volunteers are still needed to staff next year's program!!** ~ Please consider volunteering your time to this wonderful ministry for the coming year, and doing what we are **all** called to do....pass our faith on to the next generation!! Contact our faith formation office for more information.

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

**Catechists, catechist assistants and gatekeepers needed!** ~ Please consider sharing your faith with the teens of our parish. Volunteer forms can be found on the website at <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>.

## **Youth Ministry**

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**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 and 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.

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

**Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and your family! Best of luck to you! God Bless!**

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Imitation of Adults)**

(Contact: Paul Edmundson)

**RCIA INQUIRIES WELCOME** ~ Is God calling you or someone you know to become a Catholic Christian? If so, think about joining the RCIA program.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for

Baptized Christians and individuals who have never been baptized who wish to learn more about and explore the possibility of joining our Catholic faith and for Baptized Catholics who wish to be confirmed. The program runs from September to Pentecost (June 9). The initiation into the Catholic faith occurs at the Easter Vigil Mass. At that time Baptism (if applicable), First Eucharist and Confirmation are performed.

Contact Paul Edmundson, if you have any questions. We have a wonderful group of people who would like to accompany you on such a faith journey.

## **School News**

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

**There's still time to donate to the 12th Annual Race for Education!** ~ This benefit raises funds for classroom technology, school sports programs, and helps keep tuition affordable for all students. If you would like to help support our school, please 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>.

## **Now enrolling for 2018-19 - Pre-K through Grade 8**

~ From our youngest students in PreK 3 to our 8th Grade students who are preparing for High School, it is always our goal to empower each and every student to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment which is rich in Catholic tradition. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

**Did you know?** ~ Our 8th graders had an amazing time in Washington D.C. and you can see all that they experienced for yourself at <https://sites.google.com/stthomas-school.org/washingtontrip2018>.

**Looking for Used Smartphones** ~ Do you have a smartphone you are no longer using? If so, please consider donating it to St. Thomas the Apostle School to enhance our Virtual Reality Program used in middle school academic classes. The phones do not need to be activated nor have a phone plan, we only need to use the computers inside them. We are in need of phones that can connect to the internet and have at least 1 GB of RAM (2-4 GB is preferred). Phones also need to be Android 4.4 or later or iOS 8.0 or later. For more information regarding how we will be using the phones, visit <https://vr.google.com/cardboard/>. If you have any questions, call the school at 518-439-5573 and leave a message for Mrs. Heilsberg. Thank you so much for all that you do to support our mission!

## **Christian Service**

**HOSPITALITY** to be offered after Sunday Masses **NEXT WEEKEND All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

**Creation Care Team**

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

**Pay It Forward** ~ Creation is God's gift to all generations, a gift of love, visible in its people, places, plants and creatures. We are its current caretakers. Pope Francis challenges us to consider "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?" How will we pay forward the Love of God visible in this gift?

**Care For Creation, Share The Love:**

- Plant a tree or google an organization that will plant one for a donation
- Help at the monthly parish Hospitality in the Gathering Hall after Mass
- Live more simply, buy less
- Volunteer at an animal shelter or check the shelter's website for needed donations

**Community**

**SAVE THE DATE** of Monday, October 15, for the next "Food for Thought," entitled: *Christian Advocacy in Today's Political World*, with our speakers, **Paul D. Tonko**, Congressman, 20th Congressional District of New York; **Kathleen M. Gallagher**, Director of Pro-life Activities, NYS Catholic Conference; and **Angela Warner**, Peace and Justice, St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Join us for fellowship and light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas School. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Keep checking the Bulletin for further details.

**Active Older Adults Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food**

~ Our last luncheon before we take a two month break will be on Friday, June 15. We will meet at 12:15 for Mass and then enjoy lunch together. 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 518- 439-3286 by Monday, June 11.

**Parishioners:** If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with sliced sheet cakes. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518- 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

**Medical Professionals - Are You Available to Help?**

~ If you are a medical professional and would be willing to help in the event of an emergency at church, we would like to know who you are. Please contact the parish office at 518-439-4951 or email [office@stthomas-church.org](mailto:office@stthomas-church.org), providing your name, contact information (cell number would be most helpful!) and the Mass you usually attend. Thank you for your willingness to help.

**Administration**

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**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 26-27**

Offertory	\$9,231.00
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,120.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$10,351.00
Tithe from this Offertory	\$517.55
 Eastern European Collection	 \$1,640.00

*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 26-27**, our collection was **\$10,351.00**. This was donated by approximately **341 families**, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,376** in loose cash from other donors.*

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

**Calendar**

Wed	6/6	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Thu	6/7	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat/ Sun	6/9-10	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH

**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 June 4 - June 8, 2018*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>Michelle Kanuk</i>
		<b>Antoinetta Catalano</b> <i>Arlene Grady</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>Paul and Linda Edmundson</i>
		<b>Lucy Ramage</b> <i>Sean Moloney</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Thomas Tipple</b> <i>Joan and Paul Strait and Family</i>
		<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>The Bernstein Family</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Ralph Tipple</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Mary-Dorothy Morand, 35th Anniv.</b> <i>Her Husband</i>

**Next Weekend, June 9-June 10, 2018**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Mary-Dorothy Morand</b> <i>Her Husband</i>
		<b>Shane</b> <i>The Hooper Family</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Tony Giordano</b>
		<b>Natalie Tessitore</b> <i>Josh and Kari Rutnik</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>George W. Bragle</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Patricia Burdick</b> <i>Helen Gray</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of June 3, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ex 24:3-8 / Heb 9:11-15 / Mk 14:12-16, 22-26</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>2 Pt 1:2-7 / Mk 12:1-12</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 / Mk 12:13-17</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 / Mk 12:18-27</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 / Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 / Jn 19:31-37</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>2 Tm 4: 1-8 / Lk 2:41-51</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Gn 3:9-15 / 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 / Mk 3:20-35</b>