

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 16-17, 2018, Eleventh 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 & Sandra Flynn	Laiba Gill & Sarah Gill	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Mary Richards	Lois Smith and Doug Maeder	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Martha Snyder	Thomas Snyder & Morgan Sears	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paulot Truchard & Barbara Kavanagh	Lucy Creamer & Katie Desharnais	3

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 348 gifts and pledges, a total of \$157,557 (79%) toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

SAVE A LIFE - BE TRAINED ON THE USE OF THE DEFIBRILATOR ~ 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 or 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.

Parish Picnic Planning Meeting ~ There will be a planning meeting for the parish picnic on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. All are invited to come and help with the planning, especially all the young and young at heart parishioners. The picnic will be on Sunday, September 9 at Elm Ave. Park in Delmar.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Joe and Gabrielle Bosakowski and their son, Joseph and Daniel and Dana Lisowski.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Anthony Spadaro, Jr. whose funeral was held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome him into Eternal Life.

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

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around the world." – Michael J. Graham, SJ

Ministers are needed to lead Rosary and Communion Services at Atria Delmar Place on Tuesday 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.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA INQUIRIES WELCOME ~ Is God calling you or someone you know to become a Catholic Christian? If so, think about joining the RCIA program, which starts up again in September. 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.

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.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

Offices are now closed for the summer and will be re-opening mid to late August. Email and voice messages will be checked intermittently over the summer weeks. **Registrations received during the summer weeks will be processed upon our return to the office in August.** Registration forms are available through the parish website at <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!! Leave a message with our faith formation department and we will get back to you as soon as possible to further discuss what is involved in becoming a volunteer.

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)

THANK YOU! WE wish to thank YOU, our parents and students, for a joyous year of faith, prayer and service! We thank our volunteers for their service as catechists, gatekeepers, assistants, chaperones, and drivers! Thank you for sharing and practicing your faith! We thank Fr. David Berberian for his support and presence in our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Programs! **Together WE made a Difference!**

WE also thank Elizabeth Kerins our MS/HS and Confirmation Program Coordinator for her commitment in developing our program to include not only education in our faith but to practice our faith through prayer: Living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, MS and Confirmation Retreats, supervising Youth Ministry Activities, and assisting our Confirmation Candidates to receive the Sacrament. Elizabeth we thank you for your dedication over the last seven years and wish you many blessings as you begin a new path on life's journey. God bless you and your family! Thank you!

Senior Mass Thanks ~ Special thanks to Fr. Berberian, Cantor: Anna Bernasconi, Reader: Katherine

Bernasconi, Gift bearers: Emily Staerker and Michael Connolly, Greeters: Michelle Moczulski, Sarah Bernasconi and- Lauren Quinn, Hospitality: Colleen Ells, Eamonn and Sarah Hayes and Ryan and Zack Jeffers for their participation in our Senior Mass.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Congratulations to second grader, Evelyn Grogan, who celebrated her First Eucharist last weekend. May the Sacred Host that you received at your First Holy Eucharist be a source of inspiration each day of your life.

Did you know? ~ Our 8th grade class had so many amazing experiences in Washington, D.C.! They toured the White House, visited the Dwight Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the Capitol Building where they met Congressman Paul Tonko, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court Building, the Newseum, the Spy Museum, the African-American Museum, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, the World War II Memorial, Thomas Jefferson's Memorial, Abraham Lincoln's Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt's Memorial, the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Holocaust Museum, the Washington Monument, the National Gallery, the Museum of Natural History, the Arlington National Cemetery, the Air Force Memorial, the Marine Memorial and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Memorial.

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!

Come and see all that St. Thomas the Apostle School has to offer in PreK – Grade 8! ~ Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org to arrange a private tour.

Christian Service

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

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdschrempf6@gmail.com or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)

We have learned, through our partnership with The Water Project, that our well projects in Kenya have received ample water supplies due to the rains that have been abundant in April and May – after years of drought in Africa. We will post updates on our parish website under our Creation Care Team heading. June is a month of special events and celebrations in families and our community. As we begin to “Celebrate Summer” we offer these suggestions:

- Enjoy the Farmers’ Markets and garden stores in our community. Take your children to see the expansive selection of produce, plants, baked goods, cheeses, foods, and crafts brought to market by local farmers and vendors. Be sure to thank our local farmers.
- Resolve to reduce your single-use plastics this summer – grocery bags, plastic cups, straws, and bottles. Take care to return bottles to the CLYNK program or the proper recyclable containers.
- There is still time to plant butterfly, bee, and bird friendly flowers and seeds. This can be a single planter or a space in your yard.
- Come be a part of our Creation Care Team. Our next meeting is June 13 at 7:30 in the Parish Office. Contact Marie Myer or Jeanne Schrempf at the email addresses listed above or call 518-439-1552 for any questions or to seek information. We would love to have you join us.

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.

Catholic Charities’ Night at the Museum is **Thursday, June 21** at 5:30 p.m. at the NY State Museum in Albany, and we want to see you there! The annual summer event will honor the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet with the **Bishop Howard Hubbard Humanitarian Award** and John Murray, Jr. with the **Sr. Maureen Joyce Charities Award**. The evening features food by Mazzone hospitality, drinks, live music, and a silent auction of world-class vacations. Tickets are \$125 and all proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ccrda.org or by calling 518-453-6650.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
June 2-3**

Offertory	\$14,068.00
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,990.00
Total Offertory Received	\$16,058.00
Tithe from this Offertory	\$803.00

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 June 2-3, our collection was \$16,058.00. This was donated by approximately 471 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,776 in loose cash from other donors.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Sat/Sun	6/9-10	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	6/10	1 pm	Ushers Meeting	GH
Sun	6/10	2:30 pm	Piano Recital	CH
Tue	6/12	7 pm	Pastoral Council	LCR
Wed	6/13	2, 7 pm	Defibrillator Training	GH
Wed	6/13	7 pm	Creation Care Team	PO
Thu	6/14	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	6/15	12 pm	Senior Luncheon	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 11 - June 15, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Matthew Manzella <i>Leo Grady Family</i>
		Katherine Gainey <i>Mary and Tom Bigelow</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Matthew Manzella <i>John Keith</i>
		Edward Minogue <i>Diane and John McNiven</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Ida Ruzzi <i>Family</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Terry and Mary Ann Mitchell</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Anna Carroll <i>Candice and Anita</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Ernie and Pam Seward</i>

Next Weekend, June 16-June 17, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	For the People
Sun.	8:00 am	Anthony Franze <i>Marcia Wendth</i>
		Josie Burns <i>Jane Gitto</i>
	9:30 am	John Decker <i>Carole Spencer</i>
		Cosino Capomaccio <i>Elizabeth Kerins and Ed Duncan</i>
	11:00 am	Pilar Elum <i>The Lomotan Family</i>
		E. Daniel Crowley <i>The Lind Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of June 10, 2018

Sunday	Gn 3:9-15 / 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 / Mk 3:20- 35
Monday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16 / Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39 / Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46 / Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 / Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21 / Mt 5:33-37
Sunday	Ez 17:22-24 / 2 Cor 5:6-10 / Mk 4:26- 34