

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, September 8-September 9, 2018, Twenty Third 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 & Lynne Lenhardt	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Edmundson & Maureen Nyilis	Shayla and Tyler Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Annemarie Farrell	Paul Holstein & Anna-Jeanne Staerker	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bob Conway & Vera Frangella	Katie Desharnais & Ryan McCarroll	3

Pastor's Corner

Labor Day ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Labor Day. **There are no services in church scheduled for Monday.**

Do You Have a Car You Can Donate? ~ A family (two adults, four children) in the parish is in need of a car and currently unable to incur that significant expense. Are you ready to buy a new car and can afford to donate your current one? Or do you have a car that is really not being used and you would like to have it put to very good use? If you are interested and able to donate, please call Pat Holm at the parish office and she can put you in touch with the family. Thank you for your generosity.

Virtus Training ~ All staff and volunteers of the parish who are 18 years or older must take a Virtus class in order to work/volunteer with children and vulnerable adults in any capacity in our parish. A Virtus class that fulfills this requirement will be held here at St. Thomas on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. in the school media center. Register online by going to the diocesan website, www.rcda.org, clicking on the "Protecting Children" tab and then the Virtus Training link. You will be brought to a page that will guide you to 'Sessions and Registration.' Click on our organization, Albany, NY diocese to find this class along with MANY other upcoming sessions offered throughout the diocese and sign up for the one most convenient for you.

Prayer & Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Daniel Dugan whose service was held recently 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)

"The poor and the sick are our owners and they represent the very person of Jesus Christ." – St. Irenaeus of Lyons

Do you have about an hour once every 4-5 weeks or so? A couple of extra 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. 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 on the regular schedule or as a substitute. You will be happy you did! Training provided.

Hospital Visitation Ministry ~ Would you like to join us? Our team of ministers visits hospitalized members of our parish to provide spiritual support and assist in linking them with services in our parish upon discharge. This is a very meaningful ministry for both the recipient and the minister. Flexible scheduling ~ visits can be done days, evenings, or weekends, and are usually once every 5 weeks. Training provided. Let Maura know if you would be interested in assisting in this area on a regular basis, or as a substitute.

Bereavement Support Group ~ We are in the process of organizing our Bereavement Support Group for the Fall 2018. This group is intended for those who have lost a spouse during the last 2 years, and meets once/month for 10 months of the year. If you are interested in joining this group, or know of someone who would like to join, please contact Maura. Our first meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00-7:30**, in the office conference room, for those who have registered.



We Thank You For Your Service! ~ We are urged to thank our active duty military personnel for their service when we happen to come upon them. What better way to thank them than to include their information on our "Military Prayer Board," located in the Gathering Hall. Let's show our support and pride in these wonderful men and women and to our fellow parishioners. If you have a relative or friend that you would like to include and would like to participate in this endeavor, please provide information on his/her name, rank, military branch and duty location. Photos are encouraged but not required. Please drop your information at the office along with your contact information to Maura's attention or contact Carl Winters at cemw38@gmail.com. In addition, if you are interested in assisting in decorating this board, please let us know.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Dire need for Volunteers!!! ~ To date, I have no 4th or 5th grade volunteers on any day!! Other grade levels still have sporadic vacancies as well. We need approximately 25 more volunteers to step up so we can adequately staff our program!! Please consider this important ministry, and call our offices as soon as possible to find out how you can help!!

2 Parent orientation meetings are scheduled Tuesday, September 11 at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the school. Please attend whichever is more convenient for you. There is new and updated information to share, so all parents of elementary age faith formation children (grades 1-5) are strongly encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

Catechist/Volunteer orientation meetings are scheduled for Saturday, September 8 at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the school. Please attend whichever is more convenient for you!

Elementary classes will begin the week of September 25 – 27 ~ The deadline to register your elementary level children so they can begin at that time is Monday, September 17. Registrations received to our office after September 17 will be held and processed beginning the first week of October, and families will be informed of a later start date for their children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

We need you! ~ Catechists, Gatekeepers, Assistants and Youth Minister Volunteers are needed for our upcoming MS HS Faith Formation Year. Please accept this wonderful invitation to share your faith with our young church! And in return receive so many blessings from our young church. Volunteer forms are found on our webpage under Education/Faith Formation/Forms. Please complete and mail into our FF Office and get the process started! **Thank you for making a difference!**

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Stay calm and enjoy your First Day of School!

Parish Service and FUN! ~ Consider volunteering for an hour at our parish picnic, Sunday, Sept. 9 at the Elm Park Large Pavilion! Looking to our young church to supervise: Popcorn and Cotton Candy Machine, Bouncy Bounce, Face Painting, Various Carnival Games and Recycle Crafts! Signup Sheets are in Make a Difference Binder or contact Mary Ann!

Ultimate Frisbee Contest at the Picnic!!!! ~ 1:30 p.m. to?? Looking for teams of 5 or sign up as an individual or group! Each team will play two 30 minute games with 5 min. half time. Pool play: top 2 teams advance to finals! Prizes for the winning team! **Adults needed to referee!** Special thanks to Coach James Angermeier for organizing us! Sign up in Make a Difference Binder or contact Mary Ann!

Bowling for Beef! ~ Del Lanes, Tuesday, Sept. 18! Two sessions this year, 60 spots per session. 9-10:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m.- midnight. Cost \$13 for two games, shoes, pizza and drink! \$5.00 will be donated to Cathedral Social Services for 2 pound packs of ground beef. Sign up today and bring a friend and PERMISSION SLIP! Chaperones needed!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

We are excited to announce that in addition to our Preschool 3 year old and 4 year old Part-Time Programs and our 4 year old Enrichment Class, we have opened **Priority Registration for a Full-Day Preschool Program for 4-year-olds.** (Please note that students interested in the Full-Day Program must turn 4 by December 1, 2018.)

Welcome to our new faculty members! ~ Mr. James Angermeier will take on the role of PE/Health teacher and coach. Coach Angermeier is a parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle and grew up in the area. Mr. Jeffrey Stein joins St. Thomas as our new Music teacher. Mr. Stein has many years' experience in teaching and as serving as a music director in numerous faith communities.

Welcome Back, Students! ~ We welcome all of our new and returning students in Preschool – Grade 8 to the 2018/2019 year! We are so excited for all that's to come!

Do you enjoy working with children? ~ We are currently seeking applicants to fill the roles of **Substitute Teachers, Lunch Aides and Recess Aides.** If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please give us a call at 518-439-5573 or email us at office@stthomas-school.org.

Considering a Catholic School Education for your child? ~ It's not too late to enroll! Limited openings in Preschool 4 through 8th Grade. Contact Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or 518-439-5573.

Community

Parish Picnic Next Sunday ~ Please come to the picnic next Sunday at the Elm Avenue Park from noon to 5 p.m. and come to the Gathering Hall today to sign up and see the list of raffle prizes. **Raffle tickets on sale after all Masses.**

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer. We have our plans set for our next year of events and luncheons. The first luncheon will be on Friday, September 14. We will attend Mass at 12:15 and then gather for lunch and dessert. For reservations, cancellations and/or transportation, please contact Christine or Steve Corson at 518- 439-3286 by Monday, September 10. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in Sept. we would appreciate brownies. Please contact Christine or Steve Corson at 518- 439-3286 if you can help with baked goods.

"Food for Thought:" ~ Registration for the October 15 event will begin the weekend of September 8-9 after all Masses in the Gathering Area and at the St. Thomas Picnic. Members of the Public Policy Ministry will be available to assist you after Mass and at the picnic. Look for the sign-up folder and flyer for *Christian Advocacy in Today's Political World*.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Peter said to Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life". Discover God's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep. 28-30 in Oneonta and Nov. 3-4 in ALBANY. For more information, call Ed and Rhonda Staats at 518 -279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.wwomenyalb.org>

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdschremp6@gmail.com or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)

- Labor Day weekend is a rich tradition in our nation – celebrating all those women and men who have given their lives to provide for their families and to build, protect, teach, create and enhance the essential values of our country. It is the time when summer ends and a new year of education and formation for our children begins. We hear the challenge of St. James in today's reading **"Be doers of the word and not hearers only."**

And so, we offer these actions for your consideration:

- Join our parish for the annual picnic at Elm Ave Park next Sunday, September 9. Our parish is "going green" this year and will offer many ways to protect the earth through recycling and care. Consider bringing your own picnic supplies that do not need to be discarded.
- Stop by the Creation Care Team table for recycling updates, activities for children, and packages of milkweed seeds to plant at home to provide substances for butterflies.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

New Format for Financial Information ~ This week we start a new format to more clearly display the parish's financial information. (And, we thank Fr. Tom Konopka and Terry Kois of St. Mary's, Clinton Heights, for sharing their design.) We will also begin reporting year-to-date numbers as they become available. Thank you all for your continued support of the parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR AUGUST 25-26, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$12,458.35
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$1,105.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$13,563.35
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$678.17
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	356
SPECIAL COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS	\$1,536.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Mon	9/3		Diocesan Holiday - Office Closed/No Mass	
Tue-	9/4-9/6	7 pm	RCIA Inquiry Meetings	GH
Thu	9/6	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 September 3 - September 7, 2018

Mon.		Diocesan Holiday—No Mass	
Tues.	7:30 am	Allen J. Russell, 14th Anniv.	<i>Family</i>
		James J. Schaughnessy	<i>Rev. Richard Leskovar</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Reginald Higgins	<i>Elaine Setlur</i>
		Theresa DeIDin	<i>Adelaide Appel</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Douglas DeLucco	<i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>
		Jeanne Ginther	<i>Jeanne Schrempf</i>

Next Weekend, September 8-September 9, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Douglas DeLucco	<i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>
		George Lenhardt	<i>Carol Tomlin</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People	
	9:30 am	Grace Ketterer	<i>Gene and Kathy Ryan</i>
		Joseph Pape	<i>The Ricchiuti Family</i>
	11:00 am	Lynn Apicelli, 30th Anniv.	<i>Family</i>
		Douglas DeLucco	<i>Melissa and Henry Klein</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 2, 2018

Sunday	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5 / Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:18-23
Sunday	Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37