

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 15-September 16, 2018, Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Denis Hurley & Maureen Roberts	Laiba Gill and Sarah Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	David Rothfuss & Mary Richards	Doug Maeder & Brian Gallagher	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Martha Snyder	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & Samantha Gomez	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Hedderman & Barbara Kavanagh	Lucy Creamer & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

## Pastor's Corner



**Parish Picnic This Weekend** ~ Come to the Elm Avenue Park from Noon - 5 p.m. This Sunday, September 9, for a great day of **PICNIC FUN**. All new parishioners are especially invited to come and meet all your new Friends. **Lots of raffle prizes and fun for all.**

**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](http://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

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



Dear St. Thomas Family,  
This fall the Diocese of Albany is hosting a "Eucharistic Congress" led by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger. The theme is "Hearts Aflame" and will be centered on Jesus in Eucharist. This will be a wonderful gathering with Catholics from every corner of our diocese. We are encouraging everyone in our parish and school to attend

**HEARTS AFLAME EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville.**

More information online at [www.rcda.org/heartsaflame](http://www.rcda.org/heartsaflame)  
The day-long event will be held at the spiritual center of the diocese, the beautiful Shrine of the North American Martyrs, which is the birthplace of St. Kateri and the martyrdom site of Saint Isaac Jogues and companions.

The day will include:

- Mass with the bishop
- Inspirational speakers
- Activities for Children and Youth
- Eucharistic Adoration & Procession
- Tours of the Shrine
- Fellowship & unity with other Catholics

The day is planned to appeal to all Catholics, young and old, married and single. Bishop Ed has said that he hopes it will be a time of spiritual renewal for all in our diocese!

**If you would like information regarding transportation, please contact the school at 518-439-5573 or email Ann Gochee at [agochee@stthomas-school.org](mailto:agochee@stthomas-school.org).**

**REGISTER ONLINE** at [www.rcda.org/heartsaflame](http://www.rcda.org/heartsaflame)

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to achieve holiness in the midst of our everyday lives." – Pope Francis**

**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.



**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

## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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](mailto:cemw38@gmail.com). In addition, if you are interested in assisting in decorating this board, please let us know.

**Our Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry** ~ is getting ready for the fall and winter by collecting 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer from anyone who would like to make them. This team creates beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Hall. All are welcome! If you would like to join this team, please contact Christina Ryan at 439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura.

**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 from 6:00-7:30**, in the office conference room, for those who have registered.

### 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 Wednesday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 15 at 3:30 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 still needed for our upcoming MS/ HS Faith Formation Year. Please accept this wonderful invitation to share your faith with our young church! See the Pastor's Corner for Virtus Training details. Our Volunteer forms will be available at the training on Sept. 11. **Thank you for sharing your faith!**

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Next Weekend is Catechetical Sunday!** ~ We wish to thank all of our catechists, assistants, gatekeepers and Youth Ministry Volunteers for their time and commitment to our young church. **God Bless YOU!**

**Our Youth Ministry CORE Team has started an Instagram account!** ~ Please consider joining us! **StThomasYouthMinistry.**

**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!

**Day of the Dead/Halloween Card Exchange with Sister Parish's Youth Group in Mexico!** ~ Sept. 28, 7:30 - 9:00 in the Gym. Share our Bethlehem Community with our Sister Parish in Mexico by submitting photos of your favorite places, like our church, school, library, Town Park and so on. Drop off your 4x6 print in our box in the Gathering Hall. On the back include your first name, and in Spanish a description of the picture. On Sept. 28 we will write Halloween greetings in Spanish, and make friendship bracelets to send with our photos to Mexico! Mexican snacks & games! Hope you can join us! Sign up in the Gathering Hall!

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Visit us at [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) or on Facebook at **St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar**

**Craft Fair** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School will be holding its annual Shop 'Til You Drop Craft Fair on Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be a variety of craft vendors, a Scholastic Book Fair, bucket auction, bake sale, breakfast and lunch items for sale. All money raised benefits activities for St. Thomas students



throughout the year. We are currently accepting craft vendor applications. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Laura Giarrusso at [lauralj06@aol.com](mailto:lauralj06@aol.com) or 518-429-0289.

**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](mailto:office@stthomas-school.org).

**Did you know? ~** St. Thomas the Apostle School offers a Before Care Program beginning at 7:00 a.m. as well as an After Care Program that runs until 6:00 p.m. each school day. Both programs are held on-site and staffed by school faculty.

**Limited openings in Preschool 4 (Full-Day or Part-Time) through 8th Grade ~** Come and see what a difference St. Thomas the Apostle School can make for your family. **Interested in a Tour/Shadow Day?** Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

## Community

**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.

**Season of Creation ~** Pope Francis has designated Sept. 1 – Oct. 4 (feast of St. Francis of Assisi) as an annual Season of Creation. **You are invited to an Interfaith Prayer Service for Creation on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2-3 p.m. at the Amphitheater at Jennings Landing on the shore of the Hudson River in Albany.** In silence, music and spoken prayer, we'll express our shared concern for our common home and ask for grace to live sustainably on the Earth. Please come and bring a friend. Children and youth are welcome. Sponsored by the Creation Care Team of St. Vincent DePaul Church, Albany.

**"Food for Thought:" ~** Registration for the October 15 event will begin **THIS WEEKEND** 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*.

**HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND ~** The Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team are planning an event the weekend of September 15-16 as a lead-in to the "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 15. Hospitality will be available after all Masses, and you will be asked to bring your phone, tablet or any internet connected device to sign up for the Catholic Action Network and the Catholic Climate Covenant. A laptop will also be available for your use. Join us and **Make Your Voice Heard!**

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$14,349.70
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$865.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$15,214.70</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$760.74
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *</b>	<b>334</b>

\* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,403

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

## Calendar

Sun	9/9	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Sun	9/9	Noon	Parish Picnic	Elm Ave. Park
Wed	9/12	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Fri	9/14	12 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sat/Sun	9/15-16	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 September 10 - September 14, 2018***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Dr. Harry W. Paige</b> <i>His Daughters</i>
		<b>Peter and Catherine DePuccio</b> <i>Daughters, Catherine and Anne Marie</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Theresa DeDin</b> <i>Patricia Appel</i>
		<b>Catherine Donnelly</b> <i>Tina and Jeff</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Robert Tigue</b> <i>Jean Bujold</i>
		<b>Mary DePuccio</b> <i>Sisters, Catherine and Anne Marie</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>John J. Manning, 34th Anniv.</b> <i>Margaret Manning and Family</i>
		<b>Douglas DeLucco</b> <i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>

### ***Next Weekend, September 15-September 16,***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>George Lenhardt</b> <i>Steve and Christine Corson</i>
		<b>Ann Giangrande</b> <i>Kathleen Schmitt</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Anna Passonno</b> <i>Michele and Dan Saxe</i>
		<b>Joan Fox</b> <i>Karen Jones</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Henry Mayer</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Willian Kolber</b> <i>Maria Kolber</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of September 9, 2018***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Lk 6:27-38</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 Cor 10:14-22 / Jn 19:25-27</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 50:5-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35</b>