

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 22-September 23, 2018, Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Mahar & Carol Tomlin	Meerab Gill and Lizzy Kloss	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Anthony Scisci & Kailee Harrigan	Paul Edmundson & Mary Richards	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Amanda Smith	Kathleen Connolly & Casey Holstein	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & Maureen Cahill	John Henry Walters and Maggie Walters	2

Pastor's Corner



Hearts Aflame Eucharist Congress is being held Saturday, September 22 at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. If you cannot attend, please pray for a joy-filled event as Catholics throughout the diocese gather with our Bishop. Late registrations may still be accepted. Check rcda.org/heartsaflame for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Joseph Paul Boskowski, Sara Saed Abdallah and David Joseph Cavallo.



We Congratulate
Carolyn and Beuttler and Brian Supple
who were married on August 25, 2018.
May they be blessed through life.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Elizabeth and Dexter Hosang and their children, Oliver and Elise; Jennifer and John McGuinness and their children, Danica and Kylie; Alexander and Lorayne Ruthman and their children, Charlotte and Abigail; Edward and Theresa McCaffrey; Ryan and Katie Barbato and their children, Victoria, Sarah and Hailey; Chris Dittmer and his son, Landon and Keith and Jude Klein and their son, Zachary.



MANY THANKS to all those who helped make last Sunday's parish picnic the success that it was. A good time was had by all. Young and old came together for a few hours of food and fun and new friends were made.

Prayer & Worship

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE ~ The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held **Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m.** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.** Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration.

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through the parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

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)

"One must do all one can do for everybody, expecting no return save from God only."
-St. John Vianney

Do you like to sew? ~ The littlest new members of our parish are given baptismal stoles made by some of our parishioners upon their baptism. The materials and instructions are put together in packets with suggestions for embroidery ~ but your own creative ideas are welcome. This ministry is done on your own time. Please contact Maura if you are interested in becoming involved.

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 Kenwood Manor 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.

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.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

DIRE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!!! ~ As classes continue to fill for the start of our new faith formation year, the need for catechists and classroom assistants becomes more and more urgent!! To date, we have the following vacancies needing to be filled in order to adequately staff our program for the coming year:

- **1st grade catechist on Tuesday afternoons**
- **2nd grade catechist and assistant on Wednesday afternoons**
- **3rd grade class assistant on each Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening**
- **4th grade catechists and assistants for all days-- Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons**
- **5th grade catechists for Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon and assistants for all days/times.**

In total, we **still need 20 volunteers** to come forth and help our program run this year. **All parishioners are asked to give prayerful consideration as to how you can help with this most important ministry of passing our shared faith onto the next generation!!**

Elementary classes will begin the week of September 25 – 27 ~ The **deadline to register your elementary level children** so they can begin classes that week is **Monday, September 17**. Registrations received to our office after September 17 will be held and processed beginning the first week of October. Children will be added to existing classes as space permits, and families will be informed of their children's start date and class assignment at that time.

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. **Thank you for sharing your faith!**

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

This 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!**

Special SHOUT OUT to our middle school and high school students who supervised our carnival games and recycle/reuse craft table at our parish picnic. Awesome job!!! We also thank Coach James Angermeier for organizing family sport games! Your presence and service was most appreciated by all!

HEARTS AFLAME EUCHARIST CONGRESS at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, Sept. 22. See Pastor's Corner. Students wishing to attend and Volunteer/ Chaperones willing to transport youth please 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!

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 or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

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.

8th Grade Pancake Breakfast at Glenmont Applebee's ~ Please support our 8th grade class as they raise funds for their annual trip to Washington DC. Students will serve breakfast on Saturday, September 22 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person and breakfast includes 3 pancakes, 2 slices of bacon & your choice of unlimited beverage (coffee, soda, tea or orange juice). When purchasing tickets (by September 20), please

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provide your name, phone number and the number of tickets requested along with your payment. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please address the request for tickets to the attention of Theresa Heilsberg.

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.

Did you know? ~ In addition to our weekly music classes which begin in preschool, St. Thomas students have the opportunity to take violin lessons beginning as early as first grade AND students in third grade and older may participate in the school band. All lessons are provided during regular school hours and students perform in both our Christmas and Spring Concerts.

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 or 518-429-0289.

Community

YOU MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER for the "Food for Thought" program THIS WEEKEND after all Masses by signing the sheet on the table in the Gathering Hall or at either side entrance of the Church; or by calling Marie Copeland at [518/439-4050](tel:5184394050) or emailing mariecopeland62@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY THIS 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!**

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, September 22-23. 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)

Special Collection for the Catholic University and The Basilica Dome ~ NEXT WEEKEND, September 22-23. The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. **The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** located right next to the campus of the Catholic University of America is often referred to as "America's Catholic Church." The final work on the Trinity Dome of the Basilica has been completed in preparation for 2020, the hundredth anniversary of placing the foundation stone of the National Shrine. **Please be generous at next week's Collection.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$12,157.04
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,890.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$15,047.04
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$752.35
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	366

* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,339

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Sat/Sun	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat/Sun	9/15-16	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	9/16	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	9/17	5 pm	Alzheimers Care Team	GH
Wed	9/19	2 pm	Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting Group	GH
Wed	9/19	6 pm	Public Policy Group	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 17 - September 21, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Nick Peek <i>Family</i>
		Peter Kacerguis <i>Al and Jeanne Schrempf</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Desiree Santiago <i>Family</i>
		Mary Anne Weinman <i>Sean Moloney</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Lillian Durso <i>Tina, Peter and Jeff</i>
		Jack Meany <i>Patricia Guiry</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Anna Carroll <i>Candice and Anita</i>
		Anne and Bernard Mullen <i>Kevin Mullen</i>

Next Weekend, September 22-September 23, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	James Cirillo <i>His Family</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Dick and Cathy Svenson</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
	9:30 am	Grace Ketterer <i>Nancy and Peter Applebee</i>
		George Bragle <i>Deacon Eugene and Mrs. Hamilton</i>
	11:00 am	Christopher Oberheim <i>Ann Eisenhut</i>
		Douglas DeLucco <i>Susan Klein</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday	Is 50:5-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35
Monday	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50
Friday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 / Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37