

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 29-September 30, 2018, Twenty Sixth 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 & Sandra Flynn	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Alba Giordano	Jim Moran & Lois Smith	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Marianne Conophy	Steven Gomez & Jack Keating	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bill Burkhard & Vera Frangella	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	3

Pastor's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Kelly and Benjamin Mueller and their children: Charlotte, Andrew and Dylan and Steven and Geneane Zimny and daughter, Giuliana.

Urgent Need for Volunteers for all Faith Formation Programs ~ One of the most essential roles of the laity in today's church is to spread our faith. We have faith formation programs for elementary, middle and high school children and for adults who want to join our faith (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)). The need for elementary, middle and high school children are documented in other parts of today's bulletin. For the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, we need 3 new team members if we want to continue this program beyond next Easter. We are looking for parishioners with recent catechetical experience, if possible. All lesson plans are provided to you. Please contact Father Berberian or Paul Edmundson.

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.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Holiness is not only about the spirit: it is also the feet that take us to our brothers and sisters, and the hands that allow us to help them." –Pope Francis

Ministry Opportunity ~ **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 Kenwood Manor 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.

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.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Spiritual Retreat ~ A Spiritual One-Day Retreat for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child of Any Age, By Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago, will be held on **Saturday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m.** Losing a child under any circumstances is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He is comforted His grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry. Join other Emmaus Parent Companions and the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Retreat Team in a warm and loving place to think, to talk, to feel, and to pray. Location: Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1803 Union St., Schenectady. All Are Welcome! Donation: \$25 Individuals; \$40 Couples. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. To register, go to: www.emfgp.org For more information, contact Kristine Rooney at 518-370-3136, ext. 239. **If you would like to learn more about the Emmaus Ministry contact Maura.**

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

The following volunteer vacancies still need to be filled for this year's classes:

- 1st grade catechist on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd grade class assistant on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.
- 4th grade catechists for Tuesday--4:30, Wednesday--4:30, and Thursday--4:30.
- 4th grade assistants for Tuesday--6:00, Wednesday--4:30, and Thursday--4:30.
- 5th grade catechists for Tuesday--4:30, Tuesday--6:00, and Wednesday--4:30.
- 5th grade class assistants for Tuesday--4:30, Tuesday--6:00, Wednesday--4:30, and Thursday--4:30.
- 2 gatekeepers for Thursdays--4:30

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Classes begin this week!! ~ We are so looking forward to seeing your beautiful children and getting our program under way for the new school year! Please remember to park in the church lot (NOT the school lot!!) when you bring your children to their classrooms at 4:30 p.m.

Safe Environment Training for children will take place during the week of October 9-11. Be sure to return your completed opt-out form by October 4 if you do not want your child to attend this training.

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. Thank you for sharing your faith!

Faith Formation classes are scheduled to begin the week of October 16. If you haven't yet registered for classes please due so by Monday, October 1.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

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. Sign up in the Gathering Hall! Receive a Parish Hour!

Ministry Trunk and Treat ~ Sunday, October 21, 3-5 p.m. Bring your friends and family to learn about the wonderful ministries here at St. Thomas! Dress in your favorite Halloween Costume or as your favorite Saint!! Fun, games, Donuts, Cider and lots of TREATS!, RSVP in the Gathering Hall.

Ministries and Trunks NEEDED ~ Please take advantage of this opportunity to promote your ministry or start a new one or if you simply enjoy Halloween and would like to host a trunk, you are most welcome. Trunks do not need to be elaborate: simply decorated, with an informational handout on your ministry, a Saint that relates to your ministry, and a TREAT. IF you are unable to host a Trunk, no worries, we are happy to share information on your ministry at our Information Table. Set up time: 2:30 p.m. **Sponsored by Youth Ministry CORE Team.**

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Visit us at 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 lauralg06@aol.com or 518-429-0289.

Social Justice Begins in Preschool ~ Even as early as the preschool years, children can be shown that their kind thoughts and actions can contribute towards another person's well-being. Each month, we collect items related to a specific theme such as pasta, vegetables, baby care items and toiletries for the St. Thomas Church Food Pantry. By making a small contribution once per month, we can begin discussing the importance of helping our community and sharing our gifts and our hearts.

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.

Did you know? ~ Our K-8 World Languages Program includes not one, not two, but THREE languages. Students in grades K-4 study French and then move on to Spanish in grades 5-8. Students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to study Latin through Middlebury College. Having the opportunity for exposure to French, Spanish, and Latin provides our students with a wonderful foundation in World Languages. Students may graduate with up to two high school credits in World Language. In addition, students in our preschool enrichment and full-day programs are introduced to American Sign Language, learning social skills, vocabulary, counting and letter skills as well as music and songs.

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.

Creation Care Team

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

Jesus speaks of children in today's Gospel as he teaches his disciples how special and precious each child is saying **"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."** As our children go off to school, activities and sports, faith formation and youth ministry, we are called to give them love, care, guidance, security, and protection. They will inherit our earth to care for, nurture and protect. Our responsibility is to be their best guides and teachers. The New York Times recently published a list of books on climate change for children. These may begin a dialogue with your children and answers questions they may have.

For young children: The Lorax by Dr. Seuss was at the top of the list, followed by **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** and **The Magic School Bus**.

From a science perspective: What is Climate Change by Gail Herman, **A Global Warming Primer** by Jeffrey Bennett, **The Carbon Diaries** by British writer, Saci Lloyd, **Drawdown** which models and ranks 100 solutions to climate change, and Mary DeMocker's **The Parents' Guide to Climate Revolution**. Teachers and librarians can be a rich resource of books for different age groups.

The best recommendation came at the end of the article **"Plant a tree and discuss."**

Community

YOU MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER for the "Food for Thought" program, *Christian Advocacy in Today's Political World*, to be held Monday, October 15 in the School. The registration booklet is only in the Gathering Hall but you may also email Debbie Agney at debbie.agney@gmail.com or call her at 518-756-6049. In addition, by going to the Church website, stthomas-church.org, under "Peace and Public Policy," a form is provided to register for the October program.

The Public Policy Ministry and the Creation Care Team wish to **thank Mary Ann Hospodar and the following faith formation students and parents** who assisted with the sign-up the weekend of Sept. 15-16: Dylan and Sydney Kowalsky, Anthony Denison, Lauren Quinn, GiGi and Steven Sitzler and Cat Adlerman. We really appreciated your help!

Coats For The Community ~ With the days of Fall upon us, we are reminded that there are many of us for whom securing a good winter coat will be difficult. Please go through your closets to locate new or gently used coats and snow pants that are clean. We can use adult and children's sizes. Ladies of Charity, a Catholic Women's organization, will be distributing them on October 19 and 20. You may leave coats in the bin in the Gathering Hall. Please contact me (Sandie Flynn, 518-221-1027) before October 5, if you need someone to pick up your donation. Donations will be accepted before October 14. Thank you so much for your help. Many families will be supported by your generosity with lovely coats.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, September 22-23. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating. **Thank you for your generous support of the food pantry** throughout the year. We remind you that the food pantry is **OPEN THROUGHOUT THE MONTH**. Anyone in need is welcome to use the food pantry. Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Special Collection for the Catholic University ~ THIS 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. **Please be generous at this week's Collection.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$12,688.54
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$1,035.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$13,723.54
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$686.18
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	361

* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,369

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Sun	9/23	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	9/24	6:30 pm	Interfaith Creation Care Meeting	GH
Thu	9/27	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	9/30	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	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 24 - September 28, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Herbert Leisenfelder <i>Family</i>
		Douglas DeLucco <i>Candice and Patrick Stellato</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Joseph Iuviene <i>Sean Moloney</i>
		Anthony Iavenditti <i>Vera Peek</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Nate Spano <i>Carmel Foltan</i>
		Mary Barbara Coughlin <i>Gorman Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Ann Giangrande <i>Candice Stellato</i>
		Steven Schermerhorn <i>His Sister Susan and Jerry Stenson</i>

Next Weekend, September 29-September 30, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Patricia Kalendek <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Mary Ann McNeil <i>Edward and Marymel Hart</i>
		George Bragle <i>Family</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Jack Meany <i>Patty and Dave Wukitsch</i>
		Douglas DeLucco <i>Creation Care Team</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 23, 2018

Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37
Monday	Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Prv 30:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
Sunday	Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48