

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, October 6-October 7, 2018, Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Coffey & Colleen Flynn	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Jeff Conklin & Maureen Nylis	Nancy Chiu & Brian Gallagher	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Annemarie Farrell	Penelope Holstein & Marjorie Ostroff	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bob Conway & Sarah Comi	Cecilia Creamer & Lucy Creamer	1

Pastor's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Katie and Timothy Lawlor and their children, Sophie and Morgan..

BLESSING OF ANIMALS ~ Calling all cats, dogs, hamsters and their human companions! Come join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6 for the annual Blessing of the Animals. We will celebrate all living creatures in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. This is a rain or shine event and will be held at the front entrance of the school. The fourth grade students from St. Thomas will be collecting pet supplies and refundable cans and bottles for our local animal shelters. Please come and be a part of this wonderful experience!

Prayer & Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Timothy Fitzpatrick, Edith Phillips and Barbara Shea whose services were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them 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.

PEACE POLE PRAYER ~ All interested parishioners and friends are invited to gather at the Peace Pole next Saturday at noon for our monthly prayers for peace.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"To be a servant of Christ is to be truly free." – St. Agatha

Welcome Nora Owens who has recently volunteered in Pastoral Care. You can join us too! There are a number of terrific ministries you can be a part of ~ give as little or as much time as you desire.

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)

Beginning of Classes Last Week ~ It was so wonderful to see all the smiling faces as we began a new faith formation 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.

Still Looking for Catechists ~ Many of our 4th and 5th graders are on home instruction at this point with their parents as we were unable to find catechists to teach their classes. **It is not too late!!!** We would still

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love to bring our young parishioners together for class with their peers. Coming together to share and learn about our faith with others who believe is so important!! We want to offer this to all of our young parishioners! Please contact our office to find out how you can help

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

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

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.

Our Middle School and High School Faith Formation Year will kick off with a Meet and Greet in the Church on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m., followed by the Living Rosary at 6:30 p.m. More information to follow. We look forward to meeting and praying with you and your family.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Next Youth Ministry CORE Team Meeting is tonight, Sunday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Join us!

Bowling for Beef ~ We thank our young church for coming out to bowl for Cathedral Social Services Food Pantry! Together we raised \$300 for ground beef! We thank our chaperones Cat Adlerman, Cathy Teplitzky, Heather Mocerine, Kerry Douglas-Duffy, Maria Swiader, and Kristie Lanzoni. Special shout out to DelLanes too! **Thank you all for making a difference!**

Youth Ministry Bottle and Can Drive set for Oct. 13 and 14 following all masses to benefit on going Environmental Projects with our Creation Care Team and Youth Ministry. We will accept your Clynk Bags and any NY deposit bottles and cans! Thank you for recycling and caring for our Common Home!

Ministry Trunk and Treat ~ Sunday October 22, New time 3-5 p.m. Come One! Come All! Bring your friends, bring your family and learn about the different ministers here at St. Thomas! Dress in your Halloween Costume or as your favorite Saint! Fun, Games, Donuts, Cider & lots of TREATS! RSVP in the Gathering Hall! Sponsored by Youth Ministry CORE Team!

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. Questions: contact Mary Ann.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



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

Establishing and maintaining a strong prayer life is an important part of what we teach at St. Thomas the Apostle School ~ Throughout the week, students participate in various prayer experiences that help them to establish a strong prayer life. Each Monday morning and every afternoon before dismissal we pray as a whole community. Daily classroom prayer and monthly liturgies allow students the chance to celebrate with one another and to be with God through the Eucharist.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary ~ Each Tuesday during the month of October, students from St. Thomas will join with the residents of Delmar Place for a recitation of the Rosary and a Communion Service. This is such a wonderful experience for our students and the residents there are always so happy to share this special time with them.

Thank You ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School's Eighth Grade class would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, came and supported or made donations to our first fundraiser this year, a pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Glenmont. Due to your outstanding generosity and support, the class was able to raise a record-breaking \$2,540!! We are so grateful for your participation.

A Simple Way to Help Our School ~ Shop at Price Chopper/Market 32 to help our school earn free classroom equipment! Please link your AdvantEdge card to our school code. Each time you shop and have your linked card scanned, our school will earn points towards free classroom equipment, all donated by Price Chopper/Market 32. Enroll your card at www.pricechopper.com with our 5-digit school code: 15750.

In the Classroom ~ Our First and Second Graders are eagerly awaiting the emergence of their classroom butterflies! They are so excited, watching the chrysalises "dance" and learning about all that's happening inside.

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. Save the Date for our **Open House on November 3, 2018 from 10-noon!**

Creation Care Team

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

Caring For Creation: St. Francis of Assisi ~ Don't know where to start when **considering how to care for creation?** St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, whose life we celebrate Oct. 4, tells us: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

When applying his message to caring for creation, what is necessary are: **knowledge and commitment**. With knowledge of the problem and the interventions to resolve the issues **we can choose** to commit to do **what is possible** ... and **together we can accomplish** what may now seem **the impossible** ... clearing our oceans of plastic debris ... a just sharing of the earth's resources among all peoples, ensuring the biodiversity of our world's ecosystem.

In upcoming bulletins we will list online resources for "knowledge" about the problems plaguing creation and how your "caring" can change the course of life on this planet.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention Active Older Adults! Thank you to all of those who made our first luncheon of the season a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to set up, serve and clean up. Thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious brownies. Most of all, we want to thank all those who attended the luncheon. Our next luncheon will be on **Friday, October 19**. We will attend mass at 12:15 p.m. and then gather for lunch and dessert. Please invite a friend to come with you. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners. If possible, please bring a personal care item that will be donated to Bethlehem Senior Services. For reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements contact Christine or Steve Corson at 518-439-3286 by Monday, October 15.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in October, we would appreciate any type of pie. Please contact Art and Marie Copeland at 518-439-4050 if you can help with baked goods.

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 Sandie Flynn at 518-221-1027 before October 5, if you need someone to pick up your donation. Donations will be accepted until October 14. Thank you so much for your help. Many families will be supported by your generosity with lovely coats.

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.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$12,035.48
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,100.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$14,135.48
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$706.77
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	359
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$1,334.00

* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,390

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Sun	9/30	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Wed	10/3	7:30 pm	Creation Care Team Meeting	GH
Thu	10/4	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	10/6	11:30 am	Blessing of the Animals	SCH
Sat	10/6	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Sun	10/7	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 October 1 - October 5, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Otto Vitillo <i>Vera Peek</i>
		Nora Royo <i>Fran & Kevin Royo</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Martin McDonagh, 2nd Anniv. <i>Ann McDonagh</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Roger and Pat Fritts</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Ruth B. Moak, 34th Anniv. <i>Jim and Gloria Moak</i>
		Joseph and Catherine McSweeney <i>Betty McSweeney</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	George Lenhardt <i>Vera Peek</i>
		Tony lavenditti <i>Jennie Moak</i>

Next Weekend, October 6-October 7, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Peggy Sherwin <i>Paula, Karen, Keith and Chris</i>
		Irene Pesnel <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Thomas Manion <i>The Kavanagh Family</i>
		John Meany <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Georgia M. Emma, 24th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Douglas DeLucco <i>Gene and Kathy Ryan</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 30, 2018

Sunday	Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday	Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Gn 2:18-24 / Hb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16