

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 13-October 14, 2018, Twenty Eighth 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	Meerab Gill & Sarah Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Anthony Scisci & Mary Richards	Isabel Scisci & Shayla Harrigan	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Martha Snyder	Maggie Rimmel & Maya Richter	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Hedderman & Maureen Cahill	Eileen Desharnais & Katie Desharnais	2

Pastor's Corner

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM CO-COORDINATORS ~ We are happy to announce that we have two new staff members here at St. Thomas the Apostle parish. As you know Elizabeth Kerins, who did an excellent job coordinating our Middle and High School Faith Formation program over the years, has retired. Two of our own parishioners will be taking her place as co-coordinators of the Middle and High School program: Rose Ann Garry and Bridget Zigrosser. Both Rose Ann and Bridget have been involved with our Faith Formation program for many years. Their personalities and skill sets complement each other and they are enthusiastic about their ministry. Please welcome them and offer your support as together we work to hand on our Catholic faith.

COLUMBUS DAY ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Columbus Day. There are no services in church scheduled for Monday.

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 Sunday, Oct. 21 at noon in the school cafeteria. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the family of the following child who was baptized recently at St. Thomas: Evelina Mary-Lou DiSante.



We Congratulate
Evan Marsh and Maureen Gardner
who were married Sept. 22 and
Maura Desharnais and James Corbett II
who were married on Sept. 29 and
Rebecca Gamarra and Bryan Jones
who were married on Sept. 29

May all three couples be blessed through life.

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)

"Love the poor tenderly, regarding them as your masters and yourselves as their servants." – St. John of God

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.

Adult Funeral Acolytes are an important part of our Pastoral Care Ministry Team. These volunteers assist at the funeral Mass and are a supportive presence to grieving families. We have two people assist at each funeral, and time commitment is about an hour or so when your schedule permits. Training is provided. Contact Maura if you would like to be a part of this special ministry.

The Bereavement Support Group ~ for those who have lost a spouse within the last two years will be meeting on **Monday, October 15 at 6:00-7:30.** Please contact Maura if you are interested in registering for the group or if you need additional grief support.

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.-7 p.m.** Losing a child under any circumstances is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He 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.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Volunteers still needed!! ~ We currently have 35 children on home instruction with their parents while we continue to seek volunteers to teach 4th grade on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons, and 5th grade on Tuesday afternoons. All parents, of course, are encouraged to work with their children to share their faith on a daily basis. However, I'm sure all will agree that joining with peers on a regular basis to learn together, ask questions, and discuss only enhances the faith journey of all, including the catechists!! You are asked, once again, to prayerfully consider how you may be called upon by our Lord to offer your time and share your faith with our young parishioners. Please contact our faith formation office at 518-439-4951 x 108 for more information on how to get involved!

Annual Safe Environment Training for grades 1-5 will take place during class time this week.

Reconciliation Preparation for 2nd Graders begins this week during class time and will continue through mid-November. We ask all to pray for our young children, their families, and their catechists as they learn of God's amazing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Toiletry Drive!! ~ Our elementary program will, once again, join our middle / high school program and our youth ministry to collect toiletry items to be distributed to those less fortunate than us. Collection bins will be located in the school lobby when you come for classes the weeks of October 16-18 and October 23-25. Your generosity is so very much appreciated!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

Faith Formation Parent/Student Meeting ~ Continue your faith journey by joining us for a Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) Faith Formation Parent/Student Meeting in the Church on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m., followed by the Living Rosary at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. We look forward to meeting and praying with you and your family.

Adult Volunteers Still Needed ~ Faith Formation classes are scheduled to begin the week of October 16. Please consider volunteering to be a Catechist, Gatekeeper, Assistant or Youth Minister Volunteer. A commitment of only 20 hours for the year is priceless in what it can mean for you, our young people and our faith community. Thank you for sharing your faith!

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Youth Ministry Bottle and Can Drive is next week, 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!

Day of the Dead Celebration for our Sister Parish's Youth Group turns into a community service project! WE thank all of you who dropped off photos for our picture exchange! WE thank St. Thomas's Spanish Teacher, Josephine O'Connor; Blessed Sacraments Spanish teacher, Gaby Gastelum Reynoso and youth from our Faith Formation Program for creating 118 personal Day of the Dead Greeting Letters, close to 100 bracelets and 96 Halloween Greeting Cards, which will be sent to our Sister Parish's Youth Group! Special shout out to our Pueblo to People Committee for giving us an opportunity to connect with our Sister Parish's Youth Group! Awesome night of friendship, faith and solidarity!

Ministry Trunk and Treat!, Sunday, October 22, 3 - 5 p.m. Come One! Come All! Dress in your Halloween Costume or as your favorite Saint! One Parish hour with the completion of a Ministry Scavenger Hunt Sheet! Fun, Games, Donuts, Cider and lots of TREATS! RSVP in the Gathering Hall! Sponsored by our Youth Ministry CORE Team!

Ministries needed for our Ministry Trunk and Treat, Sunday, October 22, 3 - 5 p.m. in our church parking lot. Our CORE TEAM members are most eager to assist. Please reach out to Mary Ann mhospodar@stthomas-church.org and let her know how our Young Church can help promote your ministry! God Bless you for all that you do!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



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

Celebrating God's Gifts ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we believe that each child has their own unique gifts to share and that it's so important for those gifts to be celebrated. We encourage our students to explore and develop their own artistic talents through participation in our theater productions, art classes and clubs, summer camps, Liturgy Choir, music classes and a variety of lessons including band instruments, violin, piano and vocals.

Shop 'Til You Drop Craft Fair ~ Please join us 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.

Save the Date! OPEN HOUSE, November 3, 10 a.m. - noon ~ We currently have 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? ~ At St. Thomas, we use a "buddy" system. Students in grades 4-8 each have a younger buddy that they sit

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with at school liturgies and work on projects with all throughout the school year. This system fosters fellowship between students of all ages and adds to the family atmosphere that makes St. Thomas the school it is. Older students enjoy the sense of responsibility and truly care for their little buddies while younger students love learning from and having the attention of their "big kid" buddy.

Ladies Night Out: Paint and Socialize - Friday, November 16, 7:00-10:00 ~ Open to ladies 21 and over of the school/parish of St. Thomas the Apostle and their friends, Includes creation of a beautiful canvas painting, wine, dessert, raffle drawings and more! Tickets can be purchased for \$25 per person through the school office. For more information or to purchase your tickets, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org

Community

PARISH PICNIC REVIEW ~ A great time was had by all at the picnic on September 9. Don't miss it next September. Congratulations to the Grand Prize winners at the Parish Picnic. Tom Teal: TV, Jerry Schimanski: Boy's Bike, Paul Krajewski: Girl's Bike. Thanks are due to the Picnic's Tri-Co-Chairmen, Paul Supple, Steve Corson and Bruce McShane. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped all day and those who chaired committees, including Pat and Madeline Amodeo and the Amodeo Family, Barbara Rose, Anne Hurley, Jim Kelly and Marge Kanuk. Thanks as well to some of the outstanding contributors, including Tom and Julie Sica, Stanton's Farm, Delmar Marketplace, Robert Palmerino, John Hooper, Walter Davies and Paul Harrigan.

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention Active Older Adults! 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 Art and Marie Copeland at 518-439-4050 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Your word, oh Lord, is truth. Bring the Lord's truth into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4 in ALBANY and Nov 2-4 in DEDHAM, ME. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.menyalb.org/>.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after all **SUNDAY** Masses **NEXT** weekend. **All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$11,613.02
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$905.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$12,518.02
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$625.90
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	340

* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1434

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Sun	10/7	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	10/8		Diocesan Holiday/ No Mass/ Office Closed	
Thu	10/11	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	10/14	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	10/14	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 8 - October 12, 2018

Mon.		Diocesan Holiday- No Mass	
Tues.	7:30 am	Edward Loye	<i>Black Family</i>
		Millie Ehring	<i>Whitman Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	William McSweeney	<i>Betty McSweeney</i>
		Edmond Habich	<i>Whitman Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Elizabeth Heitzman	<i>Vera Peek</i>
		Logan Penzabene	<i>Whitman Family</i>

Next Weekend, October 13-October 14, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	John Shogan, 22nd Anniv.	<i>Bob and Johanna Shogan and Family</i>
		Lonnie Tomlin, 2nd Anniv.	<i>His Wife Carol</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People	
	9:30 am	Bill Joynt	<i>Family</i>
		Grace Ketterer	<i>Mary Beth Sharkey</i>
	11:00 am	Tom and Lena LaForte	<i>Son, John</i>
		George Bragle	<i>Kathleen Bragle</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of October 7, 2018

Sunday	Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16
Monday	Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Gal 3:22-29 / Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30