

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 20-October 21, 2018, Twenty Ninth 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 & Lizzy Kloss	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	David Rothfuss & Cathy Semenoff	Chris Corson & Mary Richards	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Marianne Conophy	Carolyn Kolberg & Meagan Kolberg	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & Vera Frangella	Ryan McCarroll & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	3

Pastor's Corner

HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS ~ St. Thomas Parish and School is being honored by Catholic Charities' Housing Agency this year at the annual *Hope for the Homeless* Breakfast on November 8 at the Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham. Tickets are \$60 and all proceeds support the housing and homeless assistance programs of Catholic Charities. Tickets can be purchased by calling 518-459-0183 (ask for Cheryl) or visiting www.cchoalbany.org

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.

Prayer & Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Charles Nicholson whose Memorial Mass was held this week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome him 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.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Since God does so much for me, what could I not do for Him?" – St. Emily de Vialar

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.

Diocesan Mental Health Awareness Week is October 14-21 as declared by Bishop Scharfenberger. Every parish has members who experience a serious mental illness or who have a close friend or family member who lives with the condition. With this reality in mind, parishes must thoughtfully consider how they can more fully welcome people affected by mental illness into the life of the community in a way that values their gifts and contributions to the church family. St. Pope John Paul II said, "Whoever suffers mental illness always bears God's image and likeness, and has an inalienable right to be considered a person and treated as such." Stop by the Pastoral Care table in the church foyer for more information on mental health and how you can be a part of a welcoming community. Or, contact Maura.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)
(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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 this week, October 16-18, and next week, October 23-25 when you come for classes. Your generosity is so very much appreciated!

Safe Environment Training make up sessions for those in grades 1-5 who were absent last week will take place during class time this week. This will conclude our annual diocesan-required training for our elementary grades for the current academic year.

Reconciliation Preparation for 2nd Graders continues this week during class time and will run 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.

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Faith Formation Classes the week of October 30-November 1~ Our program will not hold classes during this week so families may enjoy the festivities associated with Halloween, and attend Mass for the holy day of All Saints on November 1.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

Parent/Student Kick Off Meeting ~ Although our faith journey is always ongoing, we will kick off our more formal instruction for Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) this Sunday Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. with a Parent/Student Meeting in the Church followed by the Living Rosary at 6:30 p.m. **Please Plan to Attend.** We look forward to meeting and praying with you and your family.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

MINISTRY TRUNK AND TREAT is NEXT SUNDAY! ~ Sunday, October 21, 3 – 5 p.m. Come One! Come All! There is something for everyone! 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! Hosted in Church parking lot. Please park in school lot. In the event of rain, we will host in the school gym! Sponsored by our Youth Ministry CORE Team!

It's not too late!!! ~ Ministries are still welcome to join us next Sunday at our Ministry Trunk and Treat! Sunday, October 21, 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!

Middle School Students interested in participating in the **World Youth Rally in Saratoga, Sunday, Oct. 28**, from noon to 6 p.m. Please contact Mary Ann mhospodar@stthomas-church.org **ASAP!**

High School Program, Grades 9-12, Catholic Social Teaching: Welcome the Stranger. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Parish of Mater Christi, 4-6:30 p.m. Event is free! Parents welcome too! Celebrate Mass, Presentations by the Vicar of Faith Formation and Education Fr. Bob Longobucco and Mr. Fred Boehrer from Albany Catholic Worker. Followed by a taste of dishes from third world countries prepared by HS Students in the Beverwyck Vicariate. Please don't miss this opportunity to socialize, discuss and pray with your peers from all over our area! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall and contact Mary Ann if you are interested in assisting with our dish to share!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



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

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. **Be sure to stop by the 8th Grade Table to grab some make-your-own trail mix and help the students raise money towards their Washington D.C. fieldtrip.**

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas, we never ask our students or families to sell products in order to help raise funds for the school. Instead, fundraising is accomplished through our Continuing the Vision Campaign and Race for Education as well as through fun activities and events held throughout the school year.

Save the Date! ~ OPEN HOUSE, Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m.-noon. We currently have limited openings in Pre-school 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.

Ladies Night Out: Paint And Socialize - Friday, November 16, 7-10 p.m. 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.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

(Contact: Paul Edmundson)

RCIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~ One of the best ways to grow in your own faith is to accompany someone who is coming into faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please consider exploring the possibility of becoming an RCIA team member. There are many roles on the team, such as people to do dismissal with catechumens, catechists, hospitality folks, and sponsors. Check to see which ones match your talents! Contact Paul Edmundson if you are interested

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdshremp6@gmail.com
or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)

Caring for Creation ~ Don't know where to start when considering how to care for creation? (Part 2)

"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St. Francis of Assisi
What is "**necessary**" when caring for creation is **knowledge** of the problems, the possible interventions and a **commitment** to engage in even the smallest acts to protect the universe God has given us.

Knowledge about the problems plaguing creation as well as how we can intervene is **at our fingertips** by going online to **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** - pollution prevention, biodiversity - (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/>); **Catholic Climate Covenant** --- environmental justice --- (<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org>);

National Park Service --- volunteer opportunities, protecting the wilderness --- (<https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>);

Town of Bethlehem --- composting, recycling --- (<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/143/Recycling>);

National Geographic: 10 things you can do to save the ocean --- protecting oceans, beaches --- (<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/oceans/take-action/10-things-you-can-do-to-save-the-ocean/>);

Greenpeace --- protecting oceans --- (<https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/oceans/>)

or just take a trip to **Five Rivers Environmental Education Center** --- nature, saving natural resources.

Once educated, we have but to choose how we will care for creation.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ 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.

Congratulations to Brendan Kane - "Eagle Scout"

Award ~ We congratulate Brendan Kane who recently received the award of Eagle Scout. The recipient of Brendan's project was the First United Methodist Church. Brendan supervised a group of 10 volunteers, who worked many, many hours giving the walls of the church's chorus room a much needed "face lift" -- stripping wallpaper, priming and painting the walls. Good job, Brendan, and thank you for your service to the community.

Christian Service

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

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Stopping Envelopes While You Are Away ~ If you receive offertory envelopes and plan to be away during the coming months, please let us know and we can temporarily stop your envelopes. The December/January envelopes are ordered on November 1, so please let us know by that date. Thanks.

World Mission Sunday ~ NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
October 6 - 7, 2018**

Offertory contribution information for October 6-7 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	10/14	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	10/14	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	10/15	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Mon	10/15	6:30 pm	"Food for Thought"	MC
Wed	10/17	6 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Thu	10/18	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	10.19	12:15 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sun	10/21	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 15 - October 19, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Carmelo Crisafulli <i>Semenoff Family</i>
		Vincent Luccitelli <i>David and Rita DeLorenzo</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Mary Frances Hoff, 1st Anniv. <i>Semenoff Family</i>
		Dan Crowley <i>Coulon Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Concetta Snyder <i>Betty McSweeney</i>
		David J. Lynch <i>Karen and Michael Graziade</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Margaret "Peggy" Rous, 10th Anniv. <i>Family</i>
		Anna Carroll <i>Candice and Anita</i>

Next Weekend, October 20-October 21, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Kevin St. James <i>St. James Family</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Paul and Joan Strait and Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Edwin and Eleanor Lawson <i>Family</i>
		Anthony Iavenditti <i>Parente and McVeigh Families</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Doug Moak <i>Family</i>
		Joseph Anthony Emma III, 4th Anniv. <i>Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of October 14, 2018

Sunday	Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:12-13 / Mk 10:17-30
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 / Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	2 Tm 6:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9
Friday	Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mk 10:35-45