

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 27-October 28, 2018, Thirtieth 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	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Kailee Harrigan	Chris Corson & Lois Smith	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Amanda Smith	Emily Sagendorph & Catherine Snyder	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bill Burkhard & Barbara Kavanagh	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	1

## 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](http://www.cchoalbany.org)

## Prayer & Worship

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Noreen Sherman, Ernestina Carrizosa and Dr. James O'Brien whose services were held this week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

**Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for All Saints Day Masses** ~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the All Saints Day Masses on Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve. Thank you for volunteering for these valuable ministries.

**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)

**Welcome to Joyce Prichard** ~ our newest addition to Pastoral Care Ministry! We are glad you are joining us. YOU can join us too ~ give as much or as little time as you can.

**It's Pastoral Care Week** ~ This week we want to say **THANK YOU** to our almost **200 Pastoral Care volunteers** for their devotion to ministry. Our team members quietly go about spreading kindness in various ways ~ visiting the sick and homebound, providing rosary and Communion services to the institutionalized, supporting grieving families, lovingly creating garments and gift boxes for newly baptized, designing knitted and quilted items for those in need, providing sustenance to families with meal preparation. Your involvement makes our parish thrive and helps create a caring community. May God continue to bless you all.

**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.



**We Thank You For Your Service!** ~ We are urged to thank our active duty military personnel for their service when we happen to come upon them. What better way to thank them than to include their information on our "Military Prayer Board," located in the Gathering Hall. Let's show our support and pride in these wonderful men and women and to our fellow parishioners. If you have a relative or friend that you would like to include and would like to participate in this endeavor, please provide information on his/her name, rank, military branch and duty location. Photos are encouraged but not required. Please drop your information at the office along with your contact information to Maura's attention or contact Carl Winters at [cemw38@gmail.com](mailto:cemw38@gmail.com). In addition, if you are interested in assisting in decorating this board, please let us know.


## Faith Formation

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**ONLY 2 MORE CATECHISTS NEEDED** ~ We only need 2 more catechists and 1 class assistant in order to be able to bring all of our 4th and 5th graders, currently on home instruction, back to our weekly class program!! We currently have 14 children awaiting a catechist to lead a combined 4th/5th grade class on Tuesday afternoons, and 16 4th graders in need of a catechist and a class assistant on Wednesdays. We are so close to acquiring the help that we need!! Please contact our faith formation office to find out how you can help!!

### **No classes the week of Halloween/All Saints Day**

~ There will be no faith formation classes the week of October 30-November 1 so all of our families can enjoy Halloween festivities with friends and family, and then attend Mass together for the feast of All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. 

**2nd graders have just begun their unit on the Sacrament of Reconciliation** and will have the opportunity to attend one of 2 reconciliation services for them and their families on Monday, November 19 and Tuesday, November 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel. Please pray for them, their catechists and their families as they learn about the incredible gift of love and forgiveness given to all of us 'just for the asking' in this most beautiful sacrament of healing.

## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

**A heartfelt thank you** to all our readers: Nathan Barkman, Nina Vargas, Gabriella Sitzer, Liam Raleigh & Connor Raleigh, Ryan Teplitzky; singers: Anna and Sarah Bernasconi, musicians: Steven Sitzer, Brian McCaffrey, hospitality, Lucy Creamer, Bryce Swiader, and Jack Lanzoni and all of our families for making our Family Rosary such a lovely prayer service.

**Classes continue this week** and our middle school students (grades 6-8) will receive their Safe Environment training at the beginning of their classes.

**Reminder** ~ No classes the week of October 30– November 1, so that families may enjoy Halloween and attend Mass on All Saints Day, November 1.

### *Youth Ministry*

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**COME ONE! COME ALL!** Everyone is invited to join us today, Sunday, October 21 for our **MINISTRY TRUNK AND TREAT**, 3 to 5 p.m. in our Church Parking Lot! Parking is available in the upper lot next to Four Corner Pharmacy or in the school lot. In the event of rain or cold inclement weather we will be in the School Gym. Wear your Halloween Costume or dress as your favorite Saint! And learn about the different ministries we have here in our parish and how to get involved! Games, prizes, fun and lots of TREATS! Complete the Ministry Scavenger Hunt Sheet and earn a parish hour and a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Amazon! Sponsored by our **YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM!**

**Vicariate 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! And participating students will receive 3 parish hours and community hours for assisting in the creation of our display board and soup for our country MEXICO. Please don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Mass, become informed on our Catholic Social Teachings, and socialize with peers from all over the area! Please RSVP by Oct. 24! Contact Mary Ann at [Mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:Mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you would like to work on our display board at home and share your work on Sunday Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall!

**Special thanks to all of you** for your donations to our **Bottle/Can Drive**. WE raised \$68.20 from loose bottles and cans in addition to a few Clynk Bags that will be credited to our account. We thank our students who worked the drive: Claudia and Olivia Skuza, GiGi and Steven Sitzer, Bryce Swiader, Zach Isenberg, Josh and Sarah VanSchaick, Tyler Harrigan, Holden Prescott and our parents! Please continue to use our Green Clynk bags found in the Gathering Hall with our Creation Care Team Display. In one year we have raised a little over \$900 in NY STATE deposits! So every bottle and can makes a difference! Continue to Pray, Conserve, Recycle and Reuse!

### *School News*

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Visit us at [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

**Please invite your friends, neighbors and family to join us for our PreK-8th Grade Open House on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. - noon at St. Thomas the Apostle School.** We offer personalized attention, small group learning, advanced studies, classroom performance validated on both the state and national levels, Music, Art and Physical Education beginning in Pre-K as well as World Language beginning in Kindergarten. Transportation and financial aid may be available. New this year, we offer a full-day Pre-K 4-Year-Old Program. St. Thomas is a co-ed Pre-K3 through 8th Grade school where each and every student is empowered to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment that is rich in Catholic tradition. To RSVP for our Open House, please contact Jennifer Murphy

**Did you know?** ~ Every St. Thomas class participates in service projects all school year long. Some of the organizations that students work with include Ronald McDonald House, Reilly House, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, South End Children's Café, Bishop Maginn and St. Thomas Food Pantries, Bishop Maginn's Refugee Program and Water for South Sudan.

**Please join us for the 4th Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint And Socialize Event on Friday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** Enter our raffle drawings and enjoy wine and dessert while painting a beautiful canvas through guided instruction. This event is open to the ladies of St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish and their friends. To reserve your seat at the price of \$25 per person (must be age 21+), RSVP to Jennifer Murphy at St. Thomas the Apostle School by November 2 with payment made to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. Please provide the number of guests attending, names of attendees, and one email contact to Jennifer Murphy. Printed invitations/sign-up forms are available in the Gathering Hall and the school lobby.

### *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: [jdschremp6@gmail.com](mailto:jdschremp6@gmail.com)  
or Marie Myer: [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

**Caring for Creation** ~ The Times-Union recently reported that a study involving Columbia University and the Environmental Protection Agency discovered 16 types of pharmaceuticals in the Hudson River from Troy to New York City. This is caused by aging sewer treatment plants and improper disposal of unused medicines by flushing them down drains and toilets. **Never dispose of unwanted medicines and pharmaceuticals by flushing them down drains.**

*Instead:*

- **Bring them to the Pharmaceutical Collection on Saturday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. at the Town Park, 261 Elm Ave., Delmar.**
- **If this is not convenient, dispose them at home by mixing medications with cat litter, coffee grounds or dirt, placing them in a rigid plastic resealable container such as a laundry detergent bottle, add some water, shake to dissolve, close cap tightly and place in household garbage bin – not recyclable bin.**

**Christian Service**

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, October 27-28. 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.

**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.

**Grocery Gift Cards for St. JOHN'S/ST. ANN'S OUTREACH CENTER** are being requested for assistance in providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the poor of Albany's South End. You can help by donating Price Chopper, Hannaford or Shop Rite gift cards that will be used to purchase food items for the baskets. Please place them (labeled "St. John's/ St. Ann's") in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you!

**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 ~ THIS SUNDAY** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday in solidarity with missions throughout the world. Your generosity is appreciated.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR OCTOBER 6-7, 2018**

<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$11,729.43</b>
<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$14,479.43</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)</b>	<b>\$723.97</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *</b>	<b>352</b>

\* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,335

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR OCTOBER 13-14, 2018**

<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$12,625.69</b>
<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)</b>	<b>\$1,235.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$13,860.69</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)</b>	<b>\$693.03</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *</b>	<b>352</b>

\* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,419

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.**

**Calendar**

Sun	10/21	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Sun	10/21	12:15 pm	Virtus Training	Cafe
Tue	10/23	7 pm	Finance Committee	PO
Thu	10/25	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	10/28	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 22 - October 26, 2018*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Carmelo Crisafulli</b> <i>Ellen Kelly-Lind and Gary Lind</i>
		<b>Anita Cronin</b> <i>Al and Jeanne Schrempf</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Jack Bailey</b> <i>Bill and Virginia Acquario</i>
		<b>Jim Evans</b> <i>Pittz Family</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Peter W. Pagano</b> <i>Frances Radzyninski</i>
		<b>Helen VanAmburgh</b> <i>Rose and Dick Tice</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Jane McMahon</b> <i>Chris McMahon</i>
		<b>Judith Draper</b> <i>Jennie Moak</i>

### ***Next Weekend, October 27-October 28, 2018***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Howard Cooper</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>James P. Manning, 3rd Anniv.</b> <b>Kevin St. James</b> <i>Margaret Manning</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Victor O'Reilly</b> <i>Carriero Family</i>
		<b>Dan Dugan</b> <i>Lynne Sherwood</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Brian Cushman</b> <i>Leo, Clark and Archie</i>
		<b>Douglas DeLucco</b> <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of October 21, 2018***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mk 10:35-45</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 12:13-21</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Eph 2:12-22 / Lk 12:35-38</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Eph 3:2-12 / Lk 12:39-48</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 12:49-53</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Eph 4:7-16 / Lk 13:1-9</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52</b>