

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, November 3-November 4, 2018, Thirty First 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 & Colleen Flynn	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Jeff Conklin & Mary Richards	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Kane & Annemarie Farrell	Donja Tripp & Liam Witting	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bob Conway & Sarah Comi	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	2

Pastor's Corner

AN EMERGENCY COLLECTION will be taken up **THIS WEEKEND** for humanitarian aid and the needs of Churches devastated by the storms in the South and Southeast regions of the U.S. in Sept. and Oct.. This emergency collection is also intended to cover needs created by future 2018 domestic storms/ calamities. To donate, make your checks payable to St. Thomas – in the memo portion write: **2018 Disasters Emergency Collection**. St Thomas will send one check to Catholic Charities and 100% of the donations will go to the **2018 Disasters Collection**.

ALL SAINT'S DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY ~ Thursday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be offered at 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. In the Church. Friday, November 2 is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) and we will offer Mass at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel.

AmazonSmile – Making Donations to St. Thomas the Apostle ~ You can now make donations to St. Thomas Parish and School using Amazon Smile! What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, pricing and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Please consider supporting our parish or school by registering with AmazonSmile. To register, enter one of the following addresses in your web browser and follow the instructions for creating an account, registering for AmazonSmile or changing your existing charitable organization:

For the parish: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364682>

For the school: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0635100>

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Tracy and Gregory Bedrosian and children, Leah and Dylan; Jessica and Paul Chao and children, Noah and Ruby; Nicole and Joseph Suich and children, Lili-Marie and Lucas and Amanda Gager; Matthew Mikulski and children, Colin and Christian and Sabina and Ernie Chisena and their daughter, Caroline.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Richard J. Cullen whose service was held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome him into Eternal Life.

Prayer & Worship

Eucharistic Ministers Needed ~ We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to serve, especially at the **9:30 Masses**. Training is provided. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the Gathering Hall.

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.

ALTAR OF THE DEAD ~ You are invited to add any pictures of your loved ones who are with God at our Altar of the Dead during All Soul's Month. The Altar is being set up on the morning of November 2.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."

-St. Francis of Assisi

Mass of Remembrance ~ Monday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. ~ Families and friends of those buried from St. Thomas the Apostle Church during the past year are invited to attend this prayerful and healing Eucharistic celebration for the repose of your loved one and your own consolation. The invitation is extended to all parishioners as well. Please join us after the celebration in the Gathering Hall for fellowship and refreshments. So that we can plan accordingly, please RSVP to Maura in the office at 518-439-4951 ext. 104 or via email mbarrett@stthomas-church.org by 11/1 with the number attending from your family. We hope to see you and pray with you on November 5.

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 @ cew38@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 this week ~ There will be no faith formation classes this week, 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 continue 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.

No classes the week of November 20-22! ~ As a reminder to all families, there will be no faith formation classes during the 3rd week of November, the week of Thanksgiving. May God bless all of you and your families as we take time out during this special time of year to thank our Lord for all of His abundant gifts and blessings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

Middle and High School classes are going well! Just a reminder we **WILL NOT** have classes the week.

REMINDER ~ If your son/daughter needs to attend a class other than their regularly scheduled class, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

NEXT CORE MEETING THIS WEEKEND Sunday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall!

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 ASAP! Contact Mary Ann at 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!

School News

(Contact: Thomas)



St. Thomas School

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Shop 'Til You Drop Craft Fair and Scholastic Book Fair! ~ The funds that you helped us raise will benefit activities for St. Thomas students throughout the year. We are so grateful!

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 at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or call Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573.

Did you know? ~ St. Thomas students in grades 5-8 get to choose daily class electives all year long. Some current examples are The Amazing Race, Creative Writing, Dia de los Muertos Crafts and helping with the younger students at Recess. New electives are announced each quarter offering the students the opportunity to try something new.

October 27-October 28, 2018

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. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your space before it's too late. All proceeds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School, and we thank you for your continued support!

Community

THANK YOU ~ The Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team wish to thank the following for their assistance with the various tasks associated with the "Food for Thought" program on October 15: Caitlyn and Cathy Teplitzky, Nicholas and Marissa Monteleone with Setup and Mary Ann Hospodar, Pete Bukowski and Tom Kane as well as Fr. Berberian for his support and attendance. Thank you all!

Active Older Adults Luncheon and Service Project – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Our next luncheon will be on Friday, Nov. 16. We will meet at 11:00 (not 10:30 as previously announced) in the large conference room in the rectory to write out Christmas cards for our soldiers overseas, those in the VA hospital and our local parishioners. Please bring a pen and Christmas cards. (Please do not bring cards with glitter or Mass cards.) We will attend mass at 12:15. For reservations, transportation or cancellations please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518- 439-3286 by Monday, Nov. 12.

Parishioners: If you like to bake, could you please help us out with cupcakes this month. Please contact Steve or Christine Corson to help with baked goods at 518-439-3286.

Christian Service

Do you like to pour coffee? ~ Our Parish needs more friendly faces to help with **Sunday Hospitality**. This fun job provides great satisfaction and asks for just a few minutes of your time at a Mass you already attend. Easy orientation, no meetings, no on-going commitment. Please join the e-mail list to be notified when there is a need by sending your name to Bob and Nancy Bielawa at nsbielawa@nycap.rr.com

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS 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.

Sacrificial Giving Committee ~ On behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle parish, our Sacrificial Giving Committee recently approved a donation to "Circles of Mercy" in Rensselaer in support of their programs focusing on the basic

needs of women and children, such as: Catherine's Closet which supplies families with diapers and baby clothing. They also provide workforce, computer and financial literacy training. The committee also approved a donation to the Delmar Fire Department. **Our weekly tithe, 5% of our offertory collection, allows us to donate to those in need through this committee.** Thank you for your continued financial support which makes this possible.

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)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR OCTOBER 20-21, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$12,320.74
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$1,950.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$14,470.74
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$713.54
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	369
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	\$1,325.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	140

* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,777

THANK S FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Sun	10/28	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	10/29	5 pm	Alzheimer's Care Team	GH
Thu	11/1	7:30 am 12:15, 5:30 pm	All Saints Day Masses	CH
Thu	11/1	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	11/3	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Sun	11/4	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 29 - November 2, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Edith Philips <i>Carl and Karen Winters</i>
		Timothy Fitzpatrick <i>Matthew Clyne</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Merle Colwell <i>Lawrence Keating</i>
		Anita McChesney <i>Lawrence Keating</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Pauline Sobierajski <i>Family</i>
		Sr. Rita Wooley, FMSJ <i>Sr. Judith, FMSJ</i>
Thur.	7:30 am	For the People
Thur.	12:15 pm	Intention of Celebrant
Thur.	5:30 pm	Michael Sheehan <i>Rev. Richard Leskovar</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Lucy Verardi <i>Vera Peek</i>
		Mary and John Koenig <i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>

Next Weekend, November 3-November 4, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	George Lenhardt <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
		George Bragle <i>Thomas Hamilton</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Leonard Jr. and Kevin Paul Fox <i>Mom and Dad and Family</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Norman Robert Dumas <i>Helen Gray</i>
		Theresa Supple, 1st Anniv. <i>Paul Supple</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of October 28, 2018

Sunday	Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52
Monday	Eph 4:32-5:8 / Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33 / Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Eph 6:1-9 / Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a
Friday	Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / Jn 6:37-40
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26 / Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34