

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 10-November 11, 2018, Thirty Second 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 & Sandra Flynn	Laiba Gill & Sarah Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Anthony Scisci & Maureen Nyillis	Nancy Chiu & Jim Moran	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Martha Snyder	Thomas Snyder & Morgan Sears	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Tom Hedderman & Maureen Cahill	Cecilia Creamer & Lucy Creamer	3

## Pastor's Corner

**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>

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** ~ Nancy and Bernard Glavy and Tyler Bass and Samantha Schwartz and children, Gavin, Kaylee and Jameson.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following children who were **BAPTIZED** recently at St. Thomas: Maeve Egan Dangler, Kanadi Pearl Greeran. and Graham Patrick Kline.

**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

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**PRAYER CHAIN** ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. **Calls are confidential**. Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Michael K. Sheehan, son of Anne Sheehan and brother of Maura Sheehan Barrett, and Janet Mulrooney, mother of Joan Strait, whose services were held last week. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.” –St. Padre Pio**

**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.

**Our Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry** is getting ready for the winter by collecting 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer from anyone who would like to make them. This team creates beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. If you would like to join this team, please contact Christina Ryan at 518-439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 7 at 2 in the Gathering Hall. All are welcome.

**The Bereavement Support Group**, for those who have lost a spouse in the last two years, will be meeting on **Monday, November 19 at 6 p.m.** Please contact Maura if you would like more information about this group or to join.



**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.

**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.

# Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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!!

**First Communion Sign Ups** will be held on Sunday, November 18 from 9 a.m.-noon in the Gathering Hall. Masses celebrating First Communion will be held over 2 weekends in the Spring, on Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5 and May 11-12. Special Masses, just for our First Eucharist families, will be held each of those Saturdays at 11 a.m., or families can choose to celebrate their child's First Communion at our regular weekend liturgies those weekends at the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass, or any one of the Sunday Masses held at 8, 9:30 and 11.

**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 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)

**MSHS classes resume Tuesday, Nov 6** ~ There are a number of great opportunities for Parish and Community Service. Please see Youth Ministry notices, especially the Nov. 4 event on Catholic Social Teaching. If you have not been receiving MS/HS Faith Formation emails, please contact the Faith Formation Office. We really want to stay in contact with you.

## Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Youth Ministry CORE Team thanks everyone for making our Ministry Trunk and Treat a fun family event for all.** We appreciate the support received by all the ministries who hosted a trunk! We thank our Faith Formation students for volunteering to supervise games, assist with set up and clean up. Special shout out to our CORE TEAM for all their efforts in hosting the event: Aidan Ciancio, Anna Bernasconi, Colleen Ells, Lizzy Kloss, Julia Garrison, Michelle Moczulski, Norah McCaffrey,

Ryan Teplitzky, Steven Sitzer, Andrew Brockley, Cathy Teplitzky, Cat Adlerman, Brian McCaffrey, Kate Kloss, and Sue Brockley! We thank *St. Nicholas for his kindness and donation that purchased treats and ALL of our DONUTS!* God bless you all for your generosity and support of our young church!

**HUGS USA** ~ Faith Formation and Youth Ministry is collecting New Hats, Underwear or fleece throws, Gloves, Socks for HUGS USA over the next two weeks. All donations will be Christmas gifts for area homeless shelters. A bin is in the Gathering Hall. Thank you for your support!

**Teen/Family Mass** ~ Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. Singers and musicians needed. Followed by a Crockpot dinner in the Gym at 6 p.m. and an opportunity to learn about the HUGS USA and together create gift bags for the homeless. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

**YM CORE TEAM** would like to remember in Prayer our parish college students. If you have a college student who you would like us to remember in prayer please send their name to Mary Ann at [mhospoda@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospoda@stthomas-church.org). Our CORE Team will write their name on a prayer card for our parish community to take home & remember in prayer.

**Next YM CORE Meeting**, Sunday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m., bring a friend for Trivia and Pizza in the Gathering Hall.

## School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



St. Thomas School

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

**Did you miss our Open House?** ~ Now is the time to register for our 2019-2020 Preschool classes. We offer part-time classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds as well as a Full-Day 4-Year-Old Program. St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool offers a nurturing, compassionate, faith-based preschool program providing early socialization, kindergarten readiness and unique educational experiences and opportunities for your child. Preschool includes Physical Education in a full gym, Art, and Music classes as well as daily instruction in the preschool classroom. Contact us today for a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy at [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) or call 518-439-5573. If you need an application, contact us or visit our website at [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) under the "Admission" tab. Come and find out why St. Thomas the Apostle School is a wonderful option for your family.

**Did you know?** ~ Every year, St. Thomas middle schoolers celebrate El Día de los Muertos, or "Day of the Dead," by creating alters filled with photos and decorations to honor loved ones who have passed away. This tradition has proven to not only be a wonderful way to bring culture into the classroom, but also to be a valuable lesson in honoring those we love while building empathy for others.

**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!

**Creation Care Team**

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

**Care for Creation ... Save trees ... Reduce waste ... Read the St. Thomas bulletin (and more about the parish) online at: <https://stthomas-church.org/bulletins>**

**Community**

**Active Older Adults Luncheon and Service Project – Faith, Fun, and Food** ~ Thank you to everyone who made our October luncheon such a great success – to those who helped set up and decorate, to those who baked such a variety of delicious pies, to those who served and cleaned up, and of course, to our guests, who enjoyed such a delicious lunch. Thank you to all those who brought personal care items that were donated to Bethlehem Senior Services. 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.

**CYO Basketball Clinics** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle CYO will be running a basketball clinic this season for boys and girls. The clinic is open to all 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders who are either registered parishioners or students at St. Thomas School (or both). It is an introductory skills clinic to familiarize players with basic basketball skills, technique, and playing as a team. The clinic is held Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the St. Thomas School gym. **Girls will practice from 8:30 to 9:45. Boys will practice from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m.** Parents are welcome to drop off their children or stay for the entire clinic (and help out as well). The first day of the clinic this season will be Sat., November 17. The clinic will run through March 2019.

**Keyboardist Position at St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church** ~ Small Village Catholic Community looking for a keyboardist for weekend liturgy and one rehearsal per week. Please contact St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church, Altamont, 518-861-8770.

**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.

**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 27-28, 2018**

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$10,538.38
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$935.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$11,473.38</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$573.67
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	342
DISASTERS EMERGENCY COLLECTION	\$2,981.50

\* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,367

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

**Calendar**

Sun	11/4	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	11/5	7 pm	Creation Care Team	LCR
Wed	11/7	2 pm	Knitting/Quilting Group	GH
Thu	11/8	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	11/11	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	11/11	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 November 5 - November 9, 2018***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Alexandra and Charles Connors</b> <i>Patricia Switzer, daughter</i>
		<b>Anthony Iavenditti</b> <i>Matthew Clyne</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Barbara Stack</b> <i>Daile Morrell</i>
		<b>Jacqueline P. Nardacci</b> <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Mary Bujold, 8th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>James Dundon, 13th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Frank Daley</b> <i>Catherine and Karen Daley</i>
		<b>Edith Philips</b> <i>Candice and Patrick Stellato</i>

### ***Next Weekend, November 10-November 11, 2018***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Paul and Dolores Hospodar</b> <i>Hospodar Family</i>
		<b>Jeanne Marie Ginther</b> <i>Counting Group #3</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>George Lenhardt</b> <i>Diane and John McNiven</i>
		<b>George Bragle</b> <i>Family</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>James E. Alverson</b> <i>Amodeo Family</i>
		<b>Kevin Reilly, 1st Anniv.</b> <i>Lorraine Reilly</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of November 4, 2018***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 14:12-14</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Phil 2:12-16 / Lk 14:25-33</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44</b>