

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 17-November 18, 2018, Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	SERVERS	EM TEAM
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Ehring & Maureen Roberts	Meerab Gill & Lizzy Kloss	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	David Rothfuss & Alba Giordano	Isabel Scisci & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Cathy Semenoff	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & TBD	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paulot Truchard & Vera Frangella	Katie Desharnais & Eileen Desharnais	1

Pastor's Corner

VETERANS' DAY ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday November 12 in observance of the Diocesan Holiday for Veterans' Day. There are no services scheduled in church on Monday.

Join us at the Fair Trade Sale ~ Our parish will host a **Fair Trade Sale** on November 17 and 18 in the Gathering Hall after all Masses. When you purchase these colorful, charming and unusual gifts, you are helping our brothers and sisters in poor countries to be paid a fair wage for their goods. Your purchase will bring hope and dignity to the families of these artisans who cannot find buyers in their own homeland. **A great opportunity to find the perfect Christmas gift!**

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>

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

NEW AND EXISTING LECTORS - SIGN UP AND TRAINING!

~ If you are interested in serving as a lector or are an existing lector, please plan on attending our training session on Sun., Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. in the church. New lectors need to sign up at the oval table opposite the Community bulletin board. **If you have been confirmed, you are eligible to serve.** so we encourage the youth of the parish to also consider this ministry! The Workbook for Lectors for the new liturgical year will be distributed at the meeting.

ALTAR OF THE DEAD ~ You are invited to add any pictures of your loved ones who are with God on the bulletin board at our Altar of the Dead. You may also take a "heart" and add the names of your deceased loved ones and place in the basket. We will pray for them through the month of November, All Souls Month.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"You just have to do what you know is right." –Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

Welcome to Kathleen Tomich ~ who has recently joined our Pastoral Care Ministry Team. You can join us too! There are a number of great opportunities to become involved. Give as much or as little time as you can. Contact Maura if interested.

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 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.

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.-7p.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, NY 12309. 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.**



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 @ cemw38@gmail.com. In addition, if you are interested in assisting in decorating this board, please let us know.

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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)

- **MS/HS Faith Formation classes** continue to meet as scheduled this week.
- **Save the Date** for Sunday, December 2 for a Family Advent Prayer Service.
- **Please see Youth Ministry notices** for opportunities of service to our Parish and Community
- ****MS/HS students if you have not already submitted 2017-2018 service hours** please do so ASAP**

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

WE thank St. Thomas Students and our Faith Formation Students who participated in our personal care drive for **St. John/St. Ann's Outreach Center.** Your articles will be a Christmas Gift to homebound persons this Christmas, extra items will be shared with others via their food pantry. Thank you for assisting our neighbors in the south end!

Mrs. Dawn Martin of **Uncle Shawn's HUGS** appreciates and thanks all of our students and parents who assisted in making blankets for children this fall. Your gift of time will keep a child snug and warm this winter. God Bless you!

Welcome the Stranger Vicariate Event at Mater Christi: Special thanks to Fr. Berberian for joining us to celebrate Mass, Ginger Hebert for reading our petitions, Anthony and Pamela Denison for preparing FR. Broderick's Third World Soup (delicious) and all of our high school students and parents who joined us. Beautiful reminder: **if we love God then we truly love ALL our neighbors.**

HUGS USA ~ FF/YM is collecting **NEW hats, underwear, fleece throws, gloves, socks** for HUGS USA this week! All donations will be Christmas gifts for the **HOMELESS.** A bin is in the Gathering Hall! Thank you for your support!

Teen/Family Mass is next weekend **Nov.17 at 5 p.m.** ~ We need singers, rehearsal is 4 p.m. Crockpot dinner in the gym following Mass at 6 p.m. Anthony Cavaleri from **HUGS USA** will be joining us to talk about his organization, his experiences with our homeless neighbors, and together we will create gift bags with the articles collected. **Please bring your family and join us for Mass, fellowship and service next Saturday!** Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



St. Thomas School

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

Preschool and Kindergarten spots for the 2019-20 school year are filling up quickly ~ Now is the time to submit your application. Interested in a tour? Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 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 under the "Admission" tab. Come and find out why St. Thomas the Apostle School is a wonderful option for your family.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas Tigers Soccer Team ~ The Tigers had a wonderful season, finishing 3-1-0. **Great job, Tigers!**

Did you know? ~ **St. Thomas the Apostle School's Preschool Program includes:** Faith Formation, Activity Centers, Large group, small group, and one-on-one instruction, Instruction in music, art, and physical education, Instruction in technology integrating classroom curriculum, STEM Activities, Social Justice and Community Service Programs, On-site Field Trips, Weekly Classroom Updates via Email, Parent Teacher Conferences.

Last call for our 4th Annual Ladies Night Out: Paint and Socialize Event on Friday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the Gathering Hall after each Mass. 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 with payment made to St. Thomas the Apostle School. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. Contact Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or 518-439-5573 for more information. 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

Care for Creation ~ Hunger in our community is a reality. Share with those in need, donate time, funds, food to area food pantries, St. Thomas collects donations the fourth weekend of each month at all Masses. To learn about "food security" and feeding the needy in our community go to the St. Thomas website: <https://stthomas-church.org/>

Christian Service

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!

The Parish Giving Tree will be in the Church, next weekend. We ask parishioners to choose a tag and to fulfill the request on it. Please return the gift (with tag attached) to the School Gym on Saturday, December 8 or by **noon sharp** on Sunday, December 9. In the spirit of Advent, we are urged to serve the poor and less fortunate in our community. By choosing to buy a gift, you are helping to make Christmas happen for an individual in need!

No gift should cost more than \$30; many are less costly. If you take a tag, please fill the request (**many gifts are for specific people**) and return the gift on or before December 10 at noon sharp. All gifts will be delivered that afternoon. (If you are not able to be here that weekend, you may leave your gift in the Parish Office during the week.)

There will be Hospitality in the School Gym after all the Masses that weekend.

Community

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 in the large conference room in the rectory to write out Christmas cards for our soldiers. We will attend Mass at 12:15. For reservations, transportation or cancellations or if you would like to bake cupcakes, please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518- 439-3286 by Monday, Nov. 12.

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 2nd - 4th 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.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) ~ NEXT WEEK, there will be a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out.

ELECTRONIC GIVING --A CONVENIENT METHOD FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE PARISH ~ As many parishioners know, our electronic giving program, through Vanco, is a convenient and secure method for making contributions to the parish, whether it's offertory contributions, donations for other holy days, or even the Bishop's Appeal. You can set it up to make contributions weekly, monthly or annually and it ensures that your support to the parish is on an ongoing basis. It is a simple process, and you can make changes directly as needed. We encourage you to take advantage of this program, and there are several options to get you started. You can now **go to our website, www.stthomas-church.org, click on electronic giving** on the home page which sends you to the **electronic giving** page that has a link to the Vanco site. Also, **myParishapp now provides that same option**, so you can contribute any time, from any where using your smartphone! And, there is still an option to complete the Vanco application form, found on the oval table near the Community bulletin board. Questions about Vanco or need help? Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR NOVEMBER 3-4, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$13,713.28
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,075.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$15,788.28
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$789.41
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS *	402
ALL SAINTS DAY	\$2,137
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	133

* Plus a number of "loose" cash gifts totaling \$1,735

THANK S FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun	11/11	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Mon	11/12		Diocesan Holiday—No Mass, Office Closed	
Thu	11/15	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	11/16	11:00 am	Christmas Cards for Service Personnel	LCR
Fri	11/16	12:00 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH

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 12 - November 16, 2018

Mon.		Diocesan Holiday—No Mass	
Tues.	7:30 am	Matthew Criscione	<i>Susan Klein</i>
		Joe Shea	<i>St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Thomas Church</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Venera and Charles Stagnitta	<i>Daughter, Marie</i>
		Michael Sheehan	<i>Fred and Barbara Heisler</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Anna Carroll	<i>Candice and Anita</i>
		Cynthia Correia	<i>Drapeau Family</i>

Next Weekend, November 17-November 18, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Irene and Ron Snyder	<i>Hospodar Family</i>
		Tim Ginther	<i>Counting Group #3</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Deceased Members of Franz and Loux Families	<i>David and Bonnie Franz</i>
		Dr. James O'Brien	<i>Hilda Stubits</i>
	9:30 am	For the People	
	11:00 am	Mary Ellen Kuta	<i>Martha and Michael Smith</i>
		Lucy Verardi	<i>Bob and Eileen Davis</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday	1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44
Monday	Ti 1:1-9 / Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 / Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Ti 3:1-7 / Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Phlm 7-20 / Lk 17:20-25
Friday	2 Jn 4-9 / Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8 / Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32