

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 24-November 25, 2018, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Hank Steadman & Carol Tomlin	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bob Conway & Colleen Flynn	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Amanda Smith	Penelope Holstein & Matthew Connolly	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Barbara Kavanagh	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	2

Pastor's Corner

JOIN US AT THE FAIR TRADE SALE ~ Our parish will host a **Fair Trade Sale THIS WEEKEND**, 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>

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Thanksgiving. There are no services scheduled in church on Friday.

PARISH THANKSGIVING LITURGY ~ We will celebrate the Parish Mass for Thanksgiving on **Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 a.m. in the church**. All are invited to bring some non-perishable food to help replenish the parish food pantry after the distribution of food to those in need for Thanksgiving.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD ~ The new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2. The At Home with the Word books, which contain the Sunday readings for the new year, are available this weekend in the Gathering Hall. The donation for the books is \$5.00.

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 **THIS WEEKEND**, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ Envelopes are now available in the office or at the church entrances for those who would like to make a donation for Christmas altar flowers. If you choose to make a donation in memory of a particular person, those memorials will be listed in the bulletin at Christmas time. Please submit memorial donations that are to be listed in the bulletin to the Parish Office by Fri., Dec. 14.

Ministers for the Thanksgiving Day Needed ~ If you are available to serve as **Lector, Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister** at the November 22 Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30 a.m., Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall. Thank you for volunteering for these valuable ministries.

Save the date! ~ You and your family are invited to celebrate The Feast of St. Juan Diego & Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday December 14! Serenade begins in the Gathering Hall at 6 p.m., Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by food and entertainment in the school gym. All are Welcome.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"We are called to listen to what the Spirit tells us. The Holy Spirit is always something new." –Pope Francis

Moving to a senior living community or nursing home? Please let Maura know so that we can continue to provide support to you in your new home. Many times we do not know when and where people have moved after a hospitalization or illness.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Alzheimer's Care Team, from St. Thomas parish, is a team of caring individuals who provide non-medical support and friendship to individuals and families living with dementia. Training is provided and time commitment is about 2-4 hours a month. The team meets together about 1x/month to review cases and schedules. There are a growing number of people in our community living with dementia and related diseases and more volunteers are needed. Please contact Maura for more information.

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.

Our Meal Ministry Team provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support**, please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during **Pastoral Care hours (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 8:00-3:00)**.

Faith Formation

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

First Communion Sign Ups will be held **THIS WEEK-END**, 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 THIS WEEK of November 20-22! ~ As a reminder to all families, there will be no faith formation classes during this 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)

- There are **NO MS/HS Faith Formation classes this week, Happy Thanksgiving!**
- We are thankful for all of our volunteers, our students and families in our faith formation ministry!
- **Save the Date for Sunday, December 2, and join us for a Family Advent Prayer Service at 6 p.m. in the Church.**
- Please see Youth Ministry notices for opportunities of service to our Parish and Community -if you are not receiving this information via email please contact our faith formation office. We want to stay connected with our families.
- ****MS/HS students if you have not already submitted 2017-2018 service hours please do so ASAP***

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Annual Ugly Sweater / Giving Tree Party, Nov. 25., 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the School Gym. Come and learn about the different ministries on our Giving Tree and have some fun! Prizes! Games! Refreshments! Parish Hour for joining us. Community Service hour for taking a tag.

Teen/Family Mass, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. All are welcome! WE are looking to our young church to share their musical talent. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

"WE, give thanks to the Lord for HE is good, His love endures forever." Happy Thanksgiving!

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**

Enroll Now for 2018/2019! ~ It's never too early or too late to find the better match for your child. Whether you're looking for a preschool, Kindergarten or a middle grade transfer, St. Thomas the Apostle School offers the comforts of home while at school. We want the same things for your children that you want, the best academic preparation for high school and beyond in an environment that is Christ-centered. **At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we are a family.** We know every child by name and work in cooperation with parents to ensure that the needs of every child are met both academically and spiritually. Kindergarten screenings begin in December. Schedule a private tour by contacting Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we believe that each child has their own unique gifts to share and

that it's so important for those gifts to be celebrated. We encourage our students to explore and develop their own artistic talents through participation in our theater productions, art classes and clubs, summer camps, Liturgy Choir, music classes and a variety of lessons including band instruments, violin, piano and vocals.

Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Thank you to the many parishioners who provide support to St. Thomas the Apostle School throughout the year. We are appreciative of your prayers, participation at school events, and your financial support. We are thinking of you at Thanksgiving and we pray that God blesses you abundantly

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 is in the Church this 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. The Advent season is a time for preparation for the coming of the Christ Child and is a perfect time to perform works of charity.

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 9 at noon sharp. All gifts will be delivered that afternoon.

There will be hospitality in the School Gym after all the Masses that weekend, so that everyone can see the wonderful generosity of our whole Parish Community that the Giving Tree gifts represent.

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, November 24-25. 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.

Creation Care Team

Our parish has been asked by **The Water Project**, the faith-based organization that helped us to build two wells in Kenya, to assist them to restore wells damaged by the unprecedented flooding in western Kenya this spring. We have sent them \$1,000.00 from the proceeds from the CLYNK bottle returns that you have helped us raise. Additional donations to The Water Project can be made by checks sent to St. Thomas.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

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.

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) THIS WEEK ~ Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE November 10 - 11, 2018

Offertory contribution information for November 10-11 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	11/18	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Mon	11/19	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Thu	11/22	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass	CH
Thu	11/22		Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed	
Fri	11/23		Day after Thanksgiving Parish Office Closed, No Mass	
Sun	11/25	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 19 - November 23, 2018

Mon.		Charles and Katherine Coughlin <i>Family</i>
		Barbara Shea <i>Luke Mullen</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Richard M. Switzer, 15th Anniv. <i>His Family</i>
		Roger Lougheed <i>John Appel</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	George Bragle <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Joseph Palmieri <i>Marie and Ralph</i>
Thurs	9:30 am	Nick Peek, 3rd Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Dr. Jim O'Brien <i>Rev. Richard Leskovar</i>
Fri.		Diocesan Holiday- No Mass

Next Weekend, November 24-November 25, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Maud and Francis Harris <i>Michelle and Jim Harris</i>
		Elizabeth Meister <i>Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
	9:30 am	Alex Gould and Walter Alexander Gould <i>Family</i>
		Jane Berringer <i>Peter and Janie Calantore</i>
	11:00 am	Tim Fitzpatrick <i>Cathy, Ryan and Caitlyn Teplitsky</i>
		Rev. Charles Major <i>Singh Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of November 18, 2018

Sunday	Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32
Monday	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:25-43
Tuesday	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Rv 11: 4-12 / Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37