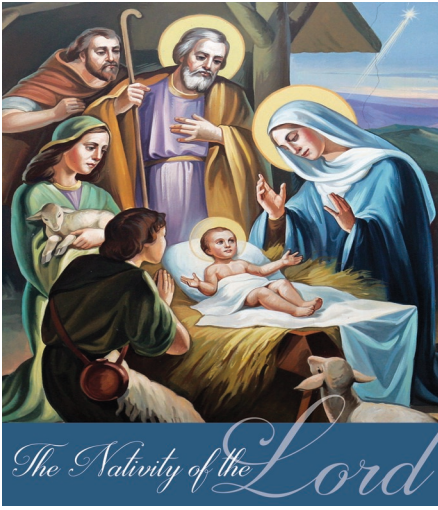


Church of

Saint Thomas the Apostle



The Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES

Monday, December 24:
4 p.m. (Father Berberian)
6 p.m. (Father Leskovar)
Choir Sings at 10:30 p.m.,
Mass to follow at 11 p.m. (Father Berberian, Father Leskovar)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25:
9:30 a.m. (Father Leskovar)
11 a.m. (Father Berberian)

St. Thomas wishes you a very Blessed Christmas Season



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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, December 29-December 30, 2018, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Carol Tomlin & Tim Mahar	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Cathy Semenovoff & Anthony Scisci	Shayla Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Paul Connolly	Emily Sagendorph & Matthew Connolly	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & Tom Hedderman	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	1

Pastor's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Marisa and Jeremy McCann and their three sons: Gavin, Brayden and Liam.

Prayer & Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ Envelopes are available in the office or at the church entrances for those who would like to make a donation for Christmas altar flowers.

MINISTERS FOR NEW YEARS DAY LITURGY ~ The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, is on January 1. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Church. Sign-up sheets are on the oval table across from the community bulletin board for this liturgy. If you are a Eucharistic Minister (EM), acolyte, or lector who is able to minister at one or more of these Masses, please sign up. If you are an EM team leader, please indicate that as well. Thank you for serving

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)

May your Christmas be blessed with joy, love, peace and happiness~ St. Thomas Pastoral Care

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 is a growing number of people** in our community living with dementia and related diseases who could use our help. Please contact Maura if you would like to learn more about assisting this dynamic team.

Hospital Visitation Ministry ~ We have an active team that provides support for hospitalized parishioners. They could use a couple of additional helpers. Scheduling is about 1x every 5 weeks. If you would like to learn more about this ministry please contact Maura. We would love for you to join our team.

Unable to get to Mass due to illness? ~ Our Pastoral Care Team can provide Communion visitation to the home-bound on a short or long term basis. Contact Maura for more information.

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).

Holiday Support~ The Christmas season is a time of hope and love. It can also be a time of emotional difficulty for some. If you or your loved one is in need of assistance please contact Maura in Pastoral Care for supportive services and referral information for programs available in our area.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

There are no faith formation classes the next 2 weeks as we take our annual extended Christmas recess. Classes will resume the week of January 8 -10 for the start of our 2nd half of the year.

Our next session of First Eucharist prep classes for families enrolled in that program will be held on Sunday, January 13 at 8:15 a.m. in the school. Babysitting will be available, provided by our middle and high school faith formation students.

Wishing all of our Faith Formation families a Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

We offer a special note of Thanks to our Catechists who have shared their sacred gift of Faith with our MS/HS parishioners and wish them and all our families a Joyous Christmas season.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

- **Wishing you and your family a joyous Christmas!**
- **Join us for a Tour of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Jan. 5 from 11am to noon.**
- **Next Youth Ministry CORE Team Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Join us as we celebrate Epiphany.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



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

St. Thomas School

Merry Christmas from the St. Thomas the Apostle School Community ~ May you feel God's presence in the candles, that softly spread their glow at Christmas, and may you experience the wonder of His abiding love, as He guides you through each day of the coming year. May God's Blessings be with you at Christmas and in the New Year!

Creation Care Team

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

Climate change is a moral issue which requires a world-wide response ~ This is the message delivered by **Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Holy See's Secretary of State**, during his address to the United Nations 24th Conference of the Parties on **climate change** this month. To read his entire address to the nations of the world, go to the St. Thomas website: <https://stthomas-church>.

Community

Bethlehem's 3rd annual First Night celebration will provide a fun-filled, family-friendly event on **Monday, December 31**, kicked off with **fireworks at the Four Corners at 6:30 p.m.** Entertainment and activities follow at various nearby venues, all within walking distance of Four Corners, including here at St Thomas. The lovely voices of the Mendelssohn Club will be heard in the Sanctuary from 7-10 p.m. First Night Buttons are \$10 per Adult, \$5 Ages 12-18, and children under 12 are FREE. Buttons can be purchased online at **Eventbrite.com**, and picked up at Bethlehem Town Hall. Button Sales will raise money to support several local charities. Learn more about the event at the Bethlehem First Night Facebook page and on the church community bulletin board.

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 February/March envelopes will be ordered this week, so please let us by Wednesday. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS COUNTERS NEEDED ~ We need counters to help with the Christmas offertory count on Wednesday, December 26, please sign up on the oval table across from the community bulletin board or just show up. We will start at 9 a.m. Even if you have to come in later – whatever hours you can give are really appreciated. And, there will be food!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR DECEMBER 15-16, 2018

Offertory contribution information for December 15-16 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

THANK S FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Mass Intentions For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Mon.	4:00 pm	Millie Ehring	<i>Whitman Family</i>
		Peggy Anne MacKrell	<i>Pat and James</i>
Mon.	6:00 pm	Edmond Habich	<i>Whitman Family</i>
		George Schnaudigel	<i>John Appel</i>
Mon	11:00 pm	William Kolber	<i>Maria Kolber</i>
		Logan Penzabene	<i>Whitman Family</i>
Tues.	9:30 am	Pasquale Viglucci	<i>Viglucci Family</i>
		Teresa Viglucci	<i>Viglucci Family</i>
Tues	11:00 am	For the People	

Calendar

Mon	12/24	4, 6, pm	Christmas Eve Vigil Masses	CH
Mon	12/24	11 pm	Christmas Night Mass (10:30 pm Choir Sings)	CH
Tues	12/25	9:30 ,11 am	Christmas Day Masses	CH
Mon/ Tue	12/24- 25		Diocesan Holidays - Office Closed	
Thu	12/27	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	12/30		RCIA Weekly Meeting	CH

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

December 22-December 23, 2018

Thank you to the following, who made donations for our Christmas Altar Flowers:

<i>Donated by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
The Conophys	Conophy Family
Regal Family.....	Evan Regal
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Karen Jones	Marie and Harry Mathison
Hazel TeRiele.....	Bernard TeRiele
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Anne, Janine and Trooper Cantalupo.....	Our Deceased Loved Ones
Francine Greenfield	Anna K. Scalzo
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Susan Aluise	Glen Ann Aluise
Blaise Aluise	Glen Ann Aluise
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Mr. and Mrs. Ladislav Skliba	Olive Bowen and Patt Lifite
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Susan O'Connor.....	Thomas and Patricia O'Connor
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Barb and Tim Mahar.....	Ann and John Mahar and John Dalpe
Annmarie Marsh.....	Leonard Jr. and Kevin Fox
Ken and Vikki Miller	Gray and Miller Families
Mary and Joseph Tierney	Marylou and Thomas Nulty
Rogler Family	All Students in Catholic Schools
Mary and Ted Witing.....	Paul J Smith
Patty and Bill McDermott.....	Bree and McDermott Families
Zigrosser Family	Whyte Family
John Keith	Gina Keith
Catherine Daley.....	Frank Daley
His Family.....	Her Husband, Nelson LaDuke
Candice and Anita	Anna Colonna Carroll
Hospodar Family.....	Family and Friends
Mary Jo Cronin.....	Ken and Jo Kellogg
Fran Underwood	Montesano and Dottino Families
Lorraine and Warren Deitz.....	Chenette and Deitz Families
Norman Morand	His Wife, Mary-Dorothy Morand
Paul and Joan Strait.....	Janet Mulrooney
Ronald Reuter	His Wife, Barbara Reuter
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Mary Batterfeld.....	Carl and Annie Raynor
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Grace O'Connor	Her Many Teachers
Susan Aluise	Glen Ann Aluise
Blaise Aluise	Glen Ann Aluise
Betty McSweeney.....	Thomas McSweeney
St. James Family.....	Kevin St. James

Mass Intentions

For the Week of December 24 - December 28, 2018

Mon.	4:00 pm	Christmas Vigil	
	6:00 pm	Christmas Vigil	
	11:00 pm	Christmas Vigil	
Tue.	9:30 am	Christmas Day	
	11:00 am	Christmas Day	
		<i>Mass Intentions on previous page</i>	
Wed.	7:30 am	Concepcion Aguirre	<i>Lomotan Family</i>
		Thomas Tipple	<i>His Wife, Anita</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Leonard Angerame, 27th. Anniv.	<i>His Daughter</i>
		Joseph Husselbeck	<i>Joan Rimawi</i>

Next Weekend, December 29-December 30, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	The Greagan Family	
		Millie Ehring	<i>Friends from Quail Hollow</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	James Patrick O'Brien	<i>Barbara Bateman</i>
		Noreen Sherman	<i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
	9:30 am	For the People	
	11:00 am	Anita Millora	<i>Lomotan Family</i>
		Dr. James O'Brien	<i>Hilda Stubits</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of December 23, 2018

Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
Christmas Vigil	Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22=25 / Mt 1:1-25
Christmas Night	Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14
Christmas Day	Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22
Thursday	1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2: 3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:41-52