

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, January 26 - 27, 2019: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Denis Hurley	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Nyilis & Anthony Scisci	TBA & Mary Richards	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Tom Kane	Catherine Snyder and Marjorie Ostroff	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & Paulot Truchard	Ryan McCarroll & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	2

## Pastor's Corner

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** ~ The parish office will be closed on Mon., Jan. 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. *However, Mass will still be offered at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel.*

**Welcome to our new parishioner**, Christina Zawisza.

**Congratulations to the family of** Ella Claire Zabinski who was baptized recently at St. Thomas.

**Cape Cod House for Rent** ~ House for rent in West Dennis area. Six bedrooms, two baths on a quiet dead-end street. If interested please call Paul at 518-527-1343

## 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.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus."**

**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 homebound 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).

## Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

**RCIA INQUIRIES WELCOME** ~ Is God calling you or someone you know to become a Catholic Christian? If so, the RCIA program may be for you. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for baptized Christians and individuals who have never been baptized, who wish to learn more about and explore the possibility of joining our Catholic faith, and for baptized Catholics who wish to be confirmed. We have a wonderful group of people who would like to accompany you on such a faith journey. If you would like more information we invite you to join us at one of our weekly meetings, Sunday at 9 a.m., in the parish office conference room. Or, contact Paul Edmundson at the office, 518-439-4951 with any questions.

## Faith Formation

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

**4th graders will begin their unit on the Sacrament of Reconciliation** in the coming weeks and continue through mid-March. Please pray for them and their families as they learn of God's amazing gift of forgiveness through this sacrament of healing.

**First Eucharist Preparation Class for Families** ~ The next First Eucharist Preparation class for families will be on **Sun., Feb. 10 at 8:15 a.m.** in the school. Please have chapter 3 completed with your children by the time you come for this February session. Babysitting will be available, provided by our middle and high school faith formation students.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION (Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

**Middle and High School classes** will resume the week of February 25. Please continue working on your community and parish service.

**Safe Environment Training for 9th Graders** ~ Reminder to 9th Graders: You should have signed up for a Safe Environment training either this Tues., Jan. 22 or next Tues., Jan. 29. The training is from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish office conference room.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**National Catholic Youth Conference NCYC — “Blessed, Broken, Given”** ~ is set for Nov. 21-24 in Indianapolis. It is a unique three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for our young church in HS to be held Fall, 2019. Interested parents and students are invited to participate in a planning meeting on Jan. 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. If you are interested but unable to attend please contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org). Thank you!

**Youth Ministry is collecting baby wipes and diapers** ~ sizes 5, 6, and 7 for young mothers in need over the next two weekends. A bin is located in the Gathering Hall. Thank you for your support of LIFE!

**Welcome Table!** ~ Youth Ministry is still in need of servers, bakers and donations of fruit for the Welcome Table at St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center on Sat., Jan. 26. Sign up today!

**“YOU Me & US”** ~ Students, 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join in a Fun Faith Experience called “YOU Me & US” on Sun., Jan. 27 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the school gym. Sponsored by Colleen Ells, a student at Holy Names, and our YM CORE Group. Prayer, service, games, refreshments, faith talk by HS peers and more! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall! Fifth graders will earn their first parish hour. Permission slips are a must! Hope you can join US!

**Save the date:** ~ On Feb. 2 and 3 YM and Pueblo to People will hold their Annual Souper Bowl Sale with Fr. Rich Broderick's special recipe. Soup will be sold after all Masses to benefit our Sister Parish's Youth Group in Yucatan, Mexico!

### 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

**Preschool – Grade. 8: Open House and Learning Expo Sunday, February. 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** ~ The theme for Catholic Schools Week, beginning January 27, is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Please join us at our **Open House and Learning Expo** to learn how St. Thomas the Apostle School helps students to learn, to serve others and develop the skills necessary to lead and succeed. All parishioners, existing families, and families interested in learning more about St. Thomas the Apostle School are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-)

### Christian Service

**Food Pantry Collection Next Weekend** ~ The collection is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, January 26-27. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating.

Thank you for your generous support of the food pantry throughout the year. We remind you that **anyone** in need is welcome to use the food pantry. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

### Creation Care Team

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

**The Marriage Feast at Cana** ~ In today's Gospel Jesus uses **water**, an **essential element of creation**, to perform his **first miracle**. The gifts of **creation are key elements** in Jesus' earthly life: the **Star** which guided the Magi to the newborn Christ, the **River Jordan** site of His baptism, the miracle of **loaves and fishes**, the **Garden of Gethsemane**, and the **boulder** which Peter found moved from Jesus' tomb that first Easter morning. We are called to **respect and protect** that Creation. In 2019 the Creation Care Team would like to share your **stories about respecting and protecting Creation**; your stories of living the commitment: **Recycle, Reuse, Reduce**. Send your **stories to Jeanne or Marie at their email** listed above and we'll publish them in the St. Thomas bulletin and website.

### Community

**Public Policy Advocacy** ~ The NYS Catholic Conference states that the Assembly and Senate leadership have announced their plans to pass the Reproductive Health Act (abortion expansion) in January. You can still take action by going to [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) "Action Center." Oppose Late Term Abortion Expansion; Oppose Physician's Assisted Suicide; and Maintain the Ban on Surrogacy.

**Please take action on this Federal issue:** Earlier this year Congress acted to lower prescription drug costs for those on Medicare Part D by requiring drug manufacturers to pick up more of the cost, resulting in lower premiums and dollars spent at the pharmacy. Drug manufacturers have been lobbying Congress to overturn this measure and shift more costs back to older Americans. Congress recently tried to attach an amendment to unrelated legislation that would have rolled back the Part D improvement. AARP and others successfully stopped that plan. Call your Senators, 844-567-7800, and tell them to maintain the Medicare Part D improvements. Thank you for your advocacy.

**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](mailto:nsbielawa@nycap.rr.com)

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>

**2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** ~ The parish office will send statements of 2018 contributions to all contributing parishioners by the end of January.

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS** ~ “Gluten-free” hosts are available at Mass for those who have allergies. These are not 100% gluten-free but satisfy the FDA’s requirement as they have a miniscule amount of wheat, less than 20 parts per million, which also satisfies the Church’s requirement that the host contain wheat. If anyone wishes to receive communion using this option, please speak to the priest presider before Mass so he can place a “gluten-free” host on the altar to consecrate during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have concerns about whether this host will meet your needs

**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](http://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. Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office for help.

**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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR JANUARY 12-13, 2019

<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **</b>	<b>\$14,548.16</b>
<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)</b>	<b>\$1,355.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$15,903.16</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)</b>	<b>\$795.16</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>	<b>402</b>
<b>** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS</b>	<b>\$1,352.61</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD (7/1—12/31/18) collection total</b>	<b>\$383,831</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD budget for collections</b>	<b>\$377,000</b>

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.**

## Calendar

Mon	1/21	Office Closed	Martin Luther King Jr Holiday	
Mon	1/21	12:15 pm	Mass	CHP
Tue	1/22	7 pm	Finance Committee	PO
Thu	1/24	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	1/27	After Mass	Food Pantry Collection	CH
Sun	1/27	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, LCR - Large Conference Room, Rec Dining room, CHP-Chapel SCH-School

**Mass Intentions**  
For the Week of January 21 - 25, 2019

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Tom Jeram</b> <i>Sheila and Dick Gorman</i>
		<b>David Scott</b> <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Tom Jeram</b> <i>Regina Ganley</i>
		<b>Sr. Audrey Carroll, FMSJ</b> <i>Sr. Judith, FMSJ</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Carl Parker</b> <i>Edrie Pregent</i>
		<b>John A. Hudacs Jr.</b> <i>John Hudacs</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Fr. Eugene Hamilton</b> <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		<b>Fr. James Cribbs</b> <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>

**Next Weekend, January 26–27, 2019**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>David Cerneck, 15th Anniv.</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Carol Zimmerman Teitel</b> <i>Deirdre, Dahl and Kieran Taylor</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Edwin and Eleanor Lawson</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Ann McGinty</b> <i>The Family</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>John Hooper</b> <i>Hooper Family</i>
		<b>Regina Merola</b> <i>Steve and Christine Corson</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of January 20, 2019**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 62:1-5 / 1Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol IV: "Mass for Peace &amp; Justice" #887-891</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Heb 7:25-8:6 / Mk 3: 7-19</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 22: 3-16 / Mk 16: 15-18</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2Tm 1: 1-8 / Mk 3: 20-21</b>