

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, February 2-3, 2019: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Lynne Lenhardt & Tim Mahar	Laiba Gill & Sarah Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Mary Richards & David Rothfuss	Brian Gallagher & Cathy Semenoff	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Paul Connolly	Morgan Sears & Maya Richter	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Bob Conway	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	3

Pastor's Corner

A Special "Thank You" ~ Dear Friends, Please excuse this manner of writing to you, but I can't figure out any other way to "THANK YOU!" I have been overwhelmed by your prayers, Masses, kind words and gifts on the occasion of my sister's death; at Christmas in your greetings and wishes; and on the occasion of my 92nd birthday. I want you to know how your greetings eased the pain of loss, and made me appreciate how blessed I am in all of you! Thank you! —**Father Daley**

Please welcome new parishioners ~ Tim and Vanessa Adalian and their children Emma, Vivian and Bianca.

Cape Cod House for Rent ~ House for rent in West Dennis area. Six bedrooms, two baths on a quiet dead-end street.

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)

"May the Holy Spirit enkindle you with the fire of His love so that you may persevere, unflinching, in the love of His service." — **St. Hildegard von Bingen**

Hospital Visitation Ministry ~ Being hospitalized can be a stressful experience. Our Hospital Visitation Ministry Team members visit parishioners in the hospital and provide spiritual support, friendly conversation, and linkages with other services in the parish. We have an active team, but we 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.

Please note: Due to privacy regulations we may not know if you or your loved one is in the hospital. Be sure to inform our hospital staff that you are from our parish to be included on our visitation list. Upon discharge, let us know if you or your loved one is moving to a facility so we can provide support to you there. Contact Maura in the office.

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.

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)

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)

Confirmation Date! ~ We are happy to announce Confirmation this year will be May 10 with Bishop Hubbard at 6:30 p.m. All Confirmation candidates should have received their Confirmation packets. If not, please contact the Faith Formation office this week.

Safe Environment Training—Reminder ~ A reminder that 9th Graders' Safe Environment Training is this Tues., Jan. 29 from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the parish office large conference room. All Confirmation candidates are required to take this training prior to Confirmation.

Classes Resume ~ Middle and High School classes resume the week of Feb. 25. Please continue putting your Catholic faith into action, fulfilling your Faith Formation service hours.

Third 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 high school in the Fall of 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 in joining in the pilgrimage but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. Thank you!

Souper Bowl Sale ~ Next weekend, Feb. 2-3, Youth Ministry and Pueblo to People will be hosting their Annual Souper Bowl Sale with Fr. Rich Broderick's special recipe. "Dine in" only after the 5 pm Mass, with "take outs" after all Masses on both days. All proceeds benefit our Sister Parish's Youth Group in Yucatan, Mexico!

Teen/Family Mass ~ Our next Teen/Family Mass is set for Feb. 2 at 5:00 p.m. Consider sharing your musical talent! Parents are welcome to sing too!

Celebrating Scout Sunday "Rejoice" on March 2 at 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please sign up today in the Gathering Hall or email Mary Ann by Feb. 8 in order to secure your Scout Sunday Patch.

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 – 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-school.org.

Congratulations to our Future City team who won two awards in their competition - "Best Management of Water Resources" and "Most Innovative Use of Aerial Mapping"!

Christian Service

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

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: idschremp6@gmail.com
or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)

Setting 2019 Goals?

Commit "to respect and care for creation ... to combat the culture of waste and throwing out." (Pope Francis)

Recycle, Reduce Reuse

No effort is too small:

Recycling **ONE** aluminum can saves **enough energy** to run a TV for **three hours**.

Recycling through the **CLYNK** program **can benefit** your favorite **charities**

Un-recycled aluminum cans take approximately **500 years to degrade**

Recycled cans may be back on the shelves in **one to two months**.

Community

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.

At the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Niskayuna~ The Center offers a number of workshops and events on a variety of topics. Some of the February topics include: a weekend retreat for women, a busy person's retreat, organizing and downsizing, sung vespers in the spirit of Taize, and a dream group. Please see the community bulletin board for dates, times and fees.

More "Thanks" for our Giving Tree ~ On behalf of the families of St. Mary's Outreach and Sacred Heart Outreach, thank you for the many gifts you provided at Christmas. The warm clothing items given to St. Mary's have made the cold days and nights of the winter season more bearable for many people....Over 200 children at Sacred Heart experienced a wonderful Christmas thanks to your gifts. Thanks go out to all of the volunteers who bought the gifts, sorted, packed and in some cases made special deliveries for late arrivals. *Always remember you are making a difference in the lives of so many people who are less fortunate.* Blessings on all at St. Thomas the Apostle as we begin this New Year.

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. 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, a website operated by Amazon with the same products, pricing and shopping features as Amazon.com. 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>

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR JANUARY 19-20, 2019

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$5,277.50
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,188.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$7,465.50
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$373.28
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	204
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$478.00
<i>If you were unable to contribute to last week's collection due to cancellation of Sunday Masses, we would appreciate your "making up" your donation to help us meet our budget goal. Thank you!</i>	
THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.	

Calendar

Sun.	1/27	After Mass	Food Pantry Collection	church
Sun.	1/27	9 am	RCIA weekly meeting	LCR
Thu	1/31	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat.	2/2	5 pm	Teen/Family Mass	church
Sat.	2/2-3	After Mass	Souper Bowl Sale	GH
Sun.	2/3	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 28–February 1, 2019

Mon.	12:15 pm	Tom Jeram	<i>Luke Mullen</i>
		Joan C. Mooney	<i>Carole and Frank Blake</i>
Tue.	7:30 am	Tom Jeram	<i>Dick and Margaret Dolan and Kate Curran</i>
		F. G. McNamee, Jr.	<i>Helene and Jim</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Tom Jeram	<i>John and Mary Ann Mitchell</i>
		Nelson LaDuke	<i>His Wife, Arlene</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Phil and Carol Murphy, 50th Wedding Anniv.	<i>Family</i>
		Sr. Maria Rosario Daley	<i>Patricia Switzer</i>

Next Weekend, February 2-3, 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	David Cerneck	<i>The Family</i>
		Barbara A. Stack	<i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Edith Phillips	<i>Marymel and Ed Hart</i>
		Lt. Col. Richard Turoski	<i>The Family</i>
	9:30 am	For the People	
	11:00 an	Tom Jeram	<i>Charlotte and Doug Maeder</i>
		Richard Sherry	<i>Whitman Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of January 27, 2019

Sunday	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1Cor12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4, 14-21
Monday	Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Heb 10:1-10 / Mk3:31-35
Wednesday	Heb 10:11-18 / Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Heb 10:19-25 / Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4: 26-34
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2: 14-18 / Lk 2:22-40