

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 9-10, 2019: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buihr & Dan Coffey	Lizzy Kloss & Meerab Gill	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Kailee Harrigan & TBA	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Matt Scheidler	Thomas Snyder & Donja Tripp	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Cahill & Denis Hurley	Cecilia Creamer & Lucy Creamer	1

## Pastor's Corner

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following children whose baptisms were held recently at St. Thomas: Steven Burton Barber III, Elijah John Mohalland and William Michael Rafalik.

**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

**Please remember in prayer** Jack Follis, Mary Anastasi and Matty Crudo whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into eternal life.

**Prayer Chain** ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. **Calls are confidential.** Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed** ~ We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to serve, especially at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Training is provided. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the Gathering Hall or contact Pat Holm in the parish office.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Let us look at our hands, often so empty of love, and today let us try to think of some gift we can offer freely."** – Pope Francis

**Hospital Visitation Ministry** ~ Being hospitalized can be a stressful experience. Our Hospital Visitation Ministry Team 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.

**The Bereavement Support Group**, for those who have lost a spouse within the last two years, will meet on Mon., Feb. 4 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the large conference room in the parish office. You must register with Maura if you are interested in joining this group. For more information, please contact Maura Barrett, at 439-4951 ext. 104 or mbarrett@stthomas-church.org.

**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 9:00 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** ~ The next **First Eucharist Preparation class** will be next 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.

**The Creed** ~ Our 5th graders have begun a 10-week unit on the Creed. They will be studying both the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, said by all of us each week at Mass. Please pray for them as they gain new understanding of the profession of faith, our beliefs, proclaimed as a parish community each week.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **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.

**Classes Resume** ~ Middle and High School classes resume the week of Feb. 25.

—As you fulfill your Faith Formation service hours may you realize your responsibility for the spiritual and physical well being of those we serve. May the Lord enkindle in us a spirit of generosity. Amen.

### **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. If you are interested in joining in the pilgrimage please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. Thank you!

**Souper Bowl Sale** ~ Please join Youth Ministry and our Pueblo to People committee for our Annual Souper Bowl Sale, after all Masses this weekend in the Gathering Hall. All proceeds benefit our Sister Parish's Youth Group in Yucatan, Mexico!

**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](http://www.stthomas-school.org) or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

#### **Did you know?**

St. Thomas the Apostle School offers personalized attention, small group learning and advanced studies.

- Classroom performances are validated on both the state and national levels.
- Interests and talents can be explored in music, art, theater, world languages, educational field trips and a variety of extra-curricular activities.
- Students learn the importance of being healthy and active by participating in school sports teams and clubs.
- Physical Education, Music and Art classes begin in Pre-school.
- Affordable after-school program.
- Financial aid may be available.

#### **Want to learn more? Join us on Sunday!**

#### **Preschool – Gr. 8 Open House and Learning Expo Sunday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 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.

### **Christian Service**

**Overflow Shelter** ~ The Capital Area Council of Churches supports the Overflow Shelter, located at the First Lutheran Church, 646 State St., Albany. The shelter is in need of volunteers from 6-8 p.m. to help with serving, and possibly preparing meals, and also to help staff with laundering the bedding. The current need is for Monday evening and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pam Bullock at overflowshelter646@yahoo.com or David Stagliano at stagliad@union.edu. Any help you can give is appreciated.

**Thank you for your generous support of the food pantry** throughout the year. We remind you that the food pantry is **OPEN THROUGHOUT THE MONTH**. Anyone in need is welcome to use the food pantry. Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

### **Community**

**Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women)** ~ is hosting a Women's Breakfast on Sat., Mar. 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, Tickets: \$20.00; Clergy & Religious – Free (RSVP required). Guest Speaker is Alicia Nevins. Alicia is a retired registered nurse and an active member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Waterford, NY, and a member of the Albany Diocesan Charismatic Service Committee's Healing Ministry. Alicia will share her deep love of God and His word, and how God has used her to bring His healing to people who need his healing love. All must register by March 1. - Send your check payable to “Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat”, P.O. Box 340, Clifton Park, NY, 12065. Include your name, address, phone # and email address. Register online at [magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany](http://magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany). **PLEASE NOTE:** Limited seating is available and tickets will sell *fast!* Register today! No walk-ins at the door. Questions? Call Kathleen @ 518-930-8380. **ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!** You do not need to be a member to attend.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** ~ Love is patient. Love is kind. Increase your love for one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb. 8-10 in Huntington, NY and Oct. 18-20 in Albany, NY. For information visit Ed and Rhonda Staats at <https://wwmenyalb.org/>.

# February 2-3, 2019

**Hospitality** will be offered after all Sunday Masses next weekend. All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats!

**At the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Niskayuna**~ The Center offers a number of workshops and events on a variety of topics. Please see the community bulletin board for February topics, dates and times.

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun and Food** ~Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: Thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious sheet cakes. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up after the luncheon. **Our next luncheon will be on Friday, February 15.** We will attend Mass at 12:15 p.m. and then enjoy lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. *If possible please bring a personal care item for the Bethlehem Senior Services.* For reservations, cancellations or transportation, please contact Steve or Christine Corson, 518-439-3286 by Mon., Feb.11.

**Parishioners: If you like to bake**, please help out the seniors' spiritual and social activities ministry this month with brownies. Please contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518-439- 3286 to help with baked goods.

## 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](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, 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** ~ Statements were mailed this past week. If you do not receive yours by the end of the week, please contact the parish office.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR JANUARY 26-27, 2019

<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **</b>	<b>\$12,028.31</b>
<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)</b>	<b>\$1,555.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$13,583.31</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)</b>	<b>\$679.17</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS</b>	<b>\$1,615.58</b>
<i>If you were unable to contribute to the Sun., Jan. 20 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	2/3	After Mass	Souper Bowl Sale	GH
Sun.	2/3	9 am	RCIA weekly meeting	LCR
Mon	2/4	6 pm	Bereavement Support	LCR
Wed	2/6	7 pm	Creation Care Team	GH
Thu	2/7	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
.Sun	2/10	After Mass	Hospitality	GH
Sun.	2/10	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 February 4–8, 2019*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Tom Jeram</b> <i>Cathy and David Semenoff</i>
		<b>Regina Merola</b> <i>Pam Seward</i>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Brian Skinner</b> <i>Herb and Barbara Phelps</i>
		<b>Intentions of the Klob Family</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Joan Pisciotta</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Ron Setlur</b> <i>The Family</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Marie and Harry Mathison</b> <i>Karen Jones</i>
		<b>Intentions of the Kelsey Family</b>

**Next Weekend, February 9-10, 2019**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Mildred and Alex Gadomski</b> <i>Alice and Mike</i>
		<b>Michael Sheehan</b> <i>Norm and Ann Drapeau</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Thomas J. Dwyer</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ricchiuti</i>
		<b>Thomas Jeram</b> <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Florence Yanko</b> <i>Gregg and Jane Davis</i>
		<b>Peggy Riedy</b> <i>Michael K. Rooney</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>

**Scripture Readings: Week of February 3, 2019**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1Cor 12:3-13:13 / Lk 4:21-30</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5: 21-43</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Mk 6: 7-13</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Heb 13: 1-8 / Mk 6: 14-29</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21 / Mk 6: 30-34</b>