

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 16-17, 2019: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Carol Tomlin & Dan Ehring	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Colleen Flynn & TBA	Christine Corson & Doug Maeder	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Nyilis & Herman Reinhold	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & Liam Witting	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & TBA	John Henry & Maggie Walters	2

Pastor's Corner

Welcome New Parishioners: Katherine Reilly and Joyce Corcoran.

Congratulations to the families of the following children whose baptisms were held recently at St. Thomas: William Michael Rafalik and Reagan Alyson Goedeke.

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 Albert Greenhalgh and James Clyne 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)

"Listen with the ear of your heart." –St. Benedict of Nursia

WOW! Our Prayer Chain Ministry has reached over 400 calls since we started in 2014! Thank you to our dedicated team: Pam Seward, Ruth Pupke, Dolores Greagan-Powers, Carmel Foltan, Carol Smith, Kathy Hogan, Eileen Lacey, Lani Larson, Karen Jones, Mary Bintz, Tricia Buhr, Bella McCarroll, Betty McSweeney, and Dorann Stagnitta. **Thank you all!** The power of prayer is amazing indeed. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, please contact Maura.

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.

Our Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Team will be meeting on Tuesday, February 19 @ 2pm in the Gathering Hall. We will continue to accept squares and other items. All are welcome!

A Pastoral Visitation to the Sick, Elderly and Homebound Skill Building Workshop ~ will be held again this year. It is a four-session program on the following dates: Mon., Mar. 11, 18, 25 and Sat., Mar. 30, 2019. The Monday sessions are 6 -8 p.m. and the Saturday session is 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. All are held at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany. This program will provide information on: the art of pastoral visitation; communication skills; illness issues; spiritual assessment; grief and loss; suffering and faith; death and dying; ritual and sacraments; theology of pastoral care and care giving issues. One pastoral visit is required along with a journal process. Fee: \$40, which includes book and materials. Pre-registration is necessary and limited to 25 attendees. For more information contact Maria Schollenberger at Maria.schollenberger@rcda.org or 518-641-6818 or Harley McDevitt at 518-641-6823.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

First Eucharist Preparation class ~ The next **First Eucharist Preparation class will be Sun., Mar. 10 at 8:15 a.m.** in the school. Please have chapters 4 and 5 completed with your children by the time you come for this March 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Winter Recess ~ There will be no Faith Formation classes the week of February 19-21 as the children are on Winter Recess and the schools are closed that week. Enjoy your February vacation!

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

9th Graders—Safe Environment training will be re-scheduled. Families that registered for the Jan. 29 class will be notified of the new date.

Confirmation candidates may return registration forms or any other completed paperwork to the parish office.

Middle and High School classes resume the week of Feb. 26. Please continue putting your Catholic faith into action, fulfilling your Faith Formation service hours.

Reminder: When BCSD closes or cancels after school activities, Faith formation programs are also cancelled.

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 & empowerment for our young church in HS the fall of 2019. We are looking for a commitment to this year's team by Mon., Feb. 11. Questions please contact Mary Ann, mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. Thank you!

Next YM CORE Meeting ~ is Feb. 10, 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Bring a secret Valentine gift bag for \$1.00.

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.

Winter Break Community Service Opportunities are still available at the Maureen Joyce Center. Please sign up today!

Special thanks for Making a Difference!

—**St. John/St. Ann's Welcome Table!** We thank Dan & Maggie Proper, Ann Marie & Evan O'Grady, Zachary Isenberg, Isabella Richards and Cristina Grigas for cooking & preparing our lunch. We appreciate our servers Jayne & Matthew Scanni, David Axtell, John and James Janeski, Lisa and Connor Rupinski, Laurie and Caleb Frezza, Kristie Lanzoni and all of you who donated desserts and fruit! It was team work at its BEST! Thank you for sharing with our neighbors at the South End.

—**YOU- ME - US!** *The JOY of our young church was SHINING!* Special thanks to Colleen Ells and her mother Patty Ells for taking the initiative to organize a fun, faith event for 5th -8th graders! Special "shout out" to YM Core Members who assisted in facilitating the program: Michelle Moczulski, Steven and GiGi Sitzer, Cat Adlerman and Cathy Teplitzky! WE thank all of YOU who donated wipes and diapers for Mary's Corner!

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**

"What St. Thomas Means to Me"

"At the end of each day, Mr. Kane says that he loves us and that we mean a lot to the teachers. It feels so nice to hear that. I love St. Thomas the Apostle School!" – Margot, Grade 4

Did you know? At St. Thomas, we encourage and create opportunities for our students to serve their community. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many of our students braved the weather and went to Atria Delmar Place to make crafts with the residents

Have you considered a Catholic School Education for your child? PreK-8th Grade Open Enrollment. Please contact us today for a tour. From our youngest students in PreK 3 to our 8th Grade students who are preparing for High School, it is always our goal to empower each and every student to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment which is rich in Catholic tradition. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Creation Care Team

The book of Genesis tells us that God created man and woman entrusting them with the task of filling the earth and subduing it, which does not mean exploiting it, but nurturing and protecting it, caring for it through their work. (Pope Francis)

Show Creation a little love this Valentine's Day (Thursday) while you celebrate the holiday with family and friends. Consider using recycled paper to create your cards or send them Electronically. Skip the use of paper and save a tree. Give a living plant or seeds, to plant. Make a donation to an environmental protection fund or to a food pantry in the name of a loved one.

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 2nd and 4th 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.

Eucharist Ministers Needed at St. Peter's Hospital ~ St. Peter's Hospital Volunteer Services Department is in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers to bring communion to patients. Days and hours are flexible, usually about an hour per visit, either weekly or monthly. Substitutes are also needed. If interested, please contact Amanda Weller, Volunteer Recruiter, 518-525-1002 to schedule an interview. Thank you.

Community

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

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 to Financially Support the Parish ~ Our electronic giving program, through **Vanco**, is a convenient and secure method for making contributions to the parish, and it ensures that your support to the parish is on an ongoing basis. We encourage you to take advantage of this program. There are several options to get you started. You can now **go to our website, www.stthomas-church.org, and 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! 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.

Parish Office Closings Due to Inclement Weather: When the Bethlehem Central Schools/St. Thomas School are closed, or on delay, the parish offices are also closed, and on

the same delay. If closed, all scheduled meetings/events for that day, including scheduled Masses, will be canceled. Your local newscasts will be the best source for "closing" information. And, we will do our best to update our voicemail system, our website and parish app to give you any other information that you may need.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ If you did not receive your 2018 contribution statement, please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR FEBRUARY 2-3, 2019

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$13,243.68
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,125.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$15,368.68
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$768.43
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	383
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$1,523.18
<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. We are still approximately \$7,000 "short". Thank you!</i>	

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.

Calendar

Sun	2/10	9 am	RCIA weekly meeting	LCR
Sun.	2/10	After Mass	Hospitality	GH
Thu	2/14	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
.Fri	2/15	After Mass	Senior Luncheon	GH
Sun.	2/17	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 11–15, 2019

Mon. 12:15 pm Ernestina Carrisoza
Martha Manella and Family

Intentions of the Setlur Family

Tue. 7:30 am Intentions of the LaMonica Family

Intentions of the Myrtle Family

Wed. 7:30 am Intentions of the Holly Bergeron Family

Patrick McDonnell

John Appel

Fri. 12:15 pm Mary Lou Matthews

Switzer Family

George Schnaudigel

John Appel

Next Weekend, February 16-17, 2019

Sat. 5:00 pm Mary Shogan, 15th Anniv.
Bob and Johanna Shogan, and Family

Janet Mulrooney

Richard and Marcia Bassotti

Sun. 8:00 am Helen M. Dwyer

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ricchiuti

Thomas Jeram

Richard and Marcia Bassotti

9:30 am For the People

11:00 am Thomas Jeram

The De Cancio Family

Anthony Spadaro, Jr.

The Amodeo Family

Scripture Readings: Week of February 10, 2019

Sunday Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Cor 15: 1-11 / Lk 5: 1-11

Monday Gn 1: 1-19 / Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday Gn 1:20—2:4a / Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17 / Mk 17: 14-23

Thursday Gn 2: 18-25 / Mk 7: 24-30

Friday Gn 3: 1-8 / Mk 7: 31-37

Saturday Gn 3: 9-24 / Mk 8: 1-10