

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, April 13 - April 14, 2019, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Dan Ehring	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Alba Giordano & Jeff Conklin	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Herman Reinhold	Catherine Snyder & Donja Tripp	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Sara Comi & Paulot Truchard	Ryan McCarroll & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

Pastor's Corner

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held this Friday, April 12, at 2 and 7 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

"RICE BOWL" For Our Sister Parish and Catholic Relief Services ~ We are happy to continue to support the needs of our sister parish in Mexico through your generous donations during this Lenten season. And, as we did last year, we have also chosen to financially support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the wonderful work they do throughout the world. Your contributions will be split between the two programs. Annually, the "Rice Bowl" Collection has supported CRS with 75% of donations supporting global programs and 25% helping those living in poverty. This year we ask you to use the "Rice Bowls" which will be available at church entrances during Lent for your contributions to this shared program. We appreciate your generosity to all those in need.

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.

Ministers Needed for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgies ~ Sign-up sheets are now available on the oval table near the church foyer if you are able to serve as an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister or Lectors. A rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. for lectors and acolytes serving on Holy Thursday and 7:30 p.m. for those serving on Good Friday. A rehearsal is scheduled on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. for lectors and acolytes serving at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please do not sign up to serve as an acolyte on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or for the Easter Vigil Mass unless you are able to attend the rehearsal. Thank you for serving!

ENVELOPES FOR EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS are available in the office or at the Church entrances for those who would like to make a donation. If you choose to make a donation in memory of a particular person, those memorials will be listed in the bulletin at Easter time. Please submit memorial donations that are to be listed in the bulletin to the parish office no later than Friday, April 12.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"If we practice seeing with the eyes of Jesus, we will always be able to recognize those who need our help" – Pope Francis

SAVE THE DATE ~ Planning is underway for our Annual Pastoral Care Volunteer In-Service & Retreat Day scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2018. More details to come!

Welcome to Kathleen Elfeldt! ~ She has just joined our Pastoral Care Team. You can be a part of this great group too! Give as much or as little time as you can; training provided. Contact Maura for more information or sign up at the Pastoral Care table in the church foyer.

Potential New Ministry ~ In an effort to reach out to those who feel socially isolated or lonely in our parish, we are looking to start a new ministry - **St. Thomas Parish Pals Telephone Ministry!** This ministry will consist of pairing adult volunteers and parishioners through a weekly call that consists of friendly conversation and prayerful support. No travel, no expense - except for a little time (15 min/week min.), and the desire and ability to converse on the phone. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this ministry OR if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Maura.

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will meet on **Monday, April 8 at 6:00-7:30** 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.

Are you or a loved one no longer able to get to Mass due to illness or injury? ~ We can arrange for you to receive Communion at home. Contact Maura for more information.

Pastoral Care Support ~ Our Pastoral Care Department can provide support to you in your time of need. We provide consultation, referral and educational materials on a variety of topics and issues in a confidential manner. Contact Maura in the office for more assistance.

Faith Formation

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

5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. All 5th grade faith formation students (including those on home instruction as well as those attending classes) and their families are invited to attend this wonderful event to pray, celebrate and learn all about what lies ahead for them as part of our middle school faith formation program!

Jesus Day!, our mini-retreat for families preparing a child for First Communion, will be held next Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.! This event is the culmination of our preparation program for First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing you there!

This week, April 9, 10 and 11, is our last week of regular classes for this faith formation year ~ It has truly been a pleasure watching your children grow in our faith this year. They've learned much about our Catholic traditions of prayer and Sacraments, and have hopefully developed a deeper sense of how much God loves them!

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Registration for next year's program has begun ~

Registration forms have been updated and are available online through the parish website. Submit your family's registration before May 15 to take advantage of our Early Bird Special!

Volunteers Needed for Next Year!! ~ PLEASE consider how you can volunteer in our program by being a catechist, class assistant or gatekeeper. These roles are **VITAL** to the success of our program!! As a faith community, we **all** must answer the call to perpetuate the faith by teaching it to our young people. Contact our offices for more information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

We remind all Faith Formation candidates to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent. Peace of soul leads to peace of heart leads to peace beyond oneself.

Save the date, April 16, Stations of the Cross, led by our faith formation students.

Confirmation Candidates ~ Through your participation in "A Little Less for Lent" we were able to help feed the hungry by providing 430 sandwiches to the City Rescue Mission and Street Soldiers.

Makeup for Wednesdays' snow closure will be April 10.

Reminder ~ Although Faith Formation classes have ended please continue to put your Faith in Action. We are called to love one another. How you conduct yourself in word and deed is an expression of your Faith.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

SORROWFUL ROSARY ~ All are invited to join us in the Lady's Chapel as we pray the Sorrowful Rosary, tonight, April 7, 5 p.m. (Parish Hour)

YM CORE MEETING ~ Sunday, April 7 at 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Our next CORE Meeting is in the Gathering Hall. "April Fool's Pranks" is the theme.

YM Lenten Experience ~ Friday, April 12 for MS and HS students, 6:30 - 9 p.m., featuring a Eucharist witness talk by a CORE Member, Prayer, Games, Pizza, and Fun! (2 Parish or Community hours or any combo)

Special thanks to all our MS and HS Faith Formation Students who created educational posters reminding us to Care for His Creation by Reducing, Recycling, Reusing. We thank St. Thomas School students who created art expressions using recycled materials with the assistance of art teacher Denise Chonski. Awesome work!

Special shout out to Ryan Teplitzky, Aidan Ciancio, Steven and GiGi Sitzer, Brian and Ellen McCaffrey for their participation in our Creation Story! Your leadership is much appreciated! And God said, "This is VERY GOOD"

An evening with Jesus! ~ Thank you Fr. Berberian for a beautiful evening with the Blessed Sacrament. Special thanks to Anna Jeanne & Patti Staerker, Theresa McMahon, and Paul Supple for leading us in praise with music! God Bless!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)

Preschool 3 – Grade 8 Open Enrollment for 2019-2020 ~ Two options for Preschool 3! (We're adding a Monday/Wednesday 12:45-3:15 p.m. class!) We have limited space available in both our part-time and full-day Pre-school 4 classes. As part of the application process, once a family has toured, we invite the child/children to join us for a "Shadow Day" or a visit to the classroom. They are invited to spend the entire school day, attend classes and get to know their potential St. Thomas classmates, teachers and staff. **Interested in a Tour/Shadow Day?** Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we believe that each child has their own unique gifts to share and that it's so important for those gifts to be celebrated. We encourage our students to explore and develop their own artistic talents through participation in our theater productions, art classes and clubs, summer camps, Liturgy Choir, music classes and a variety of lessons including band instruments, violin, piano and vocals.

Scrip gift cards are available year-round and are a great way to plan for gifts throughout the year as well as weekly/monthly purchases at places like ShopRite and WalMart. Visit <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop> to view which cards/denominations are available. Order forms are available in the Gathering Hall and can be dropped off or mailed in with cash or check payment to St. Thomas the Apostle School, [42 Adams Place, Delmar](#). If you have any questions, please contact Erica Fox at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or efox@stthomas-school.org. **Get your orders in by Wednesday, April 10 to receive your cards in time for Easter.**

Help St. Thomas the Apostle School to advance the programs that have served our families for over 60 years ~ Please help us grow in our ministry for Catholic education through our Continuing the Vision Campaign. Your gift allows us to keep tuition affordable for all families. A monthly gift, a one-time gift, a celebratory gift during Easter or any other gift as you see fit, makes the difference in the lives of our students. Brochures and donation cards are available in the Gathering Hall and in the School Lobby. Gifts may be made via cash, check, or by credit card online at <https://www.stthomas-school.org/giving/annual/>. Thank you for making a difference!

Community

Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults ~ Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on Friday, April 12. We will attend Mass at 12:15 and then enjoy lunch together. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a

great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. If possible, please bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 518-439-3286 by Monday, April 8.

Parishioners ~ If you like to bake, could you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with cream pies. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518-439-3286 to help with baked goods.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT ~ Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **May 17-19** at the **Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham**. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Some financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, Kathy Kelly, 802-282-2028 or Denise Freeman, 607-353-0039 or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com **An informational brochure is available on the oval table across from the community bulletin board.**

Attention Catholic Nurses ~ You are invited to attend the Albany Council of Catholic Nurses' Annual Spring Banquet, on Saturday, April 27. It will take place at the Knights of Columbus, 328 Troy Schenectady Rd | Latham, from 1200- 3:30 p.m. The Council Mass is at 12 p.m., celebrated by Fr. Michael Farano, Chaplin. Admission Fee for the Luncheon is \$22.00 per person. Please RSVP by April 23 to: Joan at 518-810-9401.

Do you like to cook? ~ Consider joining the Mercy House Ministry. This St. Thomas ministry has been quietly making and delivering a weekly meal to Mercy House in downtown Albany for over 30 years. Mercy House is a transitional residence for women and their children in need. As a member of this ministry, you will cook a portion of a meal and deliver it to a team leader here in town who will then take it to Mercy House. You will only be asked to cook 4 times a year and will know the dates at the beginning of each year. This is a very rewarding ministry with the opportunity to volunteer to help make an extra holiday meal, if you wish. The women at Mercy House are always thankful for the delicious dishes. **If you feel that you can share your cooking talents with those in need**, please contact Pat Clement at 518 439-4636 or ptclement116@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY to be offered after **ALL SUNDAY Masses NEXT weekend. All are welcome** to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR MARCH 30-31, 2018

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$11,017.80
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$975.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$11,992.80
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$599.64
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	347
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$1,646.25
Fiscal YTD (7/1 - 2/28/2019) collection total	\$489,157
Fiscal YTD (7/1 - 2/28/2019) budget	\$502,667

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Calendar

Mon	4/8	5 pm	Alzheimers Care Team	GH
Mon	4/8	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Thu	4/11	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	4/12	12 pm	Senior Luncheon	GH
Fri	4/12	2 & 7 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Sun	4/14	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH

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

Creation Care Team

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

Caring For Creation And The Community ~ Spring Cleaning is an opportunity to **Care for Creation and the Community** by **donating your unwanted, but useable goods to community groups** such as **Habit For Humanity** or **Grass Roots Givers** (info@grassrootgivers.org). Locally, there are many community organizations that offer Garage Sales as fundraisers and would welcome your donation of good condition items.

Learn how you can get **solar energy** during a free presentation **April 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the Roux restaurant in Slingerlands. Attendees will be able to sign up to get solar from local solar farms. *News from the Neighborhood*, with Common Energy, is hosting this event -- honoring Earth Day-Earth Month. Attendees will learn how to get solar energy without any investment or onsite installation of solar equipment required. Whether you rent or own you can connect to clean energy and save money.

Christian Service

Job Opportunity ~ This Lent, put faith into action, and consider working with Catholic Charities Disabilities Services as a Community Supports Professional, assisting an individual with a disability in developing the independent living skills they need to create the life they love. Even part-time hours have a life-long impact.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of April 8, 2019 - April 12, 2019

Mon.	12:15 pm	Damian Qualters <i>Carl and Karen Winters</i> Louis H. Unright <i>Seward Family</i>
Tue.	7:30 am	Living Intentions—Robert Salamone <i>Vera Peek</i> Anna May Barclay <i>Bob and Martha Keens</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Jane Aileen DeTosta - Shannon <i>Wayne Schermerhorn</i> Sr. Germaine Henry, FMSJ <i>Sr. Judith, FMSJ</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Geraldine Campione, 20th Anniv. <i>Her Family</i> Ernestina Carrisoza <i>Martha Mancilla and Family</i>

Next Weekend, April 13-April 14, 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	For the People
Sun.	8:00 am	Joan and Martin Klingbeil <i>Family</i> Daniel B. Giddens - 60th Anniv. <i>Sandy Bastiani</i>
	9:30 am	James W. Clyne <i>Ron and Honor Kennedy</i> Dorian Lemieux <i>Sandy Bastiani</i>
	11:00 am	Intentions of Matthew Crudo's Family <i>Teplitsky Family</i> John Pape <i>Kevin and Kathy Murray</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of April 7, 2019

Sunday	Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11
Monday	Dn 13:41c-62 / Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday	Nm 21: 4-9 / Jn 8: 21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91- 92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31 - 42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
Palm Sunday	Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56