

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 20 - April 21, 2019, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
8:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & Paul Edmundson	Sign-Up	Sign-Up
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9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Paul Connolly	Sign-Up	Sign-Up
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Hank Steadman	Sign-Up	Sign-Up

Pastor's Corner

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held this Friday, April 19, at 3 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE ~ Good Friday is a day of fasting (limiting the consumption of food) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat). Therefore, all Catholics, 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat. All Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Monday following Easter. **There will be services on those days.**

HOLY THURSDAY ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper will be on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The church will remain open for adoration until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord will begin at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL AND SUNDAY ~ The Easter Vigil is scheduled for after sunset, so this year it will be on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. We will have the regular Mass schedule on Easter Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

REHEARSALS ~ There will be a rehearsal for participants in the Holy Thursday liturgy on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The rehearsal for the Good Friday service will be on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday at 11 a.m. for the participants in the Easter Vigil

LENTEN "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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the family of the following child who was baptized recently at St. Thomas: Jackson Michael Currey.

Holy Thursday Liturgy - Foot Washing Ceremony ~ We invite parishioners to participate in this year's Foot Washing Ceremony, as part of our Holy Thursday Liturgy. We need 12 individuals who have been confirmed and we encourage family members to take part. A rehearsal for the Holy Thursday liturgy will be held on Wed., April 17 at 7 p.m. in the church, and

those who are participating will be required to attend. Please contact Pat Holm, in the parish office, by noon on Tues., April 16, if you are interested. Thank you.

Prayer & Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Nora Grace Morrill and Antoinette Cantalupo 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.

Ministers Needed for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgies ~ Sign-up sheets are 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 at these liturgies 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.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Be attentive to the needs of the poor, the suffering, the lonely, for whoever has chosen to love Jesus cannot but love his neighbor." – Pope Francis

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.

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

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

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

First Eucharist Celebrations are slated for the weekends of May 4-5 and May 11-12 ~ Between St. Thomas the Apostle School and our Faith Formation program, we have 62 children planning to make their First Communion over those 2 weekends here at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please pray for them and their families as they begin their final weeks of preparation for this most precious Sacrament, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

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)

Please join us this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for **Stations of the Cross** in the Church ~ all are welcome!

Thank you-Thank you-Thank you as our first year comes to a close we are grateful for the commitment, the kindness, the generosity and the dedication of the many lovely families at ST. Thomas.

Youth Ministry

Special thanks to all of our "Birthday Fairies" who provided either a Birthday Party Kits or Birthday Gifts for our very young neighbors served at the South End Children's Café! God Bless each of you for making a child's birthday that much happier.

All are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross led by Faith Formation Students, Holy Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the church. Come walk with Jesus! (1 Parish Hour)

Spring Break Opportunities for Service! ~ Sr. Maureen Joyce: Food Pantry, Tuesday, April 23, 10-11:30 a.m. and at the Soup Kitchen, Thursday, April 25, prepare lunch 9-11 a.m. and serve 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall or email Mary Ann!

Please check out the many Diocesan Summer Camp Opportunities in our Summer Binder in the Gathering Hall!

"The week that changed the world continues to change our lives." Have a blessed Holy Week!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)

Did you know? ~ In addition to attending Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church on Fridays throughout Lent, during Holy Week, St. Thomas students gather in the school gymnasium for Living Stations performed by our Seventh Graders. This year, we will meet on Wednesday, April 17 at 1:30. **All are welcome to join us for this very special tradition.**

Now is the time to enroll for the 2019-2020 school year! Preschool – 8th Grade Open Enrollment. NEW for 2019-2020 – Pre-K 3 Part-Time Afternoon Class on Mondays and Wednesdays! ~ If you are considering a Catholic school education for your child and would like to learn more about what St. Thomas has to offer your family, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org. Jennifer will be happy to answer any of your questions and schedule a private tour.

Community

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: rachelvineyardalbany@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, Chaplain. Admission Fee for the Luncheon is \$22.00 per person. Please RSVP by April 23 to: Joan at 518-810-9401.

"FISH FRY DINNER" proudly presented by the Elsmere Firehouse, Friday, April 19 at the Elsmere Firehouse 15, West Poplar Drive, Delmar, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a pleasant Lenten supper with many other St. Thomas parishioners.

Creation Care Team

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

Stories of Inspiring Creation Caregivers will be shared on the St. Thomas website. The first Inspiring Creation Caregiver is **St. Thomas parishioner Amanda Kelly Engels**. Read her story of caring for the community and the earth's resources on the St. Thomas website.

One inspiring caregiver can make a world of difference. Do you know ... or are you ... an Inspiring Creation Caregiver? Tell us the story so we can share it with the community and inspire others to Care for Creation.

Also: Test Your Knowledge about the environment, recycling, caring for creation, with our weekly Creation Care Team questions. Answers will be on the St. Thomas website now or read them in the next week's bulletin. **Question:** *How long does it take for glass to decompose?*

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.

To learn more about our Community Supports Professional position, contact our office at (518) 783-1111, or visit us online at www.ccdservices.org.

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 **THIS weekend**. All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR APRIL 6-7, 2019

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$14,299.78
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,680.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$16,979.78
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$849.55
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	415
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$1,887.00
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

Sun	4/14	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Wed	4/17	6 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Wed	4/17	7 & 7:30 pm	Rehearsal- Holy Thursday and Good Friday Ministers	CH
Thu	4/18	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Thu	4/18	7:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	CH
Fri	4/19	3 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Fri	4/19	7:00 pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion	CH
Sat	4/20	11 am	Rehearsal for Vigil Mass Ministers	CH
Sat	4/20	8 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	CH

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

Mass Intentions

For the Week of April 15, 2019 - April 19, 2019

Mon.	12:15 pm	Muriel Welch Loretta Carney	Family Adele Nucci
Tue.	7:30 am	Jane Aileen DeTosta - Shannon John Albert Brilling	Richard and Linda Feldmann Richel Family
Wed.	7:30 am	J. Robert Sheehan Anna May Barclay	Family Family
Thu	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday - For the People	
Fri.	7:00 pm	Good Friday	

Next Weekend, April 20-April 21, 2019

Sat.	8:00 pm	Gilda DeLucia, 24th Anniv. Muriel Welch	Family Family
Sun.	8:00 am	Christine Cirillo George W. Bragle	Her Family Kathleen
	9:30 am	For The People	
	11:00 am	Intentions of Matthew Crudo's Family Emilio LaPietra	Donna Furst Daughter and Family

Scripture Readings: Week of April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday	Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56
Monday	Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49: 1-6 / Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn13:1-15
Good Friday	Is:52:13-53:12 / Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil	Gn 1:1, 26-31a / Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Is 55:1-11 / Rom 6:3-11 / Lk 24:1-12
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9