

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, May 4 - May 5, 2019, Third Sunday of Easter

	<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 & Meerab Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Alba Giordano & Bob Conway	Christine Corson & Mary Richards	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Herman Reinhold	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & Matthew Connolly	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Cahill & Paulot Truchard	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	3

## Pastor's Corner

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Bridget Osborn, who was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Community and received Confirmation and Eucharist and Joseph Iachetta, who received Confirmation.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER** ~ Susan Wainwright.

## Prayer & Worship

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Stephen Watts, brother of Judi Doody, and Raymond Linstruth whose services were held recently. 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.

**Flower Donation** ~ Thank you to Norman Morand who made an early donation for Easter Flowers in memory of his wife, Mary-Dorothy Morand. We apologize for not having this donation on the list.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**““Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.” – St. Vincent dePaul**

**NEW Ministry launching soon! St. Thomas Parish Pals Telephone Ministry** ~ In an effort to reach out to those who feel socially isolated or lonely in our parish, we are starting a new ministry which pairs 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.**

**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.

**Annual Pastoral Care Volunteer In-Service/Mini-Retreat** ~ is being held on Tuesday, May 14 in the Gathering Hall, for those who volunteer in Pastoral Care Ministry. This year's topic is: "Grief and Bereavement in Ministry." A light lunch will be provided. Be sure to RSVP to Maura by April 30.

## 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)

**Registration is now open for next year!!** ~ Please see the Parish website for our form and submit your families registration by **May 15** to take advantage of our early bird savings!!

**Volunteers are vital to our program,** please consider sharing your faith with our young people. We have 5 classes in our fall and spring sessions. The classes are an hour and fifteen minutes and we will provide you all the materials necessary to teach the class. Volunteer with a friend and teach a class together--it is a wonderful experience!! [Any questions please contact our office.](#)

## Second Sunday of Easter ( Divine Mercy Sunday)

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Special thanks** to John Lauricella, Kailee Harrigan, Ginger Hebert, Lizzy Kloss, Charlie Nittinger and Ryan Teplitzky for leading us in **Stations of the Cross**, Sarah Bernasconi, Cantor and Paul Supple and Mari Carmen, guitarists. Thank you for a prayerful, reflective walk with Jesus.

**Tres de Mayo Dodgeball**, This Friday, May 3, 7 - 8:15 p.m. School Gym. Donation of \$5.00 a player, teams of six. Monies will be used for upcoming Youth Ministry Projects with our Sister Parish. Please invite your friends and sign up in the Gathering Hall.

#### Save the Dates:

**May 18**, 10 -11:30 a.m., Creation Care Team Walk at Five Rivers.

**May 19**, 6 -7 p.m., Bilingual Rosary and Crowning of Mary in the Chapel.

**June 9**, 11 a.m., Mass Graduation Blessing for Class of 2019!

**June 9**, Youth Ministry CORE Beach Party, 5-7 p.m.

### 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

The Class of 2019 would like to extend a heart-felt **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated, shopped and helped with the annual garage sale. Thanks to your generosity, the class was able to raise a record breaking **\$12,500!** With your help, we will be able to have the best trip to Washington DC ever!

**Now is the time to enroll for the 2019-2020 school year! Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org). Jennifer will be happy to answer any of your questions and schedule a private tour.

**Did you know? ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School's Preschool Program includes:**

- Faith Formation
- Activity Centers

- Large group, small group, and one-on-one instruction
- Instruction in music, art, and physical education
- Instruction in technology integrating classroom curriculum
- STEM Activities
- Social Justice and Community Service Programs
- On-site Field Trips
- Weekly Classroom Updates via Email
- Parent Teacher Conferences

### Creation Care Team

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

**Care for Creation** ~ Participate in the **Bethlehem Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Day** ... May 4 ... 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. ... must be a Town resident ... Go to the Bethlehem website : <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/DocumentCenter/View/8755/2019-Household-Hazardous-Waste-Days-flyer?bidId=> for collection location and complete listing of acceptable items.

**Test Your Environmental Knowledge** with our weekly Creation Care Team questions. Answers are on the St. Thomas website now or read them in next week's bulletin.

**This week's question:** *What is biodiversity?*

**Last week's question:** *They have been called*

*"rainforests of the sea because they support a vast abundance and diversity of plants and animals".* **What are they?** **Answer:** Coral reefs. Coral reefs are home to the "greatest diversity of life in the oceans, and are second only to tropical rainforests in the number of species found in one area on Earth." [www.oceanicresearch.org/education/films/crrainspt.html](http://www.oceanicresearch.org/education/films/crrainspt.html)

### Community

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food - St. Thomas Active Older Adults** ~ Thank you to all those who made our April luncheon such a success. Thanks to all the parishioners who baked delicious cream pies, and to all our volunteers who helped to set up, serve and clean-up after the meal. Thank you to all those who brought a nonperishable food item for the St. Thomas food pantry. Mark your calendar for our next luncheon which will be on Friday, May 17. 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. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by Monday, May 13.

**Parishioners:** We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheon. Could you please help us out next month with cookies? Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286.

**Public Policy**

**Federal Report ~** Bread for the World ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)) urges us to call our members of Congress at 800/826-3688 or email them and tell them to protect and increase foreign aid in Central America. The Trump Administration recently moved to cut aid to Central America's Northern Triangle - Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. This will only increase hunger and malnutrition and push more families to migrate to the US. Hunger is one of the primary reasons families from the Northern Triangle are forced to seek asylum at the US southern border. Central America is making progress at ending hunger but we can't afford to let it stall.

**Christian Service**

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, April 27-28. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating. Thank you, and as always, your generosity is appreciated.

**Administration**

*(Contact: Pat Holm)*

**AmazonSmile – Making Donations to St. Thomas the Apostle ~**

You can now make donations to St. Thomas Parish and School using Amazon Smile! What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, pricing and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that 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>

**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. Here are several options to get you started. You can now **go to our website, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://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 anywhere 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. Thanks!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR APRIL 13-14, 2019**

<b>PALM SUNDAY OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **</b>	<b>\$16,552.46</b>
<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)</b>	<b>\$1,365.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$17,917.46</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)</b>	<b>\$895.87</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PAL SUNDAY GIFTS</b>	<b>436</b>
<b>** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS</b>	<b>\$2,815.96</b>
<b>CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$4,243.00</b>

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR APRIL 20-21, 2019**

<b>EASTER SUNDAY OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **</b>	<b>\$32,346.50</b>
<b>OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)</b>	<b>\$2,670.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$36,016.50</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>	<b>581</b>
<b>** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS</b>	<b>\$4,480.00</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD (7/1 - 2/28/2019) collection total</b>	<b>\$489,157</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD (7/1 - 2/28/2019) budget</b>	<b>\$502,667</b>
<b>LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$5,536.21</b>
<b>HOLY LAND COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$1,529.00</b>

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**

**Calendar**

Sun	4/28	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Tue	4/30	7 pm	Finance Committee	PO
Thu	5/2	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sun	5/5	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, LCR1 or LCR2-Large Conference Rooms Rec Dining room, CHP-Chapel SCH-School

## ***Mass Intentions***

***For the Week of April 29, 2019 - May 3, 2019***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Robert Coughlin</b> <i>Barbara Gorman</i>
		<b>Anna Mae Barclay</b> <i>Barbara Gorman</i>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Joseph Bubniak</b> <i>Stenson Family</i>
		<b>Hershell Allen Sr.</b> <i>Susan and Jerry Stenson</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Matthew Manzella, 1st Anniv.</b> <i>His Parents</i>
		<b>Jim Parks</b> <i>Lawrence Keating</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Joseph Esposito, Jr.</b> <i>Esposito Family</i>
		<b>Memorial Fund Enrollees</b>

### ***Next Weekend, May 4 -May 5, 2019***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>For The People</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Anna May Barclay</b> <i>Marcia Wendth</i>
		<b>Art Wendth</b> <i>Marcia Wendth</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>George W. Bragle</b> <i>Hamilton Family</i>
		<b>Ray Linstruth</b> <i>Megan McDermott</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>		<b>Intentions of Crudo/Bukowski Families</b> <i>Desharnais Family</i>
		<b>Gary Alikonis and Nicholas Vitillo</b> <i>Reichel Family</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of April 28, 2019***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19</b> <b>/ Jn 20:19-31</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1- 8</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 4: 32-37 / Jn 3: 7b-15</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 5:17-26 / Mt 3:16-21</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Rev 5:11-14</b> <b>/ Jn 21:1-14</b>