

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 11 - May 12, 2019, Fourth Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Sandra Flynn & Hank Steadman	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Mary Richards & Dan Coffey	Brian Gallagher & Doug Maeder	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Tom Kane	Samantha Gomez & Steven Gomez	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Barbara Kavanagh & Bill Burkhard	Susan O'Connor & Barbara Veldran	1

## Pastor's Corner

**CONFIRMATION** ~ Bishop Emeritus Hibbard will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. May the Lord bless all our candidates who have completed their preparation for this sacrament and may the Spirit of the Risen Christ continue to guide them throughout their adult lives

## 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.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"It is not lengthy prayers, but generous deeds that touch God's heart." - St. Arnold Janssen**

**NEW Ministry! 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.**

**Nursing Home Visitation Ministry** ~ We have parishioners who have moved into long term care facilities throughout the Albany area. We want those folks to continue to feel connected to our parish. Our Pastoral Care Nursing Home Visitation team provides friendly visits about 1-2x/month. If you are interested in teaming with a nursing home resident contact Maura. Visits are on your schedule and very flexible. The residents are so appreciative of having that continued connection. In addition, if you have a family member who has moved into a facility, please let Maura know so he/she can be added to our visitation list.

**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)

**Registration for Next Year's Program, 2019-2020, is well underway!!** ~ Download our updated form from the parish website, [www.stthomas-church.org/elementary-school-faith](http://www.stthomas-church.org/elementary-school-faith). Be sure to register by May 15 to take advantage of our Early Bird Special!

**We are recruiting in earnest for next year's program already!!** ~ Volunteer catechists, class assistants and gatekeepers are required to run our program smoothly. Are you being called to lend your talents to this ministry? Contact our faith formation office to find out how you can help!

**First Eucharist Celebrations are continuing next weekend, May 11-12** ~ Please pray for all of our young people and their families as they receive this most precious Sacrament, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith, for the first time.

**Children's Liturgy** ~ For the first time in many years, **our Children's Liturgy program is taking a well-deserved Summer break.** Our last class for this current Faith Formation year will be June 2. This program will resume in September, and we are greatly in need of additional staff to alternate weeks teaching this program to our youngest parishioners who are ages 3-6 years old. Please contact our office to find out what is involved and how you can sign on to help out.

**Our offices will remain open until Thursday, June 6** at which time we will close for summer. Please submit your registration forms for next year and come speak to us about volunteering before we close so we can have a great head start for 2019-20 when we return in August.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

**Confirmation Candidates ~ Confirmation is this Friday, May 10, please arrive at church at 5:45 p.m. dressed to impress. Any questions, please contact our office.**

## Third Sunday of Easter

**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!!

**Our Catechists, Assistant Catechists and Gatekeepers** shared their time and talents to provide 17 classes a week in 6th grade through 10th grade--**WOW** such an awesome gift from a magnificent group of people!! Please consider sharing your faith with our young people. Volunteers are vital to our program. 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.

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Special thanks** to our young church for their assistance during the Triduum: Kaitlyn Robbins, Liv Corazzini, Ian and Maddy Duffy assistance with bulletins and song sheets, Sarah NeJame, Alex Montalvo, Kara & Jack Leonard for Holy Thursday Greeters & Ushers, and Tom, Heather, Brian, Joe and Elizabeth Mocerine for assistance with our Easter Vigil hospitality! God bless you!

**Five Rivers Guided Walk** ~ All are welcome to join our Creation Care Team for a guided walk by Five Rivers staff, Saturday May, 18 from 10 -11:30 a.m. Two walks will be offered: smooth easy paved path and uneven, woodchip path. Please sign up today, bring a friend and join us as we thank our Creator for all His wonders! (Parish Hour)

**Bilingual Rosary and Crowning of Mary** ~Join us as we honor our Mother Mary, Sunday, May 19, 6-7 p.m. for a Bilingual Rosary and Crowning of Mary in the Chapel. Refreshments to follow. Sponsored by our Pueblo to People Committee and Youth Ministry. (Parish Hour)

**Save the Date** ~

**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)

**It all starts at St. Thomas the Apostle School ~ Accepting Applications for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2019-2020 school year.** Come and learn how we prepare our students to learn, succeed and lead. We believe in the importance of establishing a solid foundation in which students explore and live their faith, love to learn, know how to find the answers, and think critically. Our students are prepared

and supported through the challenges of middle school, so that they are as prepared as they can be for high school, college and life beyond. To schedule a tour or for more information please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

**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 extracurricular 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 Preschool.
- Affordable after school program.
- Financial aid may be available.

**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](mailto:efox@stthomas-school.org).

### Creation Care Team

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

**God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. (Genesis 1:31)**

**Last week's Creation Care Team Test Your Knowledge question: *What is biodiversity?***

**Answer:** *Biodiversity refers to the variety of life forms on earth or in a specific geographic area. Loss of any life form endangers the existence of all. Go the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for information about work to conserve biodiversity in New York. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/279.html>*

**Our challenge** is to **sustain biodiversity, to care for creation** each day.

**Test Your Environmental Knowledge.** Answer is on the **St. Thomas website**, click on **Ministries** and **scroll to Creation Care Team** or read the answer in next week's bulletin.

**This week's question:** *Biodegradable versus compostable: what do the two terms mean?*

**Community**

**Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food - St. Thomas Active Older Adults ~** 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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~** Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Oct 18-20 in ALBANY. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://wwmenyalb.org/>.

**Christian Service**

**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.

**HOSPITALITY** to be offered after all **Sunday Masses THIS WEEKEND, MAY 5.** All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

**Administration**

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**Easter Flower Donations ~** The following additional families made Easter Flower Donations: Terri, Andrew and Jeff Fisher in memory of John W. Fisher; Mary Jo Cronin in memory of Kenneth and Josephine Kellogg; Frank and Dorothy Hogan; Rev. Richard Leskovar ; St.Lucia Family. We thank everyone for their generosity to help make the church environment beautiful during the Easter season.

**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](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 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. Thanks!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR APRIL 27-28, 2019**

**Offertory contribution information for April 27-28 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.**

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

**Calendar**

Sun	5/5	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Sun	5/5	9 am	RCIA Weekly Meeting	LCR
Tue	5/7	6 pm	Pueblo to People Mtg.	GH
Wed	5/8	7 pm	Creation Care Team Mtg.	PO
Thu	5/9	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	5/10	6:30 pm	Confirmation	CH
Sun	5/12	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 May 6, 2019 - May 10, 2019***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Martin J. McDonagh</b> <i>Ann McDonagh</i> <b>Patricia Dillon</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Mary King</b> <i>Betty McSweeney</i> <b>Jack Carella</b> <i>Frank and Peg Kelly</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Susanne Arkinson</b> <i>Betty McSweeney</i> <b>Intention of Celebrant</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>James Clyne</b> <i>Barbara Gorman</i> <b>Intention of Celebrant</b>

### ***Next Weekend, May 11 -May 12, 2019***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>George Lenhardt</b> <i>Ed and Marymel Hart</i> <b>Gary Weinert</b> <i>Steve and Liz McCauslin</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Otto Vitillo</b> <i>Marie and Ralph</i> <b>Ernestina Carrisoza</b> <i>Martha Mancilla and Family</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For The People</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>		<b>Richard Newell</b> <i>His Family</i> <b>Mary Ellen Kuta</b> <i>Marilyn Frantsov</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of May 5, 2019***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Rev 5:11-14</b> <b>/ Jn 21:1-19</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22- 29</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 7: 51-8:1a / Jn 6:30-35</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Rev 7:9, 14b-17</b> <b>/ Jn 10:27-30</b>