

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 18 - May 19, 2019, Fifth Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Roberts & Dan Coffey	Ryan Ciancio & Aidan Ciancio	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	TBD & Anthony Scisci	Jim Moran & Lois Smith	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Nyilis & Paul Connolly	Kathleen Connolly & Jack Keating	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Sarah Comi & Bob Conway	Cecilia Creamer % Lucy Creamer	2

## Pastor's Corner

**2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL - "LIVING THE GOSPEL, CHANGING LIVES"** ~ Next weekend will be the in-pew solicitation for the 2019 annual Bishop's Appeal. Please prayerfully consider to what extent you can support the work of the Diocese and be prepared next weekend to make your gift or pledge to help St. Thomas reach its assessment of \$191,199. You are encouraged to visit the website created by the diocese, [www.thebishopsappeal.org](http://www.thebishopsappeal.org), and read the message from Bishop Scharfenberger created for this year's appeal. *And, we thank you in advance for your generosity.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Quinn Carol Adair, Justin Thomas Borthwick, Emery Felice Farrell, Annie Mae Fournier, Warren Adam Gameng, William Dominick Yost and Mary Clare Zappen

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER** ~ Amanda Briody.

**CONGRATULATIONS** go out to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. We are grateful to Rose Ann Garry, Bridget Zigrosser, Mary Ann Hospodar and their volunteer catechists who have worked with our young men and women to prepare them for the sacrament.



**Congratulations** to Jeffrey Travis and Frederika Foreman, who were married on April 27. May they be blessed through life.

## Prayer & Worship

**Training for New Acolytes** ~ We are looking forward to new acolytes being trained, to start serving this Summer! Any child who has received First Eucharist is eligible to serve in this ministry. If your child is interested, please sign up at the oval table, opposite the community bulletin board, and indicate at which Mass they would like to serve. Please be sure to take a permission slip which your child needs to bring to the training session. There will also be copies of "Acolyte Guidelines" for you, to be reviewed before the training session. We will contact you when dates for the training sessions have been finalized. Your child only needs to attend one session. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

**Easter Flower Donation** ~ The following additional Easter Flower Donation was made: In memory of Alex Gould, Walter A. Gould and John E. Costello from the family. We thank everyone for their generosity to help make the church environment beautiful during the Easter season.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Carl Pietrykowski whose service was held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome him 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.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Here is a rule for everyday life: Do not do anything which you cannot offer to God."**  
-St. Jean Marie Vianney

**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.**

**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.

**The Bereavement Support Group**, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will meet on **Monday, May 13 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](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org).

**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.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Faith Formation

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**Congratulations to the following children who made their First Communion last weekend here at St.**

**Thomas the Apostle Church:** Margeaux Alhart, Sydney Bathrick, Benjamin Blake, Cecilia Capuano, Ashton Conklin, Patrick Dean, Jacob Feldman, Samuel Friedman, James Hermance II, Oliver Hosang, Devin Ilardi, William Keating, Cole Kindlon, Colton King, Katherine Labela, Emerson Lobban, Maximo Luzon, Nathaniel Makowski, Mathieu Marchand, Ruth McAvoy, Gianna Micheli, Shea Molitor, Charlotte Mueller, Cooper Penesso, Timothy Pillittere, Eva Tanner-Richter, Clark Rose, Henry Staszak, Elizabeth Syed and Andrew Turinsky. **We are so very happy for all of you!!!**

**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!

**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)

**Congratulations** to all of our St. Thomas families who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation!** As the sun brightens the world, May the Holy Spirit light your future with faith.

**A very special Thank you to all of our Faith Formation Catechists, Assistants and Gatekeepers** ~ In sharing your faith you have helped our young people grow in their understanding of our Church's teachings and share in our Lord's blessings. With our heartfelt appreciation for your service to our Parish family ~ Thank you to the following: Marisa Bryant, Paul Connolly, Raquel Corazzini, Jennifer Curry, Alexa Duffy, Kerry Douglas-Duffy, Mary Fischer, Colleen Flynn, Meredith Gerde-man, Michelle Hebert, Mark Hennessey, William Kolberg, Deb Kowalsky, Jean Leonard, Brian McCaffrey, Allison McCarthy, Mary Elizabeth Metcalf, Michelle Moloney, Katie O'Brien,

Patricia Pinchback, Margaret Porciello, Scott Rogler, Jason Rose, Barbara Ruggirello, Alexandria Sanchez, Pam Seward, Cathy Teplitzky, Jeanine Vargas, Jennifer Wagner, Joan Walters, and Mary Witting.

**Have a Blessed Summer!!!**

## Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Best Wishes to our Confirmation Class and their parents!** ~ Our prayer is that you will continue to share the Gifts of the Spirit by remaining active in our Parish Community and Youth Ministry! Blessings to you and your family!

Join us next Sunday evening 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)

Muchas Gracias to all those who participated in our **Tres De Mayo Dodgeball Event** last Friday night! We raised \$100 for future Youth Ministry Projects with our Sr. Parish's Youth Group. Special thanks to members of our Pueblo to People Committee: Patricia Gonzalez, Pat Switzer and Edi Samaniego who prepared desserts and salsa, Coach James Angermeier for volunteering to be our Referee and all the St. Thomas school parents who assisted! It was a wonderful fun night of Solidarity!

**Blessings to all those wonderful women in our lives that lift us up and share in our life journey! God Bless! Happy Mother's Day!**

**Save the Date for the following events:**

June 9 Mass with Graduation Blessing for Class of 2019! , 11 a.m.  
June 9 Youth Ministry CORE Beach Party, 5-7 p.m.

## School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Visit us at [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

St. Thomas School

**Congratulations** to our students who are celebrating their First Eucharist this month including Sydney Bathrick, Ashton Conklin, Seamus Gavin, James Hermance II, Devin Ilardi, Colton King, Maximo Luzon, Mathieu Marchand, Ruth McAvoy, Gianna Micheli, Theodore O'Connor, Cooper Penesso, Clark Rose and Gavin Wintle. May the Sacred Host that you received at your First Holy Eucharist be a source of inspiration each day of your life.

**Did you know?** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School offers parents many opportunities to get involved through our Parent-Teacher Organization as well as during various classroom activities, participation in family events, service projects and field trips throughout the school year.

**Partnering with Parents** ~ Encouraging prayer and Catholic faith-centered activities allows our teachers to reinforce the values you're working so hard to instill at home. We create an environment in which students are celebrated for their unique gifts and are encouraged to explore and live their faith, to have respect for themselves and others, to always be eager to learn and to know how to find the answers and think critically. With this strong foundation, our students are prepared to be successful in high school, college and 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).

### Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

**RCIA INQUIRIES WELCOME** ~ Is God calling you or someone you know to become a Catholic Christian? If so, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program may be for you.

Contact Paul Edmundson at the parish office if you want more information.

### Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: [idschremp6@gmail.com](mailto:idschremp6@gmail.com) or Marie Myer: [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

**Come to the Creation Care Team Walk and Activities** event at **Five Rivers, May 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Parishioners of **all ages are invited** to participate. No reservations needed. Questions: use one of the email addresses with this article.

**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.

**Question** ~ Which large area institution is acting to limit plastic waste?

**Last Week's Answer** ~ Biodegradable versus compostable: what do the two terms mean? Biodegradable means an item "will break down into carbon dioxide, water and biomass". Compostable means the item is biodegradable AND will "release valuable nutrients into the soil" as it degrades. Follow this link for more information. <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs039/1101442661553/archive/1102110794885.html>

### 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.

### Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

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

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$15,749.59
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$1,030.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$16,779.59
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$838.98
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	396
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$1,775.04

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR MAY 4-5, 2019

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$12,443.72
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,760.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$15,203.72
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$760.19
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	356
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$1,724.17

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

### Calendar

Mon	5/13	6 pm	Bereavement Support Group	LCR
Tue	5/14	10 am	Pastoral Care In Service/Retreat Day	GH
Wed	5/15	6 pm	Public Policy Mtg.	GH
Thu	5/16	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	5/17	12 pm	Senior Luncheon	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

## ***Mass Intentions***

*For the Week of May 13, 2019 - May 17, 2019*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>John and Eleanor Stenson</b> <i>Gerald and Susan Stenson</i> <b>Elaine Setlur</b> <i>Joan Rimawi</i>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>John Bujold, 14th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i> <b>Paula Spratt</b> <i>Spratt Family</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Ronald Russo</b> <i>Family</i> <b>Intention of Celebrant</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Patricia Burdick</b> <i>Family</i> <b>Bill Flanigan, 10th Anniv.</b> <i>His wife, Mary Jane Flanigan</i>

### ***Next Weekend, May 18 -May 19, 2019***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>George Lenhardt</b> <i>Lynne</i> <b>John James Drapeau</b> <i>Paul and Joan Strait</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Beverly Scalzi</b> <i>Aunt Mary and Uncle Mike</i> <b>Stephen Watts</b> <i>Patricia Holm</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>George W. Bragle</b> <i>Kathleen</i> <b>Patricia Shapiro</b> <i>Kathleen Rucki</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>For The People</b>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of May 12, 2019***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Rev 7:9, 14b-17</b> <b>/ Jn 10:27-30</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1- 10</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 14:21-27 / Rev 21:1-5a</b> <b>/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35</b>