

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 27 - April 28, 2019, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
8:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Carol Tomlin & Denis Hurley	Sarah Gill & Lizzy Kloss	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Colleen Flynn & Anthony Scisci	Isabel Scisci & Tyler Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Matt Scheidler	Anna-Jeanne Staerker & Liam Witting	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Roberts & Tom Hedderman	Eileen Desharnais & Katie Desharnais	2

Pastor's Corner



HAPPY EASTER ~ The celebration of the central mysteries of our faith on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and on Easter morning were powerful, prayerful moments. Once again this year, many people who attended told me how touched they were with the power and beauty of the liturgies. Some who have recently lost a loved one said they found much comfort and strength in the services. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those talented and giving parishioners who made those celebrations all that they were. To Nelly and Avery and all the choir members, the office staff, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, acolytes, ushers, hospitality ministers, those who received the Easter sacraments and their sponsors, RCIA team, decorators, those clean the church and sanctuary and all those who work consistently behind the scenes..... **Thank You**, your talents and generosity have enriched us all

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 22. **There WILL BE the regularly scheduled Mass at 12:15 p.m.**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Sarah and Joseph Iachetta and their daughter Gianna.

Prayer & Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Patricia Shapiro and Jack Carella whose funerals 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.

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

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.

Help for Grieving Parents – A Spiritual One-Day Retreat – "Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Spiritual Retreat" ~ For: Parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause, no matter how long ago. Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:30-7:00 PM, St. Clements' Church, 231 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Come to a warm and loving place with other parents – to think/talk/feel/pray. Find compassion, rest, and peace...at least for a time. Donation: \$25 Individuals; \$40 Couples. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. Register at: www.emfgp.org. For more information contact: Mary Beth Wing 518-584-2299 or Becky Craig 518-584-6122 x113.

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 & Retreat Day scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2018. More details to come!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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)

We wish all of our Faith Formation Families a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Christ is Risen! Wishing you a joyous and blessed Easter!

Spring Break Opportunities for Service! ~

- Sr. Maureen Joyce: Food Pantry, Tuesday, April 23, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Soup Kitchen, Thursday, April 25, prep lunch 9-11 a.m. and serve 11 a.m.-1:00 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!

Get your friends together for Tres de Mayo

Dodgeball, Friday, May 3, 7—8:15 p.m. in the school Gym. Donation of \$5.00 a player. Monies will be used for upcoming Youth Ministry Project with our Sister Parish. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

CONGRATULATIONS to Bridget Osborn and Joseph Iachetta They received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. We welcome them into our blessed faith community at St. Thomas.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



St. Thomas School

Visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

Happy Easter!

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29).

Wishing you the gift of Faith at Easter and always ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School.

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: rachelsvineyardalban@yahoo.com **An informational brochure is available on the oval table across from the community bulletin board.**

Divine Mercy Celebration ~ Please join us at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 28 beginning at noon. The service will include an hour of private Eucharistic Adoration, followed by reflections on divine mercy, the praying of the chaplet, and benediction."

Creation Care Team

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

We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. (Pope John Paul II)

In caring for creation, we sing that song ... we demonstrate our thankful joy in the Resurrection of Christ.

Test Your Knowledge about the environment, recycling, caring for creation, with our weekly Creation Care Team questions. Answers are on the St. Thomas website now or read them in next week's bulletin.

Last week's question: *How long does it take for glass to decompose?* **Answer: Between 4000 and one million years** depending on its thickness and quality. It never decomposes, just breaks into smaller and smaller pieces.

April 20-21 Question: *They have been called "rainforests of the sea because they support a vast abundance and diversity of plants and animals". What are they?*

Public Policy

NYS Catholic Conference Report ~ The New York State budget passed.

The Marijuana Legalization bill was not put in the State budget. The Marijuana Legalization bill can still appear on its own or coupled with other issues as it generally occurs at the end of the legislative session in June.

Ensure Informed Consent or The Woman's Right to Know Act would require physicians to provide women considering an abortion information about the risks of abortion, alternatives to the procedure and scientifically accurate information about the gestational age and development of their unborn child. This bill would give sufficient time for a woman to reflect on the decision, to weigh their options and to give voluntary, knowledgeable and informed consent to the procedure.

Legislation is being advanced that would repeal the longstanding ban on surrogate motherhood for profit. The new bill would enable the buying and selling of children, the exploitation of women and an increased reliance on IVF and the destruction of more human embryos. The Catholic Conference opposes this bill.

To voice your opposition to New York's new abortion law and to oppose Doctor Assisted Suicide, and any other issues, go to The Catholic Action Network (CAN) which can be found on the New York State Catholic Conference's website (www.nyscatholic.org). On the website click on "Take Action," and click on "Latest Action Alerts."

Check next week's bulletin for the Federal Report.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

AmazonSmile – Making Donations to St. Thomas as 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. 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. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR APRIL 13-14, 2019

Offertory contribution information for April 13-14 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Calendar

Mon	4/22		Parish Office Closed	
Thu	4/25	10 am	Bible Study	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 22, 2019 - April 26, 2019

Mon.	12:15 pm	Intentions of Crudo/Bukowski Families <i>Christine Schmit</i> Ralph W. "Bill" Rahm <i>His Son, Ralph J. Rahm</i>
Tue.	7:30 am	Anna May Barclay <i>Vera Peek</i> John Edward Conway <i>Fred and Barbara</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Thomas Hamill <i>His Wife Alice and Family</i> Daisy Gioemi <i>Lucille and Alan Hughes</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	The Egan Family <i>Joseph Esposito</i> Marilyn Soucy <i>Barbara Gorman</i>

Next Weekend, April 27-April 28, 2019

Sat.	5:00 pm	Terri Flinton <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i> Thomas Jeram <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Charles Kolber, 19th Anniv. <i>His Family</i> Grace M. Ricchiuti <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ricchiuti</i>
	9:30 am	Louise Persico <i>Josephine and Tom O'Connor</i> Margaret Mayer <i>Family</i>
	11:00 am	For The People

Scripture Readings: Week of April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2: 36-41 / Jn 20: 11-18
Wednesday	Acts 2:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:25-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19 / Jn 20:19-31