

# 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., No Eucharistic Adoration in July and Aug.

## **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, October 26- October 27, 2019, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Sandra Flynn & Dan Coffey	Sarah Gill & Matthew Barron	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Nyilis & Paul Edmundson	Lois Smith & Jim Moran	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Tom Kane	Meagan Kolberg & Maggie Remmel	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	TBD & Tom Hedderman	Lucy Creamer & Cecilia Creamer	1

## Pastor's Corner



**"LIVING THE GOSPEL, CHANGING LIVES" -- 2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL** ~ Our goal this year is **\$191,199**. To date we have received **443** gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of **\$187,200** toward our goal.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

## 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.

**Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for All Saints Day Masses** ~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the All Saints Day Masses on Friday, November 1 at 7:30 a.m and 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve. Thank you for volunteering for these valuable ministries.

**GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS** ~ "Gluten-free" hosts are available at Mass for those who have allergies. These are not 100% gluten-free but satisfy the FDA's requirement as they have a miniscule amount of wheat, less than 20 parts per million, which also satisfies the Church's requirement that the host contain wheat. If anyone wishes to receive communion using this option, please speak to the priest presider before Mass so he can place a "gluten-free" host on the altar to consecrate during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have concerns about whether this host will meet your needs, please contact your healthcare provider.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Wisdom of the heart means being with our brothers and sisters. Time spent with the sick is holy time....Wisdom of the heart means going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters. Occasionally our world forgets the special value of time spent at the bedside of the sick, since we are in such a rush; caught up as we are in a frenzy of doing, of producing, we forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others, being responsible for others."**— Pope Francis

**It is Pastoral Care Week!** ~ We want to acknowledge our (almost 200!) Pastoral Care volunteers who devote their time to support their fellow parishioners in various ways through our ministries: **Nursing Home Visitation, Rosary and Communion Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound,**

**Meal Ministry, Hospital Visitation, Prayer Chain, Baptismal Garment Makers & Box Decorators, Knitting/Quilting/ Crocheting with Love Ministry, Alzheimer's Care Team, Parish Pals Telephone Ministry.** Often you are behind the scenes, quietly spreading God's grace. We appreciate all that you do. **THANK YOU!** May God continue to bless you in your work.

**The Bereavement Support Group** ~ for those who have lost a spouse during the last two years has resumed. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this ministry, please contact Maura. One must be registered in order to participate.

**Parish Pals Phone Ministry** ~ If you know someone who would benefit from engaging in a friendly call from a parishioner, let Maura know. We have a team of people who are happy to reach out in an effort to continue to one's connection to the parish community.

## Faith Formation

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

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**Our 2nd graders will be continuing their 5 week unit on the Sacrament of Reconciliation** this week during class time. Please pray for them, their families and their catechists as they learn of this most amazing sacrament of forgiveness and healing offered to each and every one of us by our most Loving Father, the Good Shepherd.

**There will be no Faith Formation classes the week of October 29-31** as children celebrate Halloween and families attend Mass for the Holy Day of All Saints that week.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

### Happy October



- Our Faith Formation journey is off to great start please continue going to your scheduled class.
- New feature ~ Catholic Trivia~ start off with an easy question: **What does the term "Gospel" mean?**
  - a) God Bless
  - b) Word of the Lord
  - c) Story of our Ancestors
  - d) Good News

Answer will be on our website this week!
- Please see the Faith Formation page on our website for schedules, calendars, forms and everything faith formation!
- **Help Others Pray Encourage - keep HOPE alive! Try to say a Hail Mary each day this week and ask Mary to help you offer HOPE!**

## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**MINISTRY FAIR ~ All are WELCOME adults and children to join us at our SAINTS+SNACKS+SERVICES Ministry Fair today, Sunday, Oct. 20 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the school gym. FREE donuts, cider, popcorn and pizza will be sold at \$1.00 a slice. BE the LIGHT** and become **involved** in one of our **Parish Ministries!** Games, prizes, crafts and FF students will receive a HOPE Hour for coming and participating in our Saint Scavenger Hunt! Prizes include Amazon gift cards! **Be a SAINT! and Join us! Sponsored by our YM CORE Team!**

**TOILETRY DRIVE ~ WOW! GOD IS GOOD!** On behalf of St. John/St. Ann's Outreach Center we thank all of our Faith Formation students Grades 1-12 and our parish for their generous support to our toiletry drive! Your donations were bagged and will be given to homebound senior citizens served at the center this Christmas! Extra items will be given out to our neighbors who use the food pantry. Special thanks to Colleen Ellis, a Core Team member for supervising our drive! **TOGETHER WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

**BAKE SALE ~** Next weekend October 26 - 27, our Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Programs will be hosting a **"Sweet Bake Sale for our young neighbors in need!"** Please stop by the Gathering Hall for a "Sweet Treat" or two. Funds will be used to purchase Teddy Bears for St. Catherine's Center for Children and Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks for those in need.

**ESSAY CONTEST ~ WIN A \$1000! 2019 Maryknoll Student Essay Contest ~** Pope Francis challenges young people in his letter Christ Alive, "Learn to swim against the tide, learn how to share Jesus and the faith he has given you." Write an essay explaining how and with whom you share the good news of God's love. Entries must be submitted online by Friday, Nov. 15 to MaryknollSociety.org. Entry forms are located in Gathering Hall! Good Luck!

### 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

**Ladies Night Out: Paint and Socialize - Friday, November 15, 7:00-10:00 p.m. ~** Open to ladies 21 and over of the school/parish of St. Thomas the Apostle and their friends. Includes creation of a beautiful canvas painting, wine, dessert, raffle drawings and more! Tickets can be purchased for \$25 per person through the school office. For more information or to purchase your tickets, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org).

**Join us for Trunk-or-Treat! ~ We invite everyone** to join us at our **special** Trunk-or-Treat event from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25. Trunk-or-Treat is an enjoyable twist on Halloween fun, where St. Thomas school families park their cars in the church lot, open their trunks or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy and/or treats from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick-or-treating fun! This **FREE** event is open to all Capital District families. **FREE Tickets are available at** <https://sts-trunk-or-treat.eventbrite.com>.

**Did you know? ~** St. Thomas the Apostle School offers:

- Personalized attention, small group learning and advanced studies.
- Classroom performances are validated on both state and national tests.
- Interests and talents can be explored in music, art, theater, world languages and physical education along with educational field trips and a variety of extracurricular activities.
- Students learn the importance of being healthy and active by participating in school sports teams & clubs.
- Family friendly, secure, warm and nurturing environment.
- Affordable before and after school programs
- Financial Aid may be available.

**St. Thomas Tour ~** Whether your child is a three-year-old entering school for the first time, an eighth grader eager to prepare for high school or anything in between, it's never too early nor too late to start them on the path that is right for them. Come and see what a difference St. Thomas the Apostle School can make for your family. Interested in a Tour/Shadow Day? Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org). We currently have limited openings in Preschool 3 - Grade 8.

### Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: [jdschrempf6@gmail.com](mailto:jdschrempf6@gmail.com) or Marie Myer: [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

#### Interfaith Partnership Meeting

**ALL PARISHIONERS** are invited to participate in the new **Bethlehem Interfaith Creation Care Team meeting Oct. 24, 7 to 7:45 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria.** Join in planning an Interfaith community caring for creation event. Also, consider being part of **The St. Thomas Creation Care Team.** Stay for the monthly meeting that will follow the Interfaith gathering from 7:45 to 8:30 pm that night. Want to know more? Use one of the email addresses attached to this notice.

#### Pope Francis, A Man Of His Word

**MARK** your calendar to attend a showing of the movie **Pope Francis, A Man of His Word, Oct. 27, noon to 2 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria.** This showing, open to all in the parish, is cosponsored by St. Thomas Youth Ministry and the parish Creation Care Team.

#### Renewable Energy/Sustainable Living Fair

**SAVE the Date: Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Armory at Sage College, 130 New Scotland Ave, Albany.** Largest indoor/outdoor environmental fair in the Capital Region. Learn more about sustainable living options. <https://caseonline.org/>

### Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

**RCIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~** One of the best ways to grow in your own faith is to accompany someone who is coming into faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please consider exploring the possibility of becoming an RCIA team member. There are many roles on the team, such as people to do dismissal with catechumens, catechists, hospitality folks, and sponsors. Check to see which ones match your talents! Contact Paul Edmundson at 518-439-4951 if you are interested.



## Community

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** ~ Build faith through love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 1-3 in East Windsor, CT and Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Dave Pettigrew Live in Concert** ~ "There is Hope" concert to benefit addiction/recovery agencies. Opening remarks provided by Albany County Sheriff Craig D. Apple Sr., St. Matthew's Church, 25 Mountainview St., Voorheesville, Sun. Nov. 10, 6 p.m., General Admission, Doors open at 5 p.m., Pre-sale: \$15, Tickets At Door: \$20, V.I.P. Q&A 4:30 p.m. \$30, Early Admission 4:00 p.m. Tickets On-Line: iTickets.com, By Phone: 1-800-965-9324. **DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP!**

**Volunteer Opportunity** ~ Join Catholic Charities for a **VITA Open House, THIS WEEKEND**, Sunday, October 20 to learn more about *Volunteer Opportunities* during January through April at 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, 12203. Flyer on the Community Bulletin Board.

+ Learn more about Greeter & Tax Preparer volunteer opportunities

+ Exposure to hands-on tax preparation and e-filing

+ Become an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer, for free!

+ Work with a team of wonderful volunteers

+ A great resume building experience and a rewarding opportunity

+ Flexible program, which can work within your schedule

+ The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program provides FREE tax preparation services for individuals and/or households with annual income of \$55,000 or less. We return millions of dollars in refunds and tax preparation fees to NY each year!

## Christian Service



**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, October 26-27. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating.

**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

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**Stopping Envelopes While You Are Away** ~ If you receive offertory envelopes and plan to be away during the coming months, please let us know and we can temporarily stop your envelopes. The Dec./Jan. envelopes will be ordered on November 1, so please let us know by that date. Thanks.

**AmazonSmile – Make Your Gift-Giving Count!** ~ As we approach the gift-buying and gift-giving season, (or for any products you buy online) don't forget about AmazonSmile! All you have to do is make your purchases through AmazonSmile and their Foundation will make a donation to the charity of your choice...hopefully the parish and the school! The AmazonSmile website is operated by Amazon with the same products, pricing and shopping features as Amazon.com. 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>

**Thanks!**

**World Mission Sunday ~ SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday in solidarity with missions throughout the world. **Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in this week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR OCT 12-OCT 13, 2019

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	<b>\$11,487.90</b>
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	<b>\$1,402.50</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$12,890.40</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)</b>	<b>\$644.52</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS</b>	<b>\$1,389.40</b>

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

## Calendar

Mon	10/21	6:30 pm	"Food for Thought"	MC
Thu	10/24	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Thu	10/24	7 pm	Creation Care Meetings	CAFE

**PLACE:** CH – Church; GH – Gathering Hall; LC – Lady Chapel; MC – Media Center; PO – Parish Offices, PP – Peace Pole, Café-Cafeteria, LCR—Large Conference Room Rec Dining room, CHP-Chapel SCH-School

**Advertiser of the Week** ~ This weekend we highlight one of the valued companies advertising in our bulletin:

**Paul R. Edwards, Attorney at Law**

His advertising dollars help bring this bulletin to you.

**Please see his ad in the current bulletin.**

**Be sure to patronize his business!**

## ***Mass Intentions***

*For the Week of October 21, 2019 - October 25, 2019*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Jack Haggerty</b> <i>Marcia Wendth</i> <b>Jim McGlynn</b> <i>Al and Jeanne Schrempf</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Patricia McDonald</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ricchiuti</i> <b>Rose McAuliffe</b> <i>Rev. Richard Leskovar</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Ralph F. Vastola</b> <i>David Roos</i> <b>Margaret Roos</b> <i>David Roos</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Marge Piazza - living intention</b> <i>Mary Dolan</i> <b>Alex Kolchetski</b> <i>Mary Dolan</i>

### ***Next Weekend, October 26 - October 27, 2019***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Marcus Kaplan</b> <i>Hospodar Family</i> <b>Lonnie Tomlin, 3rd Anniv.</b> <i>His Wife, Carol</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Antonietta and Renato Bonanni</b> <i>Meritato and Bonanni Families</i> <b>Joseph Palmeri</b> <i>Marie and Ralph</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For The People</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Barbara Young-Gibson</b> <i>Jeanne Farley</i> <b>Kathy Frazier</b> <i>Elsie Whiting</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of October 20, 2019***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ex 17:8-13 / 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 / Lk 18:1-8</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Rom 8:1-11 / Lk 13:1-9</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14</b>

