



**OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 11, 2020**

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## Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle



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**Office Hours: Closed**

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#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.  
 Holy Days As Announced

#### WEEKDAY MASS

No Weekday Masses

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Eucharistic Adoration in July and August

#### RECONCILIATION

by appt. only

#### 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 Paul Edmundson in 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.

#### ANOIDING 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 PARISHIONER

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."



**Download Our Parish App at [MyParishApp.com](http://MyParishApp.com)!**

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**To proclaim and celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in a community of faith, to respond to the Spirit by recognizing the gifts of each individual and by encouraging their use in Christian service to others and to spread the Word to others by the witness of our lives in order to encourage growth in our relationships with God and with one another.**

## Pastor's Corner



**Attending Mass** ~ If you plan to attend, please be sure to review the letter which Father Berberian sent to all parishioners. It is also posted on our website, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org). This letter gives the specifics as to what you will need to do to attend. Please remember to wear a mask (must cover both nose and mouth), bring your hand sanitizer, and remember to be here 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. For those of you not yet able to attend, the dispensation from attending Mass continues, so you may always watch Masses "livestreamed" by going to the Diocesan website: [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org).



**Volunteers for Mass Needed** ~ We still need volunteers for Mass to serve as Greeters, Ushers and Cleaners. **To continue to offer two Masses, we need more people to help out**, if they are able, to ensure the same people are not asked to serve too frequently.



**We also need additional Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for each Mass** ~ If you think you would now be comfortable serving, please contact Pat Holm in the parish office. Thank you.

*Appointments Only*

**Parish Office** ~ The office continues to be open by appointment only. Please contact any of us directly via email (see front page of the bulletin), by phone, 518-439-4951 or general email,

[office@stthomas-church.org](mailto:office@stthomas-church.org). Requests for Mass cards and sacramental records (i.e. baptism, marriage, etc.) can all be filled out online, or by calling the office.



**Private Prayer** ~ If you are planning on visiting the church, you will notice that we have closed off the church during the week. The chapel continues to be available for private prayer. On weekdays, the chapel is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The

chapel is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays. **Please remember to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Keely Aviza Barrett and Samantha Jane Bosakowski.

**Paul Edmundson**, a parishioner and Office Assistant here at St. Thomas recently completed the diocesan **Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry Formation**. During these past three years Paul has spent time in prayer, study and theological reflection in order to better serve our parish. We congratulate Paul – and his wife Linda – and thank God for the gift that they are to our faith community!

## 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.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE - The 48th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee** ~ We will continue the tradition of honoring milestone wedding anniversaries as we have for 48 years. Unfortunately, we cannot gather in person for Mass this year due to the pandemic. Couples are invited to submit their anniversary and contact information through their parish or at [marriage.jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:marriage.jubilee@rcda.org) by October 23. Couples will receive a certificate and blessing from Bishop Scharffenberger by postal mail. Questions can be directed to 518-453-6644 or [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"Help me, Lord, to see how you are at work, bringing life even in seemingly impossible circumstances. Help me to be open about my grief and honest about my fears. Help me to recognize your encouragement when it comes."** -- *Sacred Space: A Little Book of Encouragement*

**THANK YOU!** ~ To all that contributed to the two drives for our Pastoral Care Department. I was able to deliver 16 Blessing Bags to seniors in our parish. And, over \$350 worth of gift cards for our meal ministry were collected. The recipients are so appreciative and these gifts of time and generosity. These efforts help keep our parish united. Thank you especially to Mary Ann Hospodar and her team for organizing the drives.

**Meal Ministry** ~ If you know of someone who is going through a significant life event (birth, death, illness, hospitalization) and could benefit from our Gift Card Meal Ministry Program, please let Maura know. *This is not a financial need-based program.* We hope that providing a restaurant gift card or two for these folks can at least help alleviate the burden of shopping and cooking a meal for a time.

**Visitation Ministries** ~ Although our in-person ministries are on hold, we are continuing to send cards to our homebound and institutionalized, as well as telephone check-ins. If you know of someone who should be on the list to be contacted, please let Maura know.

**Cards!** ~ If you or your children/grandchildren are looking for a nice activity, we would love to have some handmade cards with happy messages to send on to our fellow parishioners who are isolated. Send them, or drop them at the Gathering Hall to Maura's attention. Let's continue to stay connected!



## Weekend Masses are continuing this weekend

### Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**It is not too late to register for Faith Formation Classes!!** ~ Registration forms for our entire program, grades 1-10, have been uploaded to our church website, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org). Click on the Faith Formation tab to navigate to the link where you will be able to download the forms. Return completed forms to our office via email, fax, snail mail, or by putting completed forms in a labeled basket located in the gathering space of the church.



First Communion celebrations have begun. We want to congratulate **David Doemel, Sebastian Engojo, Gavin McCann, Keoni McManus, Joseph Turoski, and John Wood** who received their First Holy Communion last weekend, October 3/4. Your parish family is so happy to welcome you to the Table of the Lord. May God Bless You All!

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)



Join us as we pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" this Sunday October 11 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany with Bishop Scharfenberger. Congratulations and blessings to all of our Candidates, their families and sponsors!



If you are a 7-12 grader or a parent of a 7-12 grader and enjoy being a leader, love the Lord, come join us at our next Youth Ministry CORE TEAM Gathering, Monday, Columbus Day, Oct. 12 from 10:30 to noon in the school yard! Meet some members of our CORE Team, for prayer, service and no tag kickball! Please RSVP by email to Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org).



Our Middle School and High School Faith Formation Classes will begin the week of October 18. We will begin our new year with our traditional Rosary Prayer Service honoring our Mother Mary. More information regarding virtual classes and our virtual Rosary Service will be shared via our Website and by email. Please continue to Pray for our Young church, their families and their catechists as we accompany one another on our faith journey!



**"I CAN DO THINGS YOU CANNOT. YOU CAN DO THINGS I CANNOT. TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!"** St. Mother Teresa

WOW together we have accomplished GREAT THINGS! Special thanks to our Jenny and Carson Mash, Erin and Connor Reilly, Anastasia and Kaitlin Strokes for restoring WWI soldier grave stones at St. Mary's Cemetery in Troy. Together we cleaned 11 stones and dug out 22 granite markers for cleaning!

Pastoral Care added beautiful quilted placements made by our Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting Ministry, homemade cards and holy cards to our Blessing Bags and delivered them to our fellow parishioners.

Maggie and Maeve Brymes from YM collected \$385 in gift cards at our Meal Ministry Drive while making a small fall craft for Pastoral Care!

TOGETHER we are accomplishing GREAT things and MAKING A DIFFERENCE! Check out pictures on our Youth Ministry Page of our Website!



Food Drive on Tuesday Oct. 13 from 3-4 p.m. in the Church Parking lot is for St. James / St. Francis Food Pantry. They are most in need of rice, jelly, cereal and boxes of Mac and Cheese. Or anything you can spare! Thanks for your support!

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)

**Congratulations** to Sebastian Engojo and Joseph Turoski, Jr. who recently celebrated their First Communion! May the Sacred Host that you received at your First Holy Eucharist be a source of inspiration each day of your life.

**Already enrolled in our Part-Day 4-Year-Old program?** ~ How about adding our Enrichment Program to have your child in school five days per week? This program runs Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:15-3:15. If interested, please contact Jennifer Murphy at [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) or 518-439-5573.

**Are you looking for a school with limited class sizes which allow for safe in-person instruction every day? Whether your child is a four-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** ~ If you'd like to know more about

## Two Masses are scheduled - Sat. 5PM and Sun. 10AM

what a Catholic school education could mean for your child, please contact Jennifer Murphy at [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) or 518-439-5573. **We currently have limited openings for in-person instruction in Preschool 4 – Grade 8.**

**Do you enjoy working with children? We are currently seeking applicants to fill the roles of Substitute Teachers.** If you are interested, please email your resume and cover letter to [office@stthomas-school.org](mailto:office@stthomas-school.org).

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

### Creation Care Team

(Contact: Marie Myer: [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

***"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plans for peace, beauty, and fullness."*** (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home)

**BE AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD** ~ Help keep the Hudson River and its tributaries clean for people and wildlife. Join the Capital Region Interfaith Creation Care Coalition (CRICCC) and Riverkeeper for a clean-up of Hudson Shores Park in Watervliet on **Oct. 17 or Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This is the 9th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep day of service. It is suitable for children ages 10 and above with adult supervision. Social distancing and masks will be required.

To register, as well as for directions to the Park and information about the clean-up day including clothing to wear, possible tools to bring, use the link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/watervliet-hudson-shores-park-cleanup-registration-119481132283>

Questions? Contact Riverkeeper at [sweep@riverkeeper.org](mailto:sweep@riverkeeper.org) or site leaders Barbara Leonard at [glengang17@verizon.net](mailto:glengang17@verizon.net) or Barry Pendergrass at [bpenderg37@gmail.com](mailto:bpenderg37@gmail.com).

### Community

**St. Thomas Choir** ~ My dear fellow parishioners, your St. Thomas Choir has begun meeting virtually each week, hoping to create virtual Choir music ministry presentations that will be presented on our parish website, and, eventually, aired through the sound system at Masses. We have greatly missed being together and singing at Mass, but that will not be safe for the foreseeable future. We just want you to know that we are still a community that prays by singing, and that we hope to be available soon to enrich your prayer life! Nelly

### Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**World Mission Sunday ~ NEXT SUNDAY** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. **Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in NEXT week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING -- A CONVENIENT METHOD FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE PARISH** ~ As many parishioners know, our electronic giving program, through Vanco, is a convenient and secure method for making contributions to the parish, whether it's offertory contributions, donations for other holy days, or even the Bishop's Appeal. You can set it up to make contributions weekly, monthly or annually and it ensures that your support to the parish is on an ongoing basis. It is a simple process, and you can make changes directly as needed. We encourage you to take advantage of this program and there are several options to get you started. You can now **go to our website, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org), 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! Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office for help.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR OCTOBER 3–4, 2020

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| OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION ** | \$5,555.00  |
| OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)      | \$2,310.00  |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED                     | \$7,865.00  |
| WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES | \$14,500.00 |
| TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)                | \$393.25    |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS                        | 145         |
| ** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS                 | \$228.00    |

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

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

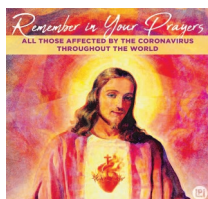
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Their advertising dollars help bring this bulletin to you.

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

**Be sure to patronize their business!**

**Weekday Mass Intentions**  
For the Week of October 12-October 16, 2020



**THERE ARE NO WEEKDAY  
MASSES CURRENTLY  
SCHEDULED.**

**IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
PRAY AT HOME OR IN THE CHAPEL.**

**All weekday Mass intentions will be honored when  
Father Berberian celebrates daily Mass privately.**

**Next Weekend, October 17 - 18, 2020**

**For the People**

**Sat. 5:00 pm Patricia O'Connor**  
*Susan O'Connor*

**Connie O'Neill**  
*Ladies of the Altar Guild*

**Harold J. "Ike" Berben Sr.**  
*Spallane Family*

**Sun. 10:00 am Margaret Roos**  
*David Roos*

**Barbara Griffin**  
*Tina Perlegis*

**Eileen Amodeo**  
*Maria Villa and Sean Mullany*

**Scripture Readings: Week of October 11, 2020**

**Sunday Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14**

**Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 / Lk 11:29-32**

**Tuesday Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41**

**Wednesday Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11: 42-46**

**Thursday Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54**

**Friday Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7**

**Saturday Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 12:8-12**

**Sunday Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21**

**PARISHES OF OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES**

**Westmere**

**Christ the King Church: 456-1644, Sat: 4 pm / Sun: 8:30, 10:30 am**

**Altamont**

**St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church: 861-8770, Sun: 9:30 am**

**Voorheesville**

**St. Matthew's Church: 765-2805, Sat: 5 pm / Sun: 9:30 am**