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Blessing the new libraries

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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 12:15 pm with 11:30 am

Reconciliation

Thursday: 7:30 am

Friday: 12:15 pm with 1:00 pm

Adoration

Saturday: 5:00 pm with 4:00 pm

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00 am | 5:00 pm

Reconciliation also by appointment.

Baptisms, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and Matrimony please contact the Parish Office for information.

Anointing of the Sick offered the first Tues. of the month after 12:15 pm Mass or by request.

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

RECONNECT AND REJOICE

PARISH NEWS UPDATE

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

NEW OUTDOOR LIBRARIES

We are so blessed to have among us carpenters: Rick Barnes, Daniel Ryan, Joe Catalano, Dan and children Abby & Eli Proper, construction muscle: Ted and son Liam Witting and blacksmith, Jim Moran who worked together to create our church libraries located on Delaware Ave. & Adams Place. We pray the libraries will serve as an invitation to our neighbors to Reconnect and Rejoice with our parish family. Please note we are a borrowing library only. Notice will be given when we are accepting book donations in a few weeks.

REMINDER

This is our fifth week of MS/HS Faith Formation Classes. Please remember to submit your All Saints Day Mass Reflection. If you are unable to participate during your assigned class time, use our Weekly Class Change Request/ Absence Form. Thank you for signing up for HOPE opportunities on our Youth Ministry webpage.



GET IN TOUCH

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PARISH TRUSTEES

Carmel Foltan and Joseph V. DiStefano

St. Thomas Reads Book Club hosting Sunday Hospitality

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer this week:

Beth S.

Tuck

For the family of Fr. Ken Doyle

Active and veteran military

Those in nursing homes

All special intentions

Members of our parish family who

have recently died, may the Lord

welcome them into Eternal Life.

Call Pam Seward: (518) 439-7845

to have a confidential prayer request prayed for. Please call the parish office to notify of persons who would like a visit or home Communion.

PARISH NEWS UPDATE

PEACE AND PUBLIC POLICY

FEDERAL PUBLIC POLICY/LEGISLATION UPDATE AS OF 10/11/22

President Biden signed a Presidential Determination of 125,000 refugee admissions to the US for fiscal year 2023 & the Administration began Operation Enduring Welcome on Oct 1 to resettle Afghans who fall into one of three categories.

On Oct 5, a decision on the DACA program stated it could go forward only for current recipients known as "Dreamers" but no new first-time applications would be processed.

The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act passed both houses of Congress and is headed to the President's desk.

ST. THOMAS READS BOOK CLUB

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHOSEN

From Angel Studio, *The Chosen* is a multi-series about the life of Christ. All are welcome to join us as we watch and discuss in the St. Thomas the Apostle School Media Center at 6 pm on these remaining dates:

CREATION CARE

RECYCLE AT DELMAR FARMERS' MARKET

Nov 19, 10-1 pm Cosponsors: Bethlehem Central School District Green Team, Delmar Farmers Market, and Grassroot Givers. Document shredding limited to residents & BCSD taxpayers (3 medium sized boxes per household), books collected for reuse or recycling by Grassroot Givers, wearable clothing/useable textiles to be worn/reused by people in need, non-wearable clothing/non-useable textiles will be recycled for fiber, adult & kids bikes collected for reuse by Troy Bike Rescue & Wheels Up are all being collected.

HELP PLAN...

...Creation Care Team's 2023 activities.

Next meeting: Nov. 14, 7 pm at the Church. All ages are invited.

November 10	Episode 2 and 3
November 17	Episode 4
December 1	Episode 5
December 8	Episode 6 (Following the 5:30 pm Holy Day Mass)

PASTOR'S CORNER

CYO REGISTRATION, CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK, & RETREAT OFFERING

Please note that the **parish office will be closed** this Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. The 12:15 pm Mass will still be celebrated.

The **Scouts of Troop 71** would like to thank parishioners for their participation in our very successful Chicken BBQ fundraiser on October 20th. We greatly appreciate your support.

A complete list of **resources for Walking with Moms in Need** is now on the parish website.

If you have a child in grades 2-8 interested in playing basketball for **St. Thomas CYO**, please contact cyo@stthomas-church.org for registration information. The season runs from November to March.

Our Active Senior group invites you to their next **Senior luncheon on November 18** meeting at 12:15 for Mass and then lunch together. Reserve your spot by November 14 or to cancel, contact Steve or Christine Corson at 518-439-3286. They will be collecting Christmas cards signed "Your friend at St. Thomas" to be given to our homebound parishioners. If you like to bake, would you be able to help us out this month by baking a pie?

On **Nov. 8, 3-4pm** in the church parking lot we will be collecting new gifts of warmth: hats, gloves, socks, scarves for men and women for our Tuesday Drive.

This week begins **National Vocations Awareness Week**. There will be educational stories on our social media all week. To conclude the week, join us in celebrating Religious Vocations November 13 from 11:15-12:30 pm with a light lunch.

Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate as we pray for religious vocations and break into small groups to listen as the Sisters of Life, Fr. Dan and Dcn. Al share how God has called them to love and serve the Lord. Sign up in the gathering hall if you plan to join us or email Mary Ann Hospodar.

Please **help me in welcoming** Harrison Shawn Yost and Owen James Corbett who were recently baptized and new parishioners Patricia DeAngelis and her son, Henry; Christopher and Andrea Denio, and their children Clairra and Aliza; and Kevin and Jennifer Frick, and their children Robert, Daniel, Benjamin, and Margaret. We are so glad you are here!

Finally, there are many community events and prayer opportunities you may wish to partake in. There will be a **Mass of Remembrance** at St. Kateri Shrine: Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 am.

An evening of music, inspiration and learning to address anxiety and **mental health of our youth**, their friends and families will take place at St. Edward the Confessor Church on Nov 18 at 6:30 pm. Registration begins at 6 pm.

Nov 19 from 10-4:30 pm, St. Matthew's, Voorheesville will host a Mass and **retreat by The Joshua Foundation** inspired by the movie, *The Chosen*. Lead by Sr. Dorothy Ederer, O.P. and Deacon Gary Riggi, the retreat will show movie clips to inspire reflection and discussion about Jesus and his Apostles. \$50 pp includes retreat, lunch and book. Register at Joshuamountainministries.org

God Bless, *Fr. Rick*



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING OCTOBER 22-23

Weekly Collection: \$8,840.05
E-giving: \$2,482.00
Total Received: \$11,302.05
Minimum needed
for Expenses: \$14,500.00
5% Parish Tithe: \$565.10
Loose Cash Gifts: \$1,164.05
Number of Gifts: 239
World Mission Sunday: \$1,504.50

CALL TO MINISTRIES

SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT IN ONE OF THESE EXCITING MINISTRIES CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Visitor/Communion Ministers for our homebound - *contact Julie Bablin*
Transportation Ministry - *contact Julie Bablin*
RCIA Team Members - *contact Parish Office*
Acolytes/Altar Servers (all ages who have received First Communion) - *contact Parish Office*

THANK YOU

We thank you for your continued support of the parish through your time, talent and treasure.

EDUCATIONAL, SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

Hospitality at all Masses: November 6, 11 am | Church and Gathering Hall

HS Agape Latte: November 6, 6 pm | Church Gathering Hall | grades 9-12 invited

Tuesday Drive: November 8, 3-4 pm | Church Parking Lot

The Chosen Viewing and Discussion: November 10, 6 pm | School Media Center | Showing episodes 2 & 3, All are welcome!

Office Closed: November 11 | Veterans Day

Mass of Remembrance: November 11, 11 am | St. Kateri Shrine | Refreshments offered

Eucharistic Adoration: November 11, 1 pm | Church

Religious Vocations Panel: November 13, 11:15 am | Church and Gathering Hall | light lunch offered, all ages welcome

Creation Care Team Meeting: November 14, 7 pm | Large Conference Room | All are welcome

Youth Mental Health Evening: November 18, 6:30 pm | St. Edward the Confessor Church | Registration at 6 pm

Retreat inspired by The Chosen: November 19, 10-4:30 pm | St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville | \$50 pp includes retreat, lunch and book. Register at Joshuamountainministries.org

For more information visit our website.



MASS INTENTIONS

7, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 7:30 AM

Virgilia Reeners

requested by Frank and Carole Blake

Louis Bauer

requested by Ellen Roberts

8, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 12:15 PM

Michael Higgins

requested by Barbara Flynn

Kathleen, Daniel, and Patrick McCarthy

requested by their parents

10, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 7:30 AM

Thomas Jeram (4th Anniversary)

requested by his family

Brian Browne

requested by Michael and Eileen

Casey

11, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 12:15 PM

Gioconda Angerame (33rd Anniversary)

requested by her daughter

Caroline Cirino (17th Anniversary)

requested by Andrea Angerame

Denis Slattery

requested by the family

12, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 5:00 PM

Catherine DePuccio

requested by Catherine Daley

William Sharkey (1st Anniversary)

requested by Nancy and Peter

Applebee

13, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Grace M. Ricchiuti

requested by Robert and Patricia

Ricchiuti

Matthew Manzella

requested by Patrick Raimo

13, NOVEMBER, 2022 | 5:00 PM

For the People

PARISH NEWS UPDATE

SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AND SPONSORING OUR GALA!

St. Thomas the Apostle School would like to thank the many supporters of our gala honoring Sister Mary Frederick. We are also most grateful to our diamond sponsors, the Degan family; Edward, Ultima, Michael, and Mary Margaret. And, to our platinum sponsors; Fr. Rick Lesser and Anne and Denis Hurley. Everyone's generosity will ensure the gift of a St. Thomas education for future generations. If you would like to honor Sister Mary Frederick, please send your donation to St. Thomas the Apostle School, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054.

THANKSGIVING IS AROUND THE CORNER. LET US HELP WITH DESSERT!

Order your Thanksgiving pies from Perfect Blend Café and Bakery and they will donate \$3 to St. Thomas for every pie! With more than 12 pies to choose from, everyone will be happy. To order pies go to perfectblendcafe.com and enter promo code STS-PTO and select your pickup date. It's that easy!

PASTORAL CARE

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Amail Safari was shot and paralyzed in the line of duty as an interpreter for US forces in Afghanistan. We are gathering volunteers that will help him move out of the nursing home into an apartment. Please call Julie Bablin if you would like to be a part of this team.

8TH GRADE DINE OUT NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Come to Romo's Pizza November 9th from 4-8pm. Located at 365 Feura Bush Road Glenmont, NY 12077. St. Thomas the Apostle School receives 10% of your dine in or take out order. Funds raised will go towards the 8th graders' D.C. trip.

DRIVE-THRU BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR 8TH GRADE TRIP TO D.C.

Thursday, November 17 from 4-7 pm
Pre-order your BBQ chicken dinner (made by Frese's Catering in Ravena) and pick it up in our school lot. Dinner includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken with Frese's house marinade, Baked Potato, Seasonal Veggie (corn or green beans), Cole Slaw, Rolls and Cookies. Order forms can be found in the Gathering Hall.

CATHOLIC CULTURE

WOMEN OF THE WORD

EVE, THE VERY FIRST WOMAN

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them"- Genesis 1:27

Eve is the mother of humankind. She was the first woman and first wife. She was made by God, on the 6th day of Creation, as a reflection of his image to be a helper to Adam. The two were to tend to the Garden of Eden, the perfect place to live. Together they would fulfill God's purpose of human relationships and populating the world.

The rest is history....Genesis 2-3

REFLECT

FIRST READING

The story from Second Maccabees recounts how Jews were tortured to death for refusing to violate God's laws. It is also one of the earliest writings from the Old Testament that speak to the Jewish belief in the resurrection from the dead for those who suffer for the faith. Would you have the courage to die for your faith?

SECOND READING

Paul asks the believers in Thessalonica to pray for him, Silvanus, and Timothy "to be delivered from perverse and wicked people." What would you like your faith community to pray about for you?

GOSPEL

The Sadducees attempted to trap Jesus with a marriage riddle about the resurrection of the dead. How do you deal with friends who challenge what you believe?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thursday, Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday, Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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