

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 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel.

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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR 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, July 29-30, 2017, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | <u>CELEBRANT</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>SERVERS</u> | <u>EM TEAM</u> |
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| 5:00 p.m. | Father Berberian | Barbara Kavanagh & Dan Coffey | Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio | 3 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Father Berberian | Alba Giordano & David Rothfuss | Kailee Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan | 3 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Father Berberian | Annemarie Farrell & Michael Connolly | Morgan Sears & Andrew Thorp | 2 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Father Berberian | Karen Jones & Hank Steadman | Maggie Walters & Mikolaj Wloszczynski | 2 |

Parish News

Missionary Cooperative – Second Collection

This Weekend ~ Every year the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office assigns a group to each parish for a special presentation and collection for work in the missions. For **THIS WEEKEND**, the Office has assigned Reverend Jan Kwiecien, Redemptorist, who will speak on behalf of the Redemptorists ministries in Ukraine and Russia. The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer is a missionary congregation that ministers to more than 70 countries around the world. Their next project is building a church and pastoral center in Togiatti—central Russia. Your generosity helps make this possible. **Please be prepared for a special collection when we will “pass the basket” a second time to receive your support for this worthy cause.**

Bishop’s Appeal 2017 - “Being Ambassadors for Christ”

~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 464 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$188,602 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Prayer & Worship

Prayer Chain ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

“The world tells us to seek success, power & money; God tells us to seek humility, service & love,” Pope Francis

No better way to demonstrate love to others than through ministry! There are a number of ways to become involved in ministry in our parish. Check out the new website or contact Maura to find out more!

Welcome - To our newest Pastoral Care Minister

~ **Seamus Barrett!** You can be part of our group too! We would love to have you serve with us! Flexible scheduling, give as much or as little time as you are able.

Adult Funeral Acolytes Needed ~ Do you have a couple of hours now and again, usually in the morning? Supporting our priests and grieving families during funerals is such a gift. Acolytes serve in teams of two; training provided. Service is on an “as needed” basis as your schedule allows. Contact Maura if you are interested in learning more about this ministry opportunity.

Atria Delmar Place and Kenwood Manor are the two Assisted Living facilities in our parish community where we provide weekly Rosary and Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Most of those residents can no longer get to Mass and rely on these services for continued spiritual growth. They are so very appreciative of our services. Scheduling is once every 4-5 weeks, or you can serve as a substitute. Let Maura know if you are interested in joining this great team.

Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry

~ You don’t have to be an expert to join this amazing team. If you are interested in assisting with putting together knitted, crocheted and quilted blankets and other items ~ this group is for you! **Guidance can be provided for the novices!** This team creates beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6”x6” “squares” made of medium weight, or 4”x4” of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer from anyone who would like to make them. If you would like to become more active with this group please contact Christina Ryan at 518-439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura.

Our Meal Ministry Team provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support, OR if you would like to join the team please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email.** Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

Hospital Visitation Ministry ~ Would you like to join us? Our team of ministers visits hospitalized members of our parish to provide spiritual support and assist in linking them with services in our parish upon discharge. This is a very meaningful ministry for both the recipient and the minister. Visits can be done days, evenings, or weekends, and are usually once every 5 weeks. Training provided. Let Maura know if you would be interested in assisting in this area on a regular basis, or as a substitute.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation offices are now closed for the summer until Monday, August 21, 2017 ~

Messages will be checked periodically from now until then. Have a fantastic summer!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Catechists, assistants and gatekeepers needed for next year! ~ Please consider sharing your faith journey with the young people of our parish. Contact Elizabeth or Colleen in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Concert for Vocations 2017 ~ St. Pius X Church in Loudonville will be hosting this year's concert on Tuesday, August 8, Holy Hour and Benediction with Bishop Scharfenberger at 6 p.m., concert by religious, seminarians, deacons and priests of the Diocese of Albany at 7 p.m. and refreshments to follow. Please come to support and to say thank you to the religious of our diocese! See you at the concert!

Diocesan Synod Survey ~ Bishop Scharfenberger is asking for **your input** on our Diocesan Synod set for Autumn 2018 entitled: **Who are the Young People of the Church?** The survey is only open until August 31! So please respond in a timely fashion. Youth Ministry is defined as young people age 12-18, Young Adult Ministry is defined as age 19-39. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5ZVC7B>. Your assistance is most appreciated!

School News

Substitute Teaching Vacancies ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. All teachers must be Virtus Trained. Interested candidates may forward a cover letter and resume to Thomas Kane, Principal, St. Thomas the Apostle School, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054 or via email to office@stthomas-school.org.

We welcome you to learn more about St. Thomas the Apostle School's preschool-grade 8 ~ Students at St. Thomas the Apostle School are encouraged to think, create and understand. From our youngest students in preschool to our 8th graders who are preparing for high school, it is always our goal to empower each and every student to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment which is rich in Catholic tradition. Our academic setting offers personalized attention and small group learning, advanced math and science opportunities, and a growing physical education and arts program. Please call us today 518-439-5573 or visit www.stthomas-school.org. Applications are currently being accepted for September 2017 enrollment.

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 program may be for you.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for Baptized Christians and individuals who have never been Baptized who wish to learn more about and explore the possibility of joining our Catholic faith and for Baptized Catholics who wish to be confirmed. We have a wonderful group of people who would like to accompany you on such a faith journey.

There are **inquiry sessions** scheduled for **Tuesday, September 5 - Thursday, September 7** at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall if you think you would like to join the program.

Next year's class will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. in the Large Conference Room and runs through the Easter Vigil on March 31. Contact Paul Edmundson at the parish office if you want more information.

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrepf: jdscschrepf@verizon.net or Marie Myer myermarie@yahoo.com.)

"...creation is a gift, it is the marvelous gift that God has given us, so that we will take care of it and harness it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude. (Pope Francis, 5/21/14)

Summer rain runoff can bring pollutants to our water system. The US Environmental Protection Agency offers simple suggestions to help us Care for Creation.

Prevent Water Pollution From Summer Rain Runoff

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters.
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.

- Compost your yard waste.
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly. (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Community

The Public Policy Ministry and Creation Care Team want you to **SAVE THE DATE**, Monday, October 16, for the seventh "Food for Thought," entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. This interactive presentation begins with prayer/reflection and uses music, poetry, story, discussion and science and the art of Marion Honors, CSJ., as we reflect on the challenges set forth by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*. The Public Policy Ministry and the Creation Care Team invite you to join us at 6:30 pm in St. Thomas School for light refreshments before the program at 7 pm (Optional free-will offering). Registration will begin after Labor Day. Join the Public Policy Ministry; call Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or email mariec-opeland62@gmail.com. The next Public Policy Meeting is Wednesday, August 16, in the Gathering Hall.

KIDZ LUNCHBOX ~ The Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC) is an ecumenical organization that provides support to those living in impoverished neighborhoods in Albany, NY and surrounding communities. One of CACC's programs is the "Kidz Lunchbox". This mobile program provides lunches to children in the West Hill and South End neighborhoods of Albany during the summer. Although many children are eligible for school lunch programs throughout the school year, lunch during the summer months is often fraught with barriers. The Kidz Lunchbox program was designed as a stopgap measure to address food insecurity and child hunger in Albany. **Volunteers are needed** to help pack and/or distribute lunches through August 10. The program operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Lunch packers gather at the First Lutheran Church, 646 State St, Albany at 11:00 and are usually finished by 11:30. All food and materials are provided. Lunch deliveries go from 11:30 to 12:30. If you are willing and able to pack and/or deliver lunches one or more of these days to address the child hunger problem in Albany (maybe during your lunch hour), please contact Paul Supple at (518) 221-7125. Thank you!

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating. Thank you, and as always, your generosity is appreciated.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father (July 29-30) - Be A Witness of Charity ~ Each year the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany participates in the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous in next week's collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Lost and Found ~ If you have been missing anything over the last several months, please be sure to check the "lost and found" bin in the area to the left of the church foyer (near the shopping carts.) We have acquired quite a collection, including hats, gloves, eye-glasses and books. Anything unclaimed as of **August 27** will be donated to those in need.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 15-16, 2017

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| Offertory | \$11,062.39 |
| Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco) | <u>\$945.00</u> |
| Total Offertory Received | \$12,007.39 |
| Tithe from this Offertory | \$600.37 |

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

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| Wed | 7/26 | 7 pm | Creation Care Team Meeting | LCR1 |
| Thu | 7/27 | 10 am | Bible Study | LCR1 |

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 July 24 - July 28, 2017

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| Mon. | 12:15 pm | Constance Mullen Albert | <i>Luke Mullen</i> |
| | | Living Intentions - Klob Family | <i>Anonymous</i> |
| Tues. | 7:30 am | Living Intentions - Kelsey Family | <i>Anonymous</i> |
| | | Living Intentions - Setlur Family | <i>Anonymous</i> |
| Wed. | 7:30 am | Ann Davison | <i>Her Children</i> |
| | | Living Intentions - LaMonica Family | <i>Anonymous</i> |
| Fri. | 12:15 pm | Living Intentions - Myrtle Family | <i>Anonymous</i> |
| | | Living Intentions - Holly Bergeron | <i>Anonymous</i> |

Next Weekend, July 29-30, 2017

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | John Barrett | <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i> |
| | | Louis Dempf | <i>Friends from Quail Hollow</i> |
| Sun. | 8:00 am | Frank Usher | <i>The Maeder Family</i> |
| | | Russell Norton | <i>The Family</i> |
| Sun. | 9:30 am | For The People | |
| | 11:00 am | Dolores Betor | <i>Son and Family</i> |
| | | John Schubmehl | <i>His Family</i> |

Scripture Readings: Week of July 23, 2017

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| Sunday | Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 |
| Monday | Ex 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42 |
| Tuesday | 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28 |
| Wednesday | Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 / Mt 13: 1-9 |
| Thursday | Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 18-20b / Mt 13:10-17 |
| Friday | Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23 |
| Saturday | Ex 24:3-8 / Mt 13: 24-30 |
| Sunday | 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 |