

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, August 19-20, 2017, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Roberts & Hank Steadman	Kelsie Apicelli & Sarah Gill	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Mary Richards & David Rothfuss	Kailee Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Herman Reinhold	Bridget Connolly & Matthew Connolly	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Sarah Comi & Bob Conway	Eileen Desharnais & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	2

Parish News

Feast of The Assumption Of Mary ~ Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday evening at 6 p.m. Mass on Tuesday will be at 7:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m. You are invited to join us for the Eucharist on this Holyday.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 492 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$195,734 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Virtus Class Scheduled ~ Completion of a 2.5 hour Virtus class is required of **all** volunteers age 18 and older, in advance, for anyone who plans to volunteer to work with children at school, in Faith Formation, in CYO basketball, or in any other parish related activity. This class has been scheduled at the St. Thomas School media center on Sun., Aug. 27 at 12:00 p.m. Registration is required, and can be done through the website, www.virtus.org, and clicking on the "registration" Link.



We Congratulate
Ted Lackner And Mary Crandall
who were married on July 29, 2017.
May they be blessed through life.

Prayer & Worship

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses ~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. and the Mass on Tuesday, August 15 at 12:15 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve.

Training for New Acolytes ~ We are looking forward to new acolytes being trained, to start serving this Fall! Any child who has received First Eucharist is eligible to serve in this ministry. We have scheduled two training sessions: Sat., Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. and Tues. Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Your child only needs to attend one session. If your child is interested, please sign up at the oval table near the church foyer and indicate the session they will attend. Please be sure to take a permission slip which your child needs to bring to the session with them. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee ~ The 45th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held **Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany.** Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area of the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register with Paul at the parish office(518-439-4951).by September 21.

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)

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.

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.).

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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

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)

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!**

Middle School Diocesan Youth Rally ~ Be strong, bold, and courageous, Sun., Sept. 17, 2017, 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Liturgy celebrated at 5:30 p.m. with family! Hosted at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Road (Route 50), Glenville, NY 12302. Cost of \$12 includes t-shirt, food, activities and more! **Registration deadline is August 28!** Contact: Christine Goss at 518-399-9203 or visit www.icglenville.com/youth-rally for more information. Email Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org if you are interested in being a chaperone! Thank you!

Bottle & Can Drive Sept. 9 and 10 after all Masses! ~ Please start saving New York State deposit bottles and cans for our parish's **Water Project!** Students and parents are needed to separate and bag bottles and cans. Please sign up in Gathering Hall in our **Make a Difference** binder! Thank you for sharing the **gift of WATER.**

School News

Welcome Our New Associate for Enrollment and Development ~ We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Murphy will begin next month as the Associate for Enrollment and Development at St.

Thomas the Apostle School. As someone who has helped raise almost \$500,000 for our school as a volunteer, we are blessed to have her share her talents in the area of development, fundraising, and enrollment as a member of the administration.

Mrs. Murphy is a graduate of SUNY Oswego and Albany Law School where she earned her JD. She is admitted to practice in both Connecticut and New York. After practicing in NY, Mrs. Murphy focused her life on raising her three children. She has volunteered at St. Thomas for the past 8 years, and she brings with her professionalism and expertise that will help continue to move our school forward.

Cafeteria Aides and Recess Aides Wanted ~ St Thomas the Apostle School is looking for a few good people to help in the cafeteria and a few good people to help at recess.

- Cafeteria helpers (10:45 a.m. - 1:00 pm., 5 days a week) get the cafeteria ready for the students, distribute milk, help younger students open items from home, and monitor the noise level. Training is provided.
- Recess helpers (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 5 days a week) keep the children safe at recess on the climbing equipment, help monitor games and activities, sometimes play kickball or four square. Training is provided.

These are great positions for responsible people who love working with children and are able to keep up with them. The salary is \$11 an hour, but "the way it will make you feel is priceless". Please call Principal Tom Kane at 518-439-5573 for more information or email at TKane@stthomas-school.org

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdschrempf@verizon.net or Marie Myer myermarie@yahoo.com.)

On Care for Our Common Home ~ "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we **be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor** and to come to their aid." (Pope Francis, 11/24/13)

What Can Be Done To Answer "The Cry Of The Poor" Seeking Access to Clean Water?

St. Thomas the Apostle parish is partnering with The Water Project, a faith-based organization in Concord, New Hampshire, to build a well for an impoverished community in central Africa. Fundraising began this Spring and is

continuing with donations from parishioners and community members. Educational opportunities and fundraising events are planned for the Fall. To learn more about the needs of the people of central Africa as well as the work of our partner organization, The Water Project, go to thewaterproject.org.

Donations to the well project can be made directly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please **indicate "Parish Well Project" on the check memo line**. Contributions can be made as a tribute to someone, a memorial for a loved one, or a gift to commemorate a special occasion. We will use the bulletin and parish website www.stthomas-church.org to give progress reports as we work to meet our goal.

Christian Service

Job Opportunity at Catholic Charities ~ Catholic Charities is hiring a courier to work part-time (9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mon., Tues., Thur. and Fri.) out of the Albany office. Most travel will be within the Capital District and a vehicle is provided for business use. Must have a valid NY driver's license, a clean driving record, and the ability to lift and carry at least 30 pounds. Please call and ask to speak with Phyllis during business hours at 518-453-6650 if interested.

Community

"Food for Thought" ~ The Public Policy Ministry and the Creation Care Team invite you to attend the 7th "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. Sister Linda is an educator, hiker, and naturalist who holds a Masters Degree from the Earth Literacy Program at St. Mary of the Woods College in Indiana. The program is Free, with an optional free-will offering. There will be light refreshments in the School at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7 p.m. Registration begins after Labor Day.

Public Policy Ministry Advocacy Opportunity ~ Contact your Senators in Washington and encourage them to pass the bill to fight labor and sex trafficking in the US and abroad. The House has already passed a bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act that puts more than \$500 million over the next four years to fighting this scourge. The bill is now known as The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Act of 2017. Please visit www.worldvisionadvocacy.org/issues to send a message to your Senators. Thank you.

Join the Public Policy Ministry, call Marie Copeland at 518-439-4050 or email mariecopeland62@gmail.com. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.

SCHUYLER INN MINI-REFRIGERATOR DONATION DRIVE ~ The Schuyler Inn is an emergency homeless shelter in Menands serving 70 families who live in hotel sized rooms. Only a few of the rooms have refrigerators so families have to resort to filling their sink with ice to keep milk and other perishables from spoiling. Family Promise of the Capital Region is assisting the Schuyler Inn with a drive to collect mini-refrigerators for the rooms of the Inn. An anonymous donor from St. Thomas has already donated three mini-refrigerators. If you have a mini-refrigerator (the size typically found in college dorms and would like to donate to the Schuyler Inn, please call Mary Giordano of Family Promise at (518) 650-8895 or capitalregionfamilypromise@gmail.com.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Construction ~ As you are well aware Delaware Avenue is undergoing major construction that will be ongoing at least through the Fall. The Delaware entrances to our parking lot will be affected with pillars being temporarily removed and other work including sidewalk and curb changes. We encourage you to be very cautious as you drive in and out of the lot and appreciate your patience as they continue their work. Thanks.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 5-6, 2017

Offertory	\$11,398.09
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,310.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,708.09
Tithe from this Offertory	\$685.40

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	8/14	6 pm	Assumption Vigil Mass	CH
Tue	8/15	7:30 am 12:15 pm	Assumption of Mary Masses	CH
Wed	8/16	7 pm	Public Policy Mtg.	GH
Thu	8/17	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 August 14 - August 18, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Margaret Veldran <i>Arlene Grady</i>
		Glen Ann Aluise <i>Luke Mullen</i>
	6:00 pm	Vigil of the Assumption of Mary
Tues.	7:30 am	Alex Gadomski <i>Alice and Mike</i>
		Frank Daley <i>Vera Peek</i>
	12:15 pm	Assumption of Mary
Wed.	7:30 am	Frank Daley <i>Rocco and Nancy Losavio</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Margaret Veldran <i>Arlene Grady</i>

Next Weekend, August 19-20, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Logan Penzabene <i>Friends from Quail Hollow</i>
		Arthur Roberts <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For The People
Sun.	9:30 am	Carmelo Papa <i>Severena Papa and Family</i>
		Michael Kane <i>Al and Jeanne Schrempf</i>
	11:00 am	Angelina Rizzi <i>Her Cousins</i>
		Marian Boeck <i>Hank and Carolyn Steadman</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Dt 10:12-22 / Mt 17:22-27
Vigil	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 / 1 Cor 15:54b-57 / Lk 11:27-28
Assumption	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12 / Mt 18: 15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29 / Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Is 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15,29-32 / Mt 15:21-28