

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 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, June 23-24, 2018, Nativity of St. John the Baptist

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Mahar & Maureen Roberts	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	David Rothfuss & Colleen Flynn	Isabel Scisci & Shayla Harrigan	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Amanda Smith	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & Caleb Ells	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bill Burkhard & Peggy Hogan-Rao	Ryan McCarroll & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

Pastor's Corner

"SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" --

2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL ~ Through the end of June, we will continue to focus on our 2018-19 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$199,166. To date we have received 402 gifts and pledges, a total of \$175,037 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Thomas the Apostle School eighth graders who had their Graduation last Friday evening in the church. We wish you well on the next steps of your faith-filled life journey.

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.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

At the end of our life we shall be judged by charity." – St. Paul of the Cross

Ministers are needed to lead Rosary and Communion Services at Atria Delmar Place on Tuesdays mornings ~ Our dedicated team leads this service approximately once every 4-5 weeks on Tuesday mornings at 10. The service lasts about 45 minutes. We could use some additional helpers. Many of the folks at Delmar Place are no longer able to get to Mass and the residents are very appreciative of the spiritual support they receive. Contact Maura if you are interested in joining this great group.

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. Flexible scheduling ~ 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.

Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry ~ Meeting reminder ~ Wednesday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. ~ 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.

Pastoral Care Support ~ Our Pastoral Care Department can provide support to you in your time of need. In addition to outreach services, we provide consultation, referral and educational materials on a variety of topics and issues in a confidential manner. Contact Maura.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

(Contact: Paul Edmundson)

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. Next year's class will begin in September and run through the Pentecost on June 9.

Contact Paul Edmundson at 518-439-4951, if you have any questions about the program.

Faith Formation

Offices are closed for the summer and will not be re-opening until late August. Email and voice messages will be checked intermittently over the summer weeks. **Registrations received during the summer weeks will be processed upon our return to the office in August.** Registration forms are available through the parish website at <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Many volunteers are still needed to staff next year's program!! ~ Please consider volunteering your time to this wonderful ministry for the coming year, and doing what we are **all** called to do.....pass our faith on to the next generation!! Leave a message with our faith formation department and we will get back to you as soon as possible to further discuss what is involved in becoming a volunteer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Thank you and Farewell ~ A heartfelt thank you to all the families who have graciously donated their time, talents and treasures to support the Middle and High School Faith Formation program. I am so appreciative of your continued support and dedication of your children on their faith journey.

I have resigned my position as the Middle and High School Coordinator of Faith Formation, effective June 30. They have not filled the position as of yet but I hope you will continue to support the program and whoever is hired for the position.

I have enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful people at St. Thomas and wish you many blessings in the years to come.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Happy Father's Day! "The Lord bless you and keep you!" Numbers 6:24

Youth Ministry's first CORE meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference, July 13-15

at Shine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. High School students experience a weekend of worship, fun, friendship, laughter, music, Adoration and guest speakers. Cost is \$200.00. Please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org if you are interested. Flyers available in Gathering Hall! Scholarships available! Check it out!

Contemporary Christian Concerts in the area this summer:

- **St. Ambrose Parish** in Latham is hosting the **JJ Weeks Band (Count them All, Look a Little Higher)** at St. Ambrose, **Sunday, July 1 at 7 p.m.** General admission is \$15.00. Tickets available at lighthouseevents.com or contact Justina at Justina.treventi@rcda.org

- **St. Matthew's Parish** is hosting **Matt Maher**, Catholic Contemporary Christian Music Artist (**Lord I Need You, Your Grace Is Enough**) at the Lyda C. Tobler Performing Arts Center, 432 New Salem Rd, Voorheesville on **Sunday August 5, 2018**. The 90 minute concert will start at 6 p.m. General Admission tickets will go on a sale soon. \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, Groups of 10 or more \$20 each, Tickets at the door \$30 and VIP Tickets (a meet and greet with Matt) at 5 p.m. for \$50. Adult Volunteers are needed, please contact Peggy McQuade at St.mattswelcome@gmail.com.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Congratulations to the St. Thomas the Apostle School Class of 2018!

Aaliyah Al-Fuhaid

Luke Castler

Ryan Anthony Ciancio

Eileen Mary Desharnais

Kayla Margaret Ennis

Caleb Frezza

Tyler Michael Harrigan

Colton D. Pectal

Alison Laura Barron

Chrischen Chung

Alexa Colabufo

Fiona A. Donlon

Isabella Frances Faiola

Brianna Marie Haggerty

Ryan T. McCarroll

Tatiana Jolene Pelliccia

It all starts at St. Thomas the Apostle School: Accepting Applications for Preschool through 8th grade for the 2018-2019 school year ~ Come and learn how we prepare our students to learn, succeed and lead. We believe in the importance of establishing a solid foundation in which students explore and live their faith, love to learn, know how to find the answers, and think critically. Our students are prepared and supported through the challenges of middle school, so that they are as prepared as they can be for high school, college and life beyond. To schedule a tour or for more information please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Creation Care Team

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

Care For Creation, Share The Love ~ "Creation is a gift to be shared. It is the space that God gives us to build up with one another, to build a "we". The world, history, all of time – this is the setting in which we build this "we" with God, with others, with the earth," Pope Francis tells us.

Build "We" Share Creation:

- Bring a **healthy locally grown snack** to share at work.

- Write a **note of thanks** to someone who has made a difference in your life.
- **Visit hospitalized** St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners.
- Before each meal, **remember a word of thanks to God** for the food you are about to enjoy.
- Be a **wise steward of the resources** of this earth for future generations: commit to purchasing recycled products when possible.
- Welcome butterflies to your yard. They're important members of the ecosystem. **Give them a place for "puddling"**... drinking water and extracting minerals from damp puddles. Place coarse sand in a shallow pan, put the pan in the soil of your garden. Keep the sand moist.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, June 23-24. 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.

Community

SAVE THE DATE of Monday, October 15, for the next **"Food for Thought,"** entitled: *Christian Advocacy in Today's Political World*, with our speakers, **Paul D. Tonko**, Congressman, 20th Congressional District of New York; **Kathleen M. Gallagher**, Director of Pro-life Activities, NYS Catholic Conference; and **Angela Warner**, Peace and Justice, St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Join us for fellowship and light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas School. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Keep checking the Bulletin for further details.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Happy Father's Day! Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov. 3-4, in ALBANY and Jul. 6-8 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.wwomenyalb.org>.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

2017 Catholic Communications Campaign ~ **THIS WEEKEND**, parishes in the Diocese of Albany will take up the Annual Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection helps the Church communicate the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through print and electronic media. **Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese to support local needs**, so please be generous in this collection. In our diocese we are able to provide television, radio, print and social media materials that spread the Good News of Christ's abiding love for each and every

one of us. Let us pray as a community that the Good News of the Gospel will continue to be spread by wise use of communications technology. Please be generous!

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. No more filling out envelopes, or forgetting to issue a "make-up" check for times that you are away. 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, **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! And, there is still an option to complete the Vanco application form, found on the oval table near the Community bulletin board. Questions about Vanco or need help? Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE June 9-10

Offertory	\$12,350.11
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,715.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$14,065.11
Tithe from this Offertory	\$703.26

Our annual parish budget is based on weekly offertory collections of \$14,500, which we need to cover our operating expenses. For the weekend of June 9-10, our collection was \$14,065.11. This was donated by approximately 382 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,226 in loose cash from other donors.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	6/20	2 pm	Knitting and Quilting with Love Group	GH
Thu	6/21	10 am	Bible Study	LCR

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 June 18 - June 22, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Matthew Manzella <i>Dwyer Family</i>
		Harold and Alma Huffman <i>Felix and Marilyn Ira</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Natalie Tessitore <i>Keith and Paulette Cross</i>
		Edward Minogue <i>Diane and John McNiven</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	George W. Bragle, 1st Anniv. <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Carl Rhoads, 20th Anniv. <i>His Daughter, Carol</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Muriel Welch <i>Her Husband</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Jennie Moak</i>

Next Weekend, June 23-June 24, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Art Wendth <i>Marcia</i>
		Tricia Holden <i>Paul and Joan Strait</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Barbara Yonkers <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
		Nancy Mackey <i>Les and Mary Jo Maercklein</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Matt Manzella <i>The Dwyer Family</i>
		Rita Lawrence <i>Patrick Raimo</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of June 17, 2018

Sunday	Ez 17:22-24 / 2 Cor 5:6-10 / Mk 4:26-34
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16 / Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29 / Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 1:1, 6-14 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14 / Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 / Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25 / Mt 6:24-34
Sunday	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57- 66. 80