

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 30-July 1, 2018, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Denis Hurley & Carol Tomlin	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Jeff Conklin & Kailee Harrigan	Mary Richards & TBD	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Marianne Conophy	Bridget Connolly & Marjorie Ostroff	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Hedderman & Maureen Cahill	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	2

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 457 gifts and pledges, a total of \$184,422 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

CONGRATULATIONS to the families of the following children who were baptized recently at St. Thomas: Olivia Rose Noonan, Nora Grace Morrill, Evan Bui, Emma Bui and Zoey Le.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Irene A. Pesnel and Mary L. Cochran. whose funerals were held this past week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed ~ We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to serve, especially at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Training is provided. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the Gathering Hall or contact Pat Holm for more info.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Charity is the form, mover, mother, and root of all virtues." – St. Thomas Aquinas

Are you or a loved one no longer able to get to Mass due to illness or injury? ~ We can arrange for you to receive Communion at home. Contact Maura for more information.

Moving to a senior living community or nursing home? ~ Please let Maura know so that we can continue to provide support to you in your new home. Many times we do not know when and where people have moved after a hospitalization or illness.

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.

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 for more assistance.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

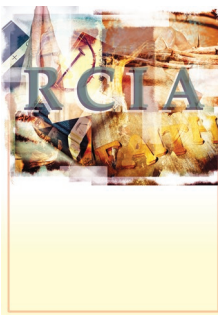
(Contact: Paul Edmundson)

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.



Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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>.

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

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

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! ~ "Trust in HIM with your whole heart...acknowledge HIM and HE will direct your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6.

Please remember Elizabeth "Lizzy" Kloss from our parish and all of our young leaders who are participating in our Diocesan Christian Leadership Institute this week! May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and return to their communities ready to share **HIS SPIRIT** and **LEAD!**

Contemporary Christian Concerts in the area this summer:

- **Sunday, July 1 at 7 p.m., St. Ambrose Parish** in Latham is hosting the **JJ Weeks Band** at St. Ambrose: **Count your Blessings, Look a Little Higher.** General admission is \$15. Tickets available at <http://thelighthouseevents.com> or contact Justina at Justina.treventi@rcda.org
- **Sunday, August 5, 2018, Matt Maher, Catholic Contemporary Christian Music Artist is performing The Echoes of Worship Tour** : Awake my Soul (A Thousand Tongues), HOLY, is coming to the Lyda C. Tobler Performing Arts Center, Voorheesville Middle School, 432 New Salem Rd Voorheesville, Hosted by St. Matthew's Parish & Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. General admission: doors open at 5

- **p.m., Concert will start at 6 p.m., St. Thomas Group Tickets while they last for \$20.** Please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.com to reserve your tickets today. Tickets are also available **Adult Pre-sale \$25, Student \$20, Groups of 10 or more \$20, at the door \$30 , VIP Tickets Q&A with Matt \$50 (4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)** Tickets online: <https://www.itickets.com> or phone 1-800-965-9324 or in person St. Matthew's Church contact Peggy McQuade at st.mattswelcome@gmail.com. **Adult Volunteers are needed, please contact Peggy McQuade at St.mattswelcome@gmail.com.**

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!*

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

From all of us at St. Thomas the Apostle School, we thank you for your generous support of our **2018 Race for Education!** The results are in and together we raised **\$37,355!** The amazing kindness of our community is what makes St. Thomas so very special. Thank you for making a significant difference for our students by expanding classroom technology, sports programs, and by helping to keep tuition affordable for all. **God's blessings and thank you again for your support!**

Did you know? ~ St. Thomas students receive a solid foundation for success as they move on to high school and beyond. Denis Hurley, St. Thomas class of 2006, went on to be Valedictorian at LaSalle Institute and recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cornell Law School. He was on the Moot Court Board, Law Review, and is now headed to Washington, D.C. for a year-long judicial clerkship. **Congratulations, Denny!**

Now enrolling for 2018-19 - Pre-K through Grade 8 ~ From our youngest students in PreK 3 to our 8th Grade students 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. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy at (518) 439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS 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.

Creation Care Team

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

We have updated the Creation Care section of the parish website, <https://stthomas-church.org/creation-care-team>, to include the latest reports from Kenya on our well projects and a national newsletter entitled GEMS that selected the story of our committee for their May publication. We have received emails from parishes who subscribe to this internet publication and have been happy to share our ideas and parish projects. Although national and international news on care for the environment is often discouraging, we will always believe that one person, one family, one parish can make a difference.

Some summer suggestions:

- Visit the Pine Hollow Arboretum at 16 Maple Avenue in Slingerlands – a gift from the beloved pediatrician John W. Abbuhl who died in January and his wife Kay. This is Pope Francis' "Care for our earth" in our own backyard.
- Try to reduce your single use plastics such as straws, cups, and throw away items. My good intentions did not result in refusing a plastic straw at a popular restaurant. I now realize that I must make that request when I order. When the wait staff presents your drink with a straw it is often too late to send it back. I/we need to make our request when we order and tell the wait staff why we are doing this.
- As you travel to vacation sites and attend Mass in new churches, take note if the parish has an environmental ministry and bring the bulletin back to our committee. Many parishes throughout the world are including Pope Francis' teachings in their bulletins.

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.

PARISH PICNIC ~ Before summer vacation comes, mark your calendar for the **Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 9, 2018** at the **Bethlehem Town Park**. **Volunteers are needed** to make this a great day, and if you can help, email the co-chairs to sign up. Committees include:

Set-up, Cooking, Bake Sale, Ticket Sales, Games

You are also welcome to come to the next Planning Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. **Contact any of the following for further information:** Paul Supple at paulsupple@aol.com, Steve Corson at scorson@gmail.com and Jim Kelly at mkelly@rwgmlaw.com

St. Thomas Active Adults ~ Thank you to everyone who made our June luncheon a great success. There are many people we would like to thank for the success of our 10 luncheons during the 2017– 2018 year. We would especially like to thank Father Berberian and the Sacrificial Giving Committee for their financial support of our luncheons. We would also like to thank Atria Delmar Place for providing us with delicious meals for several of our luncheons. We would like to thank the volunteers who helped to decorate, set up, make food, serve food, and clean up. Thanks to our parishioners who provided us with delicious baked goods for our 10 luncheons. Also, we extend a special thank you to our participants who attended each month to share some time with fellow parishioners. Without all of you, the program would not have been a success. Enjoy the summer!! Watch the bulletin in September for the announcement of our September luncheon. Submitted by: Marie and Art Copeland, Christine and Steve Corson - Co – Chairs St. Thomas Senior Luncheon

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE June 16-17

Offertory	\$11,735.50
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,240.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$12,975.50
Tithe from this Offertory	\$648.78
 Catholic Communication Campaign	 \$1,436.00

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 16-17, our collection was \$12,975.50. This was donated by approximately 372 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,332 in loose cash from other donors.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	6/25	5 pm	Alzheimers Care Team Meeting	GH
Thu	6/28	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 25 - June 29, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Frank Daley <i>His Wife</i>
		Bill Pringle <i>His Family</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Michael Shea <i>The Decker Family</i>
		Florence Canning <i>Her Husband Jack</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Vince Suto <i>His Wife and Daughter</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>The Hospodar Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Thomas Dexter <i>His Family</i>
		Helen Scott <i>Jennie Moak</i>

Next Weekend, June 30-July 1, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Walter McCarroll, 3rd Anniv. <i>His Family</i>
		Pat Burdick <i>Friends from Quail Hollow</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Ruth Lucatorto <i>Digeser Family</i>
		Loretta Carney <i>Les and Mary Jo Maercklein</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Matt Manzella <i>Patrick Raimo</i>
		George Slyer, Jr. <i>Barbara Losavio</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of June 24, 2018

Sunday	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57- 66. 80
Monday	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,31-35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 / Mt 7: 15-20
Thursday	2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29
Friday	Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / Mt 8: 5-17
Sunday	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 / Mk 5:21- 43