

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, July 7-July 8, 2018, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Coffey & Sandra Flynn	Sarah Gill & Meerab Gill	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Anthony Scisci & Alba Giordano	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Michael Connolly & Annemarie Farrell	Samantha Gomez & Steven Gomez	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bob Conway & Sarah Comi	Susan O'Connor and Barbara Veldran	3

Pastor's Corner

INDEPENDENCE DAY ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Independence Day. There are no services scheduled in church on that day.

"SPREADING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" -- 2018-19 BISHOP'S APPEAL ~ Our goal this year is \$199,166. To date we have received 473 gifts and pledges, a total of \$192,122 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: Corinne Elizabeth Montano and John Patrick Schipano.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE COLLECTION ~ 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 **NEXT WEEKEND**, July 7-8, the Office has assigned Reverend Emmanuel Katabaazi, who will speak on behalf of the ROTA (Reaching Out 2 Africa) ministries in Africa. He is a pastor in the diocese of Masaka, UGANDA, East Africa and also Director of Catholic Health Care Systems in the diocese. He has been able to improve access to approximately 30 clinic outposts and two hospitals in the diocese.

In collaboration with ROTA, he plans to continue to improve access to quality pharmaceuticals among the Diocesan Health Institutions and work tirelessly to assist in the medical needs of his people.

Father Katabaazi, on behalf of ROTA, would like to express their deep gratitude to all for the prayers, kindness and support of their projects. **Please be prepared for a special collection when we will "pass the basket" a second time to receive your support for this worthy cause.**

Prayer & Worship

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.

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)

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

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.

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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 for more information.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

First Core Meeting ~ Special thanks to our Seminarian **Dan McHale** for leading us in prayer and discussion on accepting God's invitation in our everyday lives. Super shout out to our CORE team who joined us: Steven Sitzler, Cat Adlerman, Julia Garrison, Norah, Ellen & Brian McCaffrey, Anna Bernasconi, Collen Eells, Lizzy & Katie Kloss, Michelle Moczulski and Deanne & Debbie Agney. **WE are in Good Hands with our YOUNG CHURCH.**

Your CORE team invites you to Sundaes and Dessert party on Sunday, July 15 at 6-7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall! Bring your friends, your family and join us in praying for Religious Vocations and hearing Dan share his own vocation story. Sundaes, dessert and music to follow! All are WELCOME.

Diocesan Summer Opportunity:

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. Please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org if you are interested. Flyers available in the Gathering Hall! Scholarships available!

Contemporary Christian Concerts:

- **JJ Weeks Concert**, scheduled for TONIGHT, is postponed until the Fall! The band is safe but their bus was damaged in an accident. Tickets will be honored for the fall performance.
- **Sunday, August 5, 2018, Matt Maher, Catholic Contemporary Christian Music Artist** is performing *The Echoes of Worship Tour* at 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, are \$20. Please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.com to reserve your tickets today. Tickets are also available for Adult Presale \$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 if you are interested.
- **Happy 4th of July!** Thank you God for all your many gifts: among them "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". God bless all those who serve to protect these gifts. God Bless America and God Bless YOU!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)

Substitute Teachers Needed ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 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, 12054](https://www.google.com/maps/place/42+Adams+Place,+Delmar,+DE+19741) or via email to tkane@stthomas-school.org.

Did you know? ~ Technology plays a key role in enriching students' learning experiences and in preparing them for high school studies and beyond. In order to support this, St. Thomas the Apostle School offers a 1:1 Chromebook environment for students in grades 2-8 and we begin technology instruction in Preschool.

Have you considered a Catholic School Education for your child? ~ 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.

Creation Care Team

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

“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God,”
Pope Francis

- As you vacation this summer, take a moment to **revel in creation**, to sense the love of God for you and **commit to returning that love as** a caretaker of creation.
- During a restful vacation moment, talk with your family about **how you can live that commitment to care** for creation: from skipping the plastic straw to purchasing recycled products or gardening without harmful chemicals.
- When attending Mass in new churches on vacation, take **note if the parish has an environmental ministry and bring the bulletin back** to our Creation Care Team. Many parishes throughout the world are including Pope Francis’ teachings in their bulletins.

Community

Christian Advocacy in Today’s Political World ~

Our **“Food for Thought”** event on Monday, October 15, 2018, will focus on Advocacy--how to make our voice heard on important issues. **Paul Tonko** will share the most effective ways to advocate on federal issues, i.e. email, telephone calls or visits; the impact of advocacy--numbers of constituents who respond to a particular issue. Also, he will discuss current issues in the House of Representatives in October.

Kathleen Gallagher will present the Two Feet of Social Justice and the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. She will also discuss how to join the Catholic Action Network and "Faithful Citizenship."

Angela Warner will enlighten us about The Capacity Strengthening Initiative (CSI) and bring us current on national issues that USCCB, Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services are targeting. Also, she will update us on local and state issues being addressed by ecumenical groups. **Mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE of October 15.**

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, and Tear Down**

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 sccorson@gmail.com and Jim Kelly at mkelly@rwgmlaw.com

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

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 23-24**

Offertory	\$12,227.57
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,955.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,182.57
Tithe from this Offertory	\$709.13

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 23-24, our collection was \$14,182.57. This was donated by approximately 399 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,569 in loose cash from other donors.

We appreciate your continued support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	7/4		Office Closed/ No Mass	
			Diocesan Holiday	
Thu	7/5	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	7/7	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP

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 2 - July 6, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Constance Mullen Albert <i>Luke Mullen</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Adele Nucci</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Mary Frances Hoff <i>Semenoff Family</i>
		Sigbjorn Eilertsen <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
Wed.		No Mass Diocesan Holiday
Fri.	12:15 pm	Mary Frances Hoff <i>Adele Nucci</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>

Next Weekend, July 7-July 8, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Special Intention - Candice and Pat Stellato <i>Bernstein Family</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Paul and Joan Strait and Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Esther C. Moody <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
		Tony Spadaro <i>Ann and Andy Rose</i>
	9:30 am	Brian M. Farley, 5th Anniv. <i>His Family</i>
		Joseph LeMark <i>Hospodar Family</i>
	11:00 am	For the People

Scripture Readings: Week of July 1, 2018

Sunday	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 / Mk 5:21- 43
Monday	Am 2:6-10, 13-16 / Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29
Wednesday	Am 5:14-15, 21-24 / / Mt 8: 28-34
Thursday	Am 7:10-17 / Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Am 8:4-6, 9-12 / Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Amos 9:11-15 / Mt 9: 14-17
Sunday	Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1- 6a