

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 14-July 15, 2018, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Mahar & Lynne Lenhardt	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paul Edmundson & Maureen Nyilis	Cathy Semenovoff & TBD	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tim Kane & Martha Snyder	Kathleen Connelly & Penelope Holstein	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Hank Steadman & Vera Frangella	Cecilia Creamer & Lucy Creamer	1

## Pastor's Corner

### MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE COLLECTION - 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**, 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. The next big project is to improve access to quality pharmaceuticals among the Diocesan Health Institutions. **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.

**GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS** ~ "Gluten-free" hosts are available at Mass for those who have allergies. These are not 100% gluten-free but satisfy the FDA's requirement as they have a miniscule amount of wheat, less than 20 parts per million, which also satisfies the Church's requirement that the host contain wheat. If anyone wishes to receive communion using this option, please speak to the priest celebrant before Mass so he can place a "gluten-free" host on the altar to consecrate during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have concerns about whether this host will meet your needs, please contact your healthcare provider.

**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** George Lenhardt whose funeral was held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome him into Eternal Life.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ." – St. Ambrose**

**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.

**Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry** ~ 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 donate yarn or become more active with this group please contact Christina Ryan at 439-8517, group facilitator.

**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.

## Fourteenth 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)



**Your CORE team invites you to Sundaes and Dessert party** on Sunday, July 15 from 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](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you are interested. Flyers available in the Gathering Hall! Scholarships available! Check it out!*

#### **Contemporary Christian Concert:**

- **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. Matthews Parish and 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.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) 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 -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](mailto:st.mattswelcome@gmail.com) **Adult Volunteers are needed, also contact Peggy McQuade if you are interested.**

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Coach Doemel, Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. Kayayan who are moving on to new adventures in their careers. We are most grateful for the positive and lasting memories you have provided our students throughout your time at St. Thomas. You will be greatly missed. Our prayers and the St. Thomas Tiger Spirit will be with you!

**Did you know?** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School's Preschool Program includes:

- Faith Formation
- Activity Centers
- Large group, small group, and one-on-one instruction
- Instruction in music, art, and physical education
- Instruction in technology integrating classroom curriculum
- STEM Activities
- Social Justice and Community Service Programs
- On-site Field Trips
- Weekly Classroom Updates via Email
- Parent Teacher Conferences

#### ***Limited openings in our Preschool 4 program***

~ Please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) to schedule a private tour.

**Creation Care Team**

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: [jdschremp6@gmail.com](mailto:jdschremp6@gmail.com)  
or Marie Myer: [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

**Interfaith Creation Care Coalition** ~ Our parish Creation Care Team has joined a new coalition of interfaith communities in the Capital area to share ideas, plans, programs, and resources on Caring for our Earth. There is an amazing energy in the commitment, creativity, and action of these churches and synagogues. We have learned that Pope Francis and his encyclical on care for our common home is a valuable resource for all faith groups. We will share future plans, programs, and resources of this coalition through the bulletin and parish website.

- Summer is a wonderful family time to explore God's gifts to us –walking or biking through town, marveling at the morning sunrise or nighttime sky, taking a trip to the library to explore books on the environment and nature, planting seeds or even that one tomato plant, visiting the Farmer's Market and selecting produce and foods that you can cook together, and praying for the protection of our earth and its people at mealtime or bedtime.
- Remember to be vigilant on recycling and saving disposable bottles in the CLYNK bags to fund our water projects.

**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. There are **inquiry sessions** scheduled for Tuesday, September 4 - Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall if you think you would like to join the program. **You may always call at any time to inquire about becoming Catholic.**

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

**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](mailto:paulsupple@aol.com), Steve Corson at [sccorson@gmail.com](mailto:sccorson@gmail.com) and Jim Kelly at [mkelly@rwgmlaw.com](mailto:mkelly@rwgmlaw.com)

**Administration**

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**June 30-July 1**

Offertory contribution information for June 30-July 1 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

**Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!**

**Calendar**

Mon	7/9	7 pm	Parish Picnic Planning Meeting	GH
Thu	7/12	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 July 9 - July 13, 2018*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Robert Morand</b> <i>His Father</i>
		<b>Herbert Leisenfelder</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Valerie Tricarico</b> <i>Mike Foley</i>
		<b>Living Intention– Holly Bergeron</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>Bill and Mary Burkhard</i>
		<b>Intention of Celebrant</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Robert Morand</b> <i>His Father</i>
		<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>Candice and Patrick Stellato</i>

**Next Weekend, July 14-July 15, 2018**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>The Greagan Family</b>
		<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Gloria M. Johnson, 12th Anniv.</b> <i>Her Family</i>
		<b>Joseph LeMark</b> <i>Paul and Linda Edmundson</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Felicia R. Giddens, 25th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>Tony Spadaro</b> <i>John Ritz</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of July 8, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1– 6a</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 / Mt 9:18-26</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:32-38</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Mt 10: 1-7</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 / Mt 10:7-15</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10: 24-33</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7– 13</b>