

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 21-July 22, 2018, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Ehring & Tricia Buhr	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Jeff Conklin & Mary Richards	Chris Corson & Paul Edmundson	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Amanda Smith	Catherine Snyder & Maggie Remmel	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bill Burkhard & Barbara Kavanagh	Meagan Kolberg & Carolyn Kolberg	2

## Pastor's Corner

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Otto A. Vitillo, Christine P. Lombardi and Joan Fox whose funerals were held recently. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

## 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 presider 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.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**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.



## **Our Military Prayer Board needs updating**

~ We would like to update our prayer board for those currently serving in the military. If you would like your family member or friend to be included on the board, please provide information on his/her name, rank, military branch and location of duty. Photos are encouraged, but not required. When information on the service member has changed, please let us know so it can stay current. The prayer board is currently located in the Gathering Hall. Please drop your information at the office along with your contact information to Maura's attention or send by email to: [mbarrett@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org) In addition, if you would like to assist in this ministry, let Maura know.

**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.

## Fifteenth 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)

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

**Many volunteers are still needed to staff next year's program!!** ~ Please consider volunteering your time to this wonderful faith formation 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.

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)



**Please join us this Sunday Evening, July 15, 6 -7 p.m. for a Sundae's & Dessert Party in the Gathering Hall!** Bring your friends, your family and join us as we pray for Religious Vocations and listen to our seminarian Dan McHale's Vocation Story. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Sponsored by our Youth

**Ministry CORE TEAM.** Faith Formation Students earn 1 parish hour.

#### **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).

### School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane)



**Limited openings in our Preschool 4 Program - Grade 8** ~ Interested in learning more, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) to schedule a private tour and to have your questions answered.

**Summer Camps** are underway at St. Thomas the Apostle School! The joy, laughter, community and new friendships evolving are beautiful to witness. Do you have a Preschool age 4 child - Grade 8 interested in joining a Full Day Camp/Half-Day Camp? Join us for **Calling All Campers!** July 16-July 20 and/or **Child Friendly Cooking Camp** July 23-27. Offering both Full Time from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or Part-Time 8:00-noon. In addition, we offer a **Co-Ed Half-Day Basketball Camp Mini Camp** (open to boys and girls entering Grades 2 - 5), 8:30-11:30 a.m., July 16-July 20, **Creative Writing Mini Camp** (open to children entering Grade 5 - Grade 8), 1:00-4:00 p.m., July 23-July 27. To print out the Summer Camp Registration please visit [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) and contact the School Office to let us know you are coming 518-439-5573.

**Did you know?** ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School's Preschool 3 year old and 4 year old programs are designed to expand and stimulate children's minds and we provide them with an unparalleled first academic experience. Children will emerge as successful learners who progress smoothly into kindergarten with the tools and confidence to succeed at every level.

### Creation Care Team

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

**"... the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." (Pope Francis)**

- **Experience** the mysteries of our "Common Home" this summer with a trip to **Five Rivers Education Center.** From parent-child "fun day" programs to participation in a **national citizen science research project studying the monarch butterfly**, we can come to know better and appreciate more the wonders of the world in which we live. Use this link to a full calendar of programs ([www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/View.html?item\\_type\\_id=4](http://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/View.html?item_type_id=4)) or simply go to Five Rivers and **hike** one of its many trails to **contemplate and praise** the gift of nature we have been given.
- **Visit our Pine Bush Preserve** ... learn about **Glacial Lake Albany** and how we can protect the

- delicate ecosystem that has evolved ... (<https://www.albanypinebush.org/>) **Hike or bike** the miles of nature trails there.
- **Invite one of the joys of nature** into your yard ... the **hummingbird** ... If your yard regularly gets at least a half day of sun, plant bee balm, salvia, tall garden phlox, red-hot poker or lupines to attract hummingbirds. For shadier yards, try coral bells, foxglove or cardinal flower. (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~

Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY and Sep 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.womenyalb.org>.

## 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.

## Christian Service

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, July 21-22. 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

**Concert for Vocations: Tuesday August 7**, St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, 6 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction with Bishop Ed for Vocations, followed by an evening of entertainment. Bring your friends and family and sit back and enjoy our religious, priests, seminarians and deacons of the diocese as they perform contemporary, oldies but goodies and classical tunes. Wonderful evening of prayer and entertainment! Light reception to follow!

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE June 30-July 1, 2018

Offertory	\$11,347.80
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$940.00</u>
<b>Total Offertory Received</b>	<b>\$12,287.80</b>

Tithe from this Offertory \$614.39

*For the weekend of June 30-July 1, our collection was **\$12,287.80**. This was donated by approximately **325** families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,627** in loose cash from other donors.*

### July 7-8, 2018

Offertory	\$11,442.25
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,885.00</u>
<b>Total Offertory Received</b>	<b>\$14,327.25</b>

Tithe from this Offertory \$716.36

*For the weekend of July 7-8, our collection was **\$14,327.25**. This was donated by approximately **359** families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,242** in loose cash from other donors.*

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

## Calendar

Sun	7/15	6 pm	Sundae and Dessert Party	GH
Thu	7/19	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 16 - July 20, 2018*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Matthew Manzella</b> <i>Luke Mullen</i>
		<b>Tony Spadaro</b> <i>Luke Mullen</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Robert Vasisko</b> <i>Howell and Mary Lou Morris</i>
		<b>Bryan J. Goewey</b> <i>Al and Maureen Manzella</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Florence I. Palmer</b> <i>Louis and Helen Benedict and Family</i>
		<b>Joseph Walkowicz, 5th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Francis R. Johnson, 6th Anniv.</b> <i>His Family</i>
		<b>Anna Carroll</b> <i>Candice and Anita</i>

**Next Weekend, July 21-July 22, 2018**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Anthony R. Vendetti, 22th Anniv.</b> <i>Family</i>
		<b>John O'Grady</b> <i>Stempsey Family</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Nelson LaDuke</b> <i>His Wife</i>
		<b>Tony Spadaro</b> <i>Helen Gray</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Florence Canning</b> <i>Her Husband, Jack</i>
		<b>Tony Spadaro</b> <i>The Ritz Family</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of July 15, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7- 13</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Is 1:10-17 / Mt 10:34 - 11:1</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Is 7:1-9 / Mt 11:20-24</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 / Mt 11: 25-27</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Is 26:7-9, 12,16-19 / Mt 11:28-30</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 / Mt 12:1-8</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mi 2:1-5 / Mt 12:14-21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30- 34</b>