

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

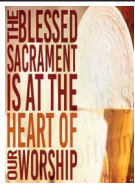
Saturday-Sunday, July 28-July 29, 2018, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Denis Hurley & Maureen Roberts	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	David Rothfuss & Coleen Flynn	Shayla Harrigan & Tyler Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Marianne Conophy	Casey Holstein & Jack Keating	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Tom Hedderman & Peggy Hogan-Rao	TBD	3

Pastor's Corner

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS ~ Jordana and James Weber and their son, Clifford.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Patricia Kalendek and Mary Ellen Kuta whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"You aspire to do great things? Begin with little ones." – St. Augustine of Hippo

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.

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.

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 space. 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 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.

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

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.**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Contemporary Christian Concert ~ St. Thomas Group Tickets for Matt Maher's Echoes of Worship Tour on August 5, 6 p.m. at the Lyda C. Tobler Performing Arts Center, Voorheesville Middle School, 432 New Salem Rd., Voorheesville have been sold. Tickets are still available on line at <https://www.itickets.com> Adult tickets are: \$25.00, Student Tickets are \$20.00. Tickets at the door are \$30.00. VIP Tickets, Q&A with Matt are \$50 (4:30-5:00 p.m.) Adult volunteers are still needed! Please contact Peggy McQuade at st.mattswelcome@gmail.com.

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!

Special thanks to our Seminarian Dan McHale for sharing his own vocation story with us last Sunday at our Vocation Prayer Service and Sundae Dessert Party! Dan reminded us to listen and to discern where God is calling us in our own lives. He reminded us that we all have a vocation in life! Hats off to our young church who lead us in prayer: Steven Sitzer, Norah McCaffrey, Julia Garrison, Anna and Sarah Bernasconi and Maddie Gallagher. We thank our CORE team members Colleen Ells and Lizzy Kloss and all our families for their delicious desserts and sundae toppings! It was a wonderful "Sundae" evening with lots of fellowship and "Cherries" on top!

School News

(Contact:



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 to schedule a private tour and to have your questions

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 **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 **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 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 or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)



Our Creation Care Team has joined a national Catholic environmental organization called the **Catholic Climate Covenant**.

This online organization supports parishes, dioceses, schools, and other organization with environmental information, prayer resources, and networking. In the spring they reached out to dioceses, parishes and institutions to invite to join them in the Catholic Climate Declaration which seeks the affirmation of Catholics to support our country to continue to stay in the international Paris Climate Accord. 651 Catholic institutions signed this on June 11. It is now possible for individuals to learn about and sign this initiative. For information go to www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church



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 program 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 2018 ~ Plans are in full swing for Parish Picnic 2018, **Sunday, September 9, Noon-5:00 p.m., Elm Avenue Park.** Fun and games for all ages.

Next planning committee meeting is Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Please join us!

Refreshments will be served. Sin-ups for volunteers are coming.

For more information or to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact:

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Christian Service

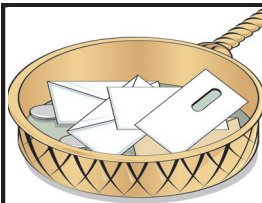
ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, July 21-22. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating. Thank you, and as always, your generosity is appreciated.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father NEXT WEEK (July 28-29) - Be A Witness of Charity

~ Each year the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany participates in the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous in next week's collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
July 14-15, 2018

Offertory	\$11,011.55
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,270.00
Total Offertory Received	\$12,281.55
Tithe from this Offertory	\$614.00

For the weekend of July 14-15, our collection was \$12,281.55. This was donated by approximately 351 families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about \$1,135 in loose cash from other donors.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	7/26	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
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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 23 - July 27, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Matthew Manzella <i>The McDermott Family</i>
		Frank Daley <i>Catherine and Gaile Daley</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Tony Giordano <i>Alba</i>
		Arthur Wallingford <i>John and Maura Barrett</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Arthur Wallingford <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
		Thomas Manion <i>John and Maura Barrett</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Brian Goewey <i>Jen Moak</i>
		Gerardo Lazaro <i>Lomotan Family</i>

Next Weekend, July 28-July 29, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Frank Daley, 1st Anniv. <i>His Wife</i>
		Joseph Barnes <i>Patrick Raimo</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
	9:30 am	Henry Gadomski <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
		John Garufi <i>His Sisters</i>
	11:00 am	John and Steven Schubmehl <i>Family</i>
		Thomas Marshall <i>Adrienne and Joseph Petrillo</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of July 22, 2018

Sunday	Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30- 34
Monday	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Mt 12:38 - 42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20: 20-28
Thursday	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17 / Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Jer 7:1-11 / Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1- 15