

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, August 4-August 5, 2018, Eighteenth 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 & Carol Tomlin	Sarah Gill & Laiba Gill	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Anthony Scisci & Cathy Semenoff	Lois Smith & Jim Moran	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Annemarie Farrell	Donja Tripp & Maya Richter	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & Maureen Cahill	Cecilia Creamer & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

Pastor's Corner

CONGRATULATIONS to the family of the following child who was baptized recently at St. Thomas: Emmett Thomas Stewart.

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 Miriam "Ann" Giangrande and Douglas DeLucco whose services were held recently. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Men's First Friday Holy Hour ~ Men of St. Thomas the Apostle: are you looking to deepen your faith? If so, we have a suggestion. The Mater Christi Holy League, a men's prayer group, will meet in the church on Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m. for a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and evening prayer. Fr. John Cronin will lead Benediction, and Seminarian Dan McHale will give a reflection talk. Please join us for a night of worship and Christian fraternity! All ages are welcome.

Peace Pole Prayer ~ Remember to include the Peace Pole in your prayers. Visit anytime, but to join with others

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"We receive God's graces to share them with others." – Pope Francis

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 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.

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.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

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>.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

We need you! ~ Catechists, Gatekeepers, Assistants and Youth Minister Volunteers are needed for our upcoming MS HS Faith Formation Year. Please accept this wonderful invitation to share your faith with our young church! And in return receive so many blessings from our young church. Volunteer forms are found on our webpage under Education/Faith Formation/Forms. Please complete and mail into our FF Office and get the process started! Thank you for making a difference!

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Matt Maher's Echoes of Worship Tour ~ Last chance to purchase your tickets at <https://www.itickets.com> for Matt Maher's Echoes of Worship Tour August 5 at 6 p.m. at the Lyda C. Tobler Performing Arts Center, Voorheesville Middle School, 432 New Salem Rd. Adult tickets are \$25, Student Tickets are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$30.00. VIP Tickets, Q&A with Matt (4:30-5:00 p.m.) are \$50.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training

Course is scheduled for August 19 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave. in Albany. Geared to youth ages 11-15, cost is \$70.00. Questions please contact Brian Evers at 518-453-6655 or email breakawaytrainingservices@gmail.com.

Service Opportunity 2 hours ~ Refurbishing historic tomb stones in St. Patrick's Cemetery, 150 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Watervliet, Monday, August 27 from 10 a.m.-noon. Open to Middle School and High School Students. Chaperones needed! Please sign up in Gathering Hall today or contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org.

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Summer Camps at St. Thomas the Apostle School were again a huge success! Thank you to our incredible faculty and staff for five wonderful weeks of Summer Camp!

Enrolling now for limited openings in our Pre-school 4 Program - Grade 8 ~ Interested in learning about why you should choose St. Thomas the Apostle School, please contact Jennifer Murphy at 518-439-5573 or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org to schedule a private tour and to have your questions answered. Our

Application can be found at www.stthomas-school.org under the "Admissions" tab.

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School our students are supported to discover their unique gifts God has blessed them with and are encouraged to share those gifts with others in their community.

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: jdshremp6@gmail.com
or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)



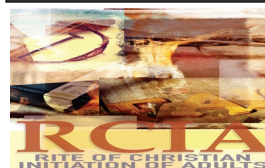
"We have a responsibility to pass on the beauty of nature in its integrity to future generations, and an obligation to exercise a just stewardship of the gifts we have received." (Pope Francis)

BY THE NUMBERS: Why do we care about our oceans, the Amazon Rainforest and the trees around us? Because:

- More than half of the world's oxygen comes from **OCEANS**.
- **20 PERCENT** of the earth's **OXYGEN** is produced by the Amazon Rainforest ... one in five breaths.
- The average 50 year-old-tree produces enough oxygen for **FOUR PEOPLE A YEAR**.

Caring for creation is caring for life. Preventing plastics from polluting our oceans, protecting the Rainforests from destruction, guarding the trees around us from damage, is ensuring that life continues on our planet, that the gift of creation is preserved for generations to come.

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.

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



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. Sign-ups for volunteers are coming.

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

Paul Supple paulsupple@aol.com
Steve Corson sccorson@gmail.com
Jim Kelly mkelly@rwgmlaw.com

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.**

2018 St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Golf Tournament

~ We are delighted to announce the 2018 St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held on Mon., Sept. 10 at Colonie Golf and Country Club, in Voorheesville with a 12:30 p.m. 'shotgun' start. Event cost of \$125 includes: 18 holes of golf, riding cart, complimentary use of the driving range, lunch, complimentary on-course snacks and an outstanding Awards Dinner. Format: Scramble (for golfers of all abilities), Team Prizes (Men's, Women's and Mixed) include golf at the following: Colonie Golf & CC, Edison CC, Ballston Spa CC, Hiland CC, Eagle Crest CC, Lazy Swan CC, Columbia CC, Cronin's CC among many others. If you have questions, contact the St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Office at 518-861-8770. **Registration information is on the Community Bulletin Board and forms are on the table below it. Forms and fee are due no later than August 17.**

Administration


(Contact: Pat Holm)

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father THIS 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. Please be generous!

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Albany and the Albany Diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning are both hiring!

~ We currently have three immediate openings: A full-time temporary Administrative Assistant working for offices, a part-time Parish Pastoral Planning Support person, and a part-time Administrative Assistant for St. Bernard's. These entry-level positions offer flexible hours in a positive work environment. If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter to frank.berning@rcda.org or call Deacon Frank Berning, Director of Pastoral Planning and St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, at (518) 453-6661.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
July 21-22, 2018

Offertory	\$11,032.05
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,155.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,187.05
Tithe from this Offertory	\$659.35
Special Collection - African Mission	\$5,754.00

*For the weekend of July 21-22, our collection was **\$13,187.05**. This was donated by approximately **333** families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,143** in loose cash from other donors.*

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	8/2	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Fri	8/3	7 pm	Men's First Friday Holy Hour	CH
Sat	8/4	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 30 - August 3, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Glen Ann Aluise <i>The Aluise Family</i>
		Irene Pesnel <i>Al and Jeanne Schrempf</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	George Lenhardt <i>Alice and Mike Cirillo</i>
		Intention of the Celebrant
Wed.	7:30 am	Matthew Manzella <i>Dorinda Olmer</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>James Fuller</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Irene Pesnel <i>Marcia Wendth</i>
		Tony Giordano <i>Jennie Moak</i>

Next Weekend, August 4-August 5, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Tony Giordano <i>Mary Ann and Jack Taffe</i>
		Matthew Manzella <i>Carol Tomlin</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Frank Daley <i>Catherine and Gaile Daley</i>
		James Deragon <i>Henry Digeser</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Philip S. Coppola, 10th Anniv. <i>Patrick Raimo</i>
		Virginia Munafo <i>Florence Fitzsimmons</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of July 29, 2018

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Jer 13:1-11 / Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24 / Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph 4:17, 20-24 / Jn 6:24-35