

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 11-August 12, 2018, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Hank Steadman & Sandra Flynn	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Paulot Truchard & Alba Giordano	Nancy Chiu & Doug Maeder	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paul Connolly & Martha Snyder	Marjorie Ostroff & Emily Sagendorph	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Bob Conway & Sarah Comi	Katie Desharnais & Eileen Desharnais	2

Pastor's Corner

Dianne McMullen – Farewell and Thanks ~ Since June 2015, Dianne McMullen has served magnificently as our organist for Sunday liturgies and often for weddings or funerals as requested or needed. Dianne also worked with our choir in preparing for their participation at the 11 o'clock Mass during the year. Dianne is a tenured professor at Union College and will be taking students for a semester abroad in Ireland later this year. She told me that she will not be returning as organist when she returns. It was a personal decision and she said that she will miss not being here. I told her that we would gladly keep her on our list of substitutes and look forward to working with her as time and opportunity permit. I am happy to announce that beginning August 19, Avery Tunningley, our Parish Music Director, will be taking over Dianne's responsibilities.

Do You Have a Car You Can Donate? ~ A family (two adults, four children) in the parish is in need of a car and currently unable to incur that significant expense. Are you ready to buy a new car and can afford to donate your current one? Or do you have a car that is really not being used and you would like to have it put to very good use? If you are interested and able to donate, please call Pat Holm at the parish office and she can put you in touch with the family. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer & Worship

Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress - Bishop Ed's Letter ~ Bishop Ed announced the upcoming Eucharistic Congress with a letter sent to all parishes. It can be read at rcda.org/heartsaflame. An excerpt: "This will be a spiritual event, hallowed in part by the very ground on which it is held. We will celebrate Mass, host inspirational speakers, have a Eucharistic Procession, and offer activities for children. My hope is that the Holy Spirit will make this a powerful time of spiritual renewal for our entire diocese." **Hearts Aflame will be held on September 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All in the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend. Register at rcda.org/heartsaflame.**

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses

~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the Masses on August 15 at 7:30 a.m., 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table across from the Community Board if you are able to serve.

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)

"This is man's glory, to persevere and abide in the service of God." – St. Irenaeus, Father of the Church.

Ministers are needed to lead Rosary and Communion Services at Atria Delmar Place on Tuesday 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.

Bereavement Support Group ~ We are in the process of organizing our Bereavement Support Group for the Fall 2018. This group is intended for those who have lost a spouse during the last 2 years, and meets once/month for 10 months of the year. If you are interested in joining this group, or know of someone who would like to join, please contact Maura.

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)
(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation offices are closed for the summer until Thurs., Aug. 23 ~ Messages will be checked periodically from now until then. Have a fantastic rest of Summer!

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)

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.

The Archdiocese of NY is hosting a Youth Day Rally in White Plains NY on Saturday, October 20 and has extended an invitation to high school teens in

our Diocese to join them in being BOLD! The cost is \$20.00 plus transportation. For more information, check out the website: <https://oymny.org/nycyd> If there is enough interest, the Albany Diocese will organize transportation for the day! If you are interested, please email Dave Stagliano at stagliad@rcda.org and Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. Music, talks, Mass and meet some new friends among the 1500 young people who will be participating **Please respond as soon as possible.**

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!

Did you know? ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School our dedicated faculty supports our students in their extra-curricular activities too by attending games, fairs, performances and cheering on our students from the sidelines!

Has Catholic School education been of interest to you, and/or are you looking for a change for your child or children? ~ Contact us about our limited openings in Preschool 4 through 8th Grade by reaching out to Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org or (518) 439-5573. Visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar.

Creation Care Team

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



From the Book of Genesis to our world today, Pope Francis reminds us that we are to **"till and keep the garden of the world..."**

This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. (Laudato Si')

These words take on an imperative today as we learn of the concerns that area recycling centers are facing due to the loss of overseas markets for paper, glass, metal and plastics. What was once accepted by recycling firms without cost will not be free, leaving municipalities and residents with deep concerns. Conscientious recycling certainly is a major way to curb waste and pollution, but

we need to look at this with a wider lens and resolve to use less plastic and single use items. Let us make August a "wake-up" call to use reusable bags and containers when shopping, use our own water bottles, and say "no thank you" to disposable bags. To renew our commitment, we learned that Hannaford will donate \$1.00 for each recycled bag sold during the month of August to Uncle Shawn's Hugs for blankets for needy children in our community. Tuck a new shopping bag in your college student's back to school items!

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 **THIS 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 ~

The Public Policy Ministry and The Creation Care Team, are planning an event the weekend of September 15-16 as a lead-in to the "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 15. Hospitality will be available after all Masses, and you will be asked to bring your phone or tablet to sign up for the Catholic Action Network and the Catholic Climate Covenant. Join us that weekend and Make Your Voice Heard!

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!*

The National Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda is very excited to be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. To mark the special occasion, this historical landmark will be hosting a **Gala Celebration** honoring the Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany on **October 17**, at the River Stone Manor in Glenville from 6-9 p.m. Please consider joining us or even becoming an event sponsor! Details are available at www.katerishrine.com, tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com> or by calling the Shrine office at (518) 853-3646 or email: nationalkaterishrine.com.

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.

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 the parish office any time to inquire about becoming Catholic.**

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE July 28-29, 2018

Offertory	\$12,330.93
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$960.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,290.93
Tithe from this Offertory	\$664.55
Holy Father Collection (Peter's Pence)	\$2,452.00

*For the weekend of July 28-29, our collection was **\$13,290.93**. This was donated by approximately **337 families**, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,340** in loose cash from other donors.*

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	8/6	5 pm	Alzheimer's Care Team	GH
Mon	8/6	7 pm	Parish Picnic Planning Meeting	GH
Wed	8/8	6 pm	Creation Care Team	GH
Thu	8/9	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 August 6 - August 10, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Joan P. Fox <i>Fran Royo</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Terry and Mary Ann Mitchell</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Karl F. Klingenberger <i>Matt and Fran</i>
		Intention of the Celebrant
Wed.	7:30 am	Tony and Pat Spadaro <i>Gillespie Family</i>
		Mary Ellen Kuta <i>Marilyn Frantsov</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Anna Carroll <i>Candice and Anita</i>
		Perez and Dunlop Families <i>Gillespie Family</i>

Next Weekend, August 11-August 12, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Barbara Yonkers <i>Betty and Collin Burse</i>
		Irene Pesnel <i>Karen Jones</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Ida and Anthony Catalano <i>Ron and Carolyn Catalano</i>
		Virginia and Jean Cifello <i>Digester Family</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Jerry Pomakoy, 2nd Anniv. <i>Marge Pomakoy</i>
		Tony Spadaro <i>Bill and Mary Burkhard</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph 4:17, 20-24 / Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday	Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23
Friday	2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
Saturday	Hb 1:12-24 / Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51