

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 18-August 19, 2018, Twentieth 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 & Lynne Lenhardt	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Cathy Semenoff & Maureen Nyilis	Isabel Scisci & Tyler Harrigan	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Amanda Smith	Thomas Snyder & Morgan Sears	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Tom Hedderman & Barbara Kavanagh	Lucy Creamer & Ryan McCarroll	3

Pastor's Corner

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Wednesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and at 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Please join us for the Eucharist on this Holyday of Obligation.

.A Note from Dianne McMullen ~ Dear Friends, I have the opportunity to teach at a university in Ireland for awhile and am leaving St. Thomas the Apostle. Playing the organ and piano for the Sunday Masses for more than three years here has been a wonderful blessing for me. I enjoyed working with the St. Thomas staff and especially enjoyed working with Nelly, the Choir and the cantors. I thank the congregation for your prayerful presence during the liturgies, which inspired me in my music. I thank Fr. Berberian, Fr. Leskovar and former pastor Fr. Hayes for their excellent homilies. (The organist/pianist is probably the only person at St. Thomas who has the chance to hear three excellent homilies each week.) I value the years I have spent at St. Thomas. May God Bless you as you continue to grow as a parish. **Sincerely, Dianne McMullen.**

Prayer & Worship

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.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE ~ The 46th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy will be held **Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m.** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.** Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 p.m. and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through the parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

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)

"Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize." – Pope Francis

Do you have about an hour once every 4-5 weeks or so? A couple of extra ministers are needed to lead Rosary and Communion Services at Kenwood Manor on Thursday mornings. Our dedicated team leads this service approximately once every 4-5 weeks on Thursday mornings at 10. The service lasts about 45 minutes. Many of the folks at Kenwood Manor 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 on the regular schedule or as a substitute. You will be happy you did! Training provided.

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.

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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Catholic Charities – Free Help Available for Senior Caregivers in Albany County ~ The Caregiver Support Program offers services to caregivers that enable them to maintain their quality of life while caring for their loved ones. They also offer specialty services for caregivers whose loved one has Alzheimer's or related dementia. Their Care Navigators meet one on one to provide support through Care Consultations to connect you with helpful community resources, respite services, and provide ongoing emotional support as you go through your caregiving journey. If you or a loved one needs help, call 518-372-5667 for more information.

Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation offices are closed for the summer until Thursday, August 23, 2017 .

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)

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.

Parish Service and FUN! ~ Consider volunteering an hour at our parish picnic Sunday Sept. 9 at the Elm Park Large Pavilion! Looking to our young church to supervise: Popcorn and Cotton Candy Machine, Bouncy

Bounce, Face Painting, Various Carnival Games and Recycle Crafts! Signup Sheets are in Make a Difference Binder or contact Mary Ann!

Ultimate Frisbee Contest at the Picnic!!!! ~ 1:30 p.m. to?? Looking for teams of 5 or sign up as an individual or group! Each team will play two 30 minute games with 5 min. half time. Pool play: top 2 teams advance to finals! Prizes for the winning team! Adults needed to referee! Special thanks to Coach James Angermeier for organizing us! Sign up in Make a Difference Binder or contact Mary Ann!

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



Visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar

NEW PROGRAM at ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE SCHOOL ~ We are excited to announce a Full-Day PK 4 class starting September, 2018! For the first time in our 62 years of academic excellence and tradition, we are opening *Priority Registration* for our parishioners for the Full-Day Pre-K 4 year-olds program. (Please note students interested in the Full Day Pre-K must turn 4 by December 1, 2018.)

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.

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.

Creation Care Team

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

Caring For Creation ~ Why is it essential to protect the habitat of fish? One reason is: Globally, approximately 3 billion people depend upon seafood as the main source of daily protein.

Here at home we can Care for Creation while fishing by: Bringing a minimal amount of bait. Foreign bait can affect the local eco-system if excess is dumped into the water source.

Community



PARISH PICNIC 2018 ~ Please drop by the Gathering Hall and sign up to help on the day of the picnic on one of the committees.

You can volunteer for as little as an hour or as much of the day that you would like. Many hands are needed to make this a great day. You can also drop by and purchase raffle tickets. Many great prizes from many great local vendors are available. Mark your calendar for: Sunday, September 9, 2018, Noon - 5:00 p.m., Bethlehem Elm Avenue Town Park Hope to see you there.

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!

Ladies of Charity ~ The women of the Ladies of Charity are inspired by the life of Vincent de Paul and have come together to help meet the needs of the poor. We are the women that see the face of Christ in every person we come across. We are college students, homemakers, business-women, teachers, professionals, and retirees that are dedicated to helping the poor and the disenfranchised! If you are interested in learning more about us or becoming a member of the LOC please contact us today. Visit: www.LOCalbany.org Email: rebecca.lj.cribbs@gmail.com Call: 518-598-9697

St. Bernard's Convocation ~ On Wednesday September 5, at 7:00 p.m., St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry will be hosting its annual Convocation at Mater Christi Parish in Albany. The speaker for the evening will be Sr. Mary Frohlich, RCSJ, a Professor of Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Her presentation will be on "A Christological Spirituality for Conversion to the Earth".] All are welcome to attend. Read more about Sr. Mary here: <https://cct.biola.edu/people/mary-frohlich-rscj/>

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners!

Victoria Russo will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin the Month of August. **Please consider advertising in our bulletin.**

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. **We need and appreciate your help.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Victoria directly at **518.527.3017**. **Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!**



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 4-5, 2018

Offertory	\$10,569.01
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,590.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,159.01
 Tithe from this Offertory	 \$657.95

*For the weekend of August 4-5, our collection was **\$13,159.01**. This was donated by approximately **346 families**, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,530** in loose cash from other donors.*

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	8/15	7:30 am 12:15 pm 5:30 pm	Assumption of Mary Masses	CH
Wed	8/15	6:30 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Thu	8/16	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 13 - August 17, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Joan P. Fox <i>Candice and Patrick Stellato</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Candice and Patrick Stellato</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Paul Martin <i>Alan and Lucille Hughes</i>
		Theresa DeIDin <i>John Appel</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Ida and Anthony Catalano <i>Ron and Carolyn Catalano</i>
	12:15 pm	Art Wendth, 11th Anniv. <i>Marcia and Children</i>
		Lonnie Tomlin <i>His Wife Carol</i>
	5:30 pm	Intention of Celebrant
Fri.	12:15 pm	Mary Ellen Kuta <i>Mike and Marge Kanuk</i>
		Anthony Liberti <i>Arlene Grady</i>

Next Weekend, August 18-August 19, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Pat Burdick <i>Bill and Mary Burkhart</i>
		Peggy Ann MacKrell <i>Mrs. Bridie Dolly</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Virginia Jean Cifello <i>Anthony Cifello</i>
		Dr. Tom Manion <i>Marcia Wendt</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Rita Coppola, 8th Anniv. <i>Patrick Raimo</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Bob and Eileen Davis</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of August 12, 2018

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51
Monday	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Ez 2:8-3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Rv 11:19a,12:1-6a / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Ez 16:59-63 / Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Prv 9:1-6 / Eph 5:15-20 / Jn 6:51-58