

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 25-August 26, 2018, Twenty First 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 & Martha Snyder	Sarah Gill & Meerab Gill	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	David Rothfuss & Coleen Flynn	Mary Richards & Chris Corson	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Herman Reinhold & Cathy Semenoff	Catherine Snyder & Emily Sagendorph	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Paulot Truchard & Maureen Roberts	Maggie Walters & John Henry Walters	1

Pastor's Corner



GIVING TREE COORDINATORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

As you may know, for the past couple years, Kelly D'Andrea did an excellent job coordinating our Giving Tree ministry. Kelly and her family have moved out of the area and so Coordinators are needed to continue our parish's tradition of assisting those in need this Christmas. As a parish we have been very generous donating to this most needed project - about 1000 gifts last year! Coordinators are responsible for overseeing the program and working directly with our parish volunteers and the 22 agencies we serve. The program is very organized with a binder listing a timeline of needs. Barbara Leonard, a past coordinator, is willing to assist our new coordinators. **The work begins NOW! Please contact Father Berberian ASAP if you are interested or want more information.**

Prayer & Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Joan Grady and John Meany whose funerals were held recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Hearts Aflame Eucharist Congress ~ Register for Hearts Aflame on **September 22!** Hearts Aflame is only one month away! This historic gathering is for everyone in our diocese. Led by Bishop Ed, the event's primary focus is on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. This will be a time of spiritual renewal for our whole diocese. **The day will include: Mass with the bishop, Inspirational speakers, Activities for Children and Youth, Eucharistic Adoration and Procession, Tours of the Shrine, Fellowship and Unity with other Catholics.**

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.

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)

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some people will hear today." -St. Francis of Assisi

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 Atria Delmar Place on Tuesday 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 Atria 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 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.



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.

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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

We're Back! ~ Our office will be reopening this Thursday, August 23 at 9 a.m. We are so looking forward to getting back into the swing of things and preparing the Fall classes to begin!

Looking for Volunteers ~ Many volunteers are still needed in order to fully staff our program. We especially need 4th and 5th grade catechists and class assistants on all days, but other grade level volunteers are needed as well. Please contact our office beginning August 23 for information on how you can help fill this need.

Registration Information ~ Registration forms for classes are available online at the church website, www.stthomas-church.org. Please register your children entering grades 1 through 10 as soon as you can, so classes can be formed and staffing needs be made clear.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Catechists, assistants and gatekeepers needed for this Fall ~ Please consider sharing your faith journey with the young people of our parish. Contact Colleen in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

Service Opportunity 2 hours ~ Refurbishing historic tombstones 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 for 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!

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 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.

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.

Creation Care Team

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

Caring for Creation ~ Pope Francis continually, in word and action, implores us to take to heart that **“we have received this earth as an inheritance, as a gift, in trust.”** He speaks to us as a father asking us over and over **“What kind of a world do we want to leave behind?”** The environmental news this summer has been sobering, but we can each take new steps and make important differences.

- We learned that the beautiful milkweed plants near the front door of the rectory were planted by Father Rich Broderick the year he lived here prior to his death. We will harvest those seeds and make them available to plant in your own gardens to ensure that the Monarch butterfly will have food that will enable them to migrate to Mexico and return here each summer.

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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Put Christ's love into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 28-30 in Oneonta and Nov 3-4 in ALBANY. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.womenyalb.org>.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, August 25-26. 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)

Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners!

Victoria Russo will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin during 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!**

2018 Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ Next Weekend (August 25-26) ~ We will have a special collection to benefit Catholic Home Missions. Many U.S. dioceses do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. They struggle to fund religious education, seminarian and lay ministry training, and evangelization and are unable to attend to the needs that are unique to the communities they serve. With your support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps ease that struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities. **We thank you in advance for your generosity.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 11-12, 2018

Offertory	\$11,653.18
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,460.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,113.18
 Tithe from this Offertory	 \$655.66

*For the weekend of August 11-12, our collection was **\$13,113.18**. This was donated by approximately **362** families, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,382** in loose cash from other donors.*

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	8/23	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 August 20 - August 24, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Anna Carroll <i>Candice and Anita</i>
		Christine Lombardi <i>Terri Tangredi</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Paul Martin <i>Alan and Lucille Hughes</i>
		Joan Grady <i>Mike and Marge Kanuk</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Mary Ellen Kuta <i>Carmel Foltan</i>
		Intention of the Celebrant
Fri.	12:15 pm	Louise Cirino, 14th Anniv. <i>Angela Angerame</i>
		Francis R. Johnson, 6th Anniv. <i>His Family</i>

Next Weekend, August 25-August 26, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Paul C. Buck Sr., 18th Anniv. <i>Bob and Johanna Shogan and Family</i>
		Peggy Ann MacKrell <i>Mrs. Bridie Dolly</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Frank Daley <i>Frank Daley Jr.</i>
		Joseph Pape <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Joseph A. Emma Sr., 17th Anniv. <i>Family</i>
		Otto Vitillo <i>Bob and Eileen Davis</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday	Prv 9:1-6 / Eph 5:15-20 / Jn 6:51-58
Monday	Ez 24:15-24 / Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10 / Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7ab / Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69