

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, September 1-September 2, 2018, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Dan Coffey & Sandra Flynn	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Jeff Conklin & Alba Giordano	Nancy Chiu & Cathy Semenoff	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Matt Scheidler & Marianne Conophy	Matt Connolly & Liam Witting	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Bill Burkhard & Sarah Comi	Cecilia Creamer & Eileen Desharnais	2

Pastor's Corner



FAREWELL DAN AND THANK YOU ~

Dan McHale, our "Summer Seminarian", will be returning to seminary this week. During his short ten weeks here, his enthusiasm and commitment have been contagious. Aside from his involvement in our regular parish ministries, he also initiated a couple of new ones. One in particular is worth mentioning. He took it upon himself to start visiting some of our retired priests who are in retirement facilities and don't often get many visitors. The diocese was so impressed that our Vocations Office told him that they will continue this ministry with local seminarian aspirants. Personally, I have very much enjoyed his company and quick wit [without him, I would never have learned about baseball card auctions nor the pros and cons of drinking Red Bull]. To keep in touch with Dan, his seminary address is: PSJ XXIII National Seminary, 558 South Ave., Weston, MA 02493.

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

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 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Anthony Iavenditti and Carmelo Crisafulli whose services were held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

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)

"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And I do it with all my heart." – 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 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. 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 on the regular schedule or as a substitute. You will be happy you did! Training provided.



We Thank You For Your Service! We are urged to thank our active duty military personnel for their service when we happen to come upon them. What better way to thank them than to include their information on our "Military Prayer Board," located in the Gathering Hall. Let's show our support and pride in these wonderful men and women and to our fellow parishioners. If you have a relative or friend that you would like to include and would like to participate in this endeavor, please provide information on his/her name, rank, military branch and duty location. Photos are encouraged but not required. Please drop your information at the office along with your contact information to Maura's attention or contact Carl Winters at cemw38@gmail.com. In addition, if you are interested in assisting in decorating this board, please let us 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. Our first meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday, September 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, in the office conference room, for those who have registered.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation offices re-opened for the new year last week ~ If you have not yet done so, please submit your family's registration form for classes this year as soon as you can as we will be processing those we have received over the summer and assigning children to our anticipated class rosters. Registration forms for classes are available online at the church website: <https://stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>

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 for information on how you can help fill this need.

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)

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!

Bowling for Beef! ~ Del Lanes, Tuesday, Sept. 18! Two sessions this year, 60 spots per session. 9-10:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m.- midnight. Cost \$13 for two games, shoes, pizza and drink! \$5.00 will be donated to

Cathedral Social Services for 2 pound packs of ground beef. Sign up today and bring a friend and PERMISSION SLIP! Chaperones needed!

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

(Contact: Paul Edmundson)

RCIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~ One of the best ways to grow in your own faith is to accompany someone who is coming into faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please consider exploring the possibility of becoming an RCIA team member. There are many roles on the team, such as people to do dismissal with catechumens, catechists, hospitality folks, and sponsors. Check to see which ones match your talents! Contact Paul Edmundson if you are interested.

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.**

This 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

Do you enjoy working with children? We are currently seeking applicants to fill the roles of Substitute Teachers, Lunch Aides and Recess Aides ~ If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please give us a call at 518-439-5573 or email us at office@stthomas-school.org.

Congratulations to our Preschool team which has

been awarded a \$7,500 Higher Powered Learning Grant from the Albany Diocese for the submission of their project "Imagination and Creation Station: An outdoor early childhood learning environment". This grant will fund the school's first environment for safe risk taking and non-directed motor skills development for our early childhood students. We hope to foster a love and understanding of the environment and the world that God gave us through the use of re-purposed materials.

It's not too late to enroll! ~ It's amazing what happens when you make faith a part of a child's everyday learning experience. At St. Thomas the Apostle School, our teachers and staff partner with families to instill the same values in our students that they learn at home. Through dedication and effort, we prepare each student to achieve excellence both academically and spiritually. We live our faith with families and the community who, in partnership, define our ministry. 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.)

Parish Picnic is going GREEN! ~ Join us and go GREEN too! Consider bringing your own reusable mug, cup and place setting. Stop by our Creation Care Team's Recycled / Reused crafts! Bring your favorite outgrown tee shirt and create a tote.

"You are called by God to care for Creation not only as responsible citizens but also as followers of Christ." (Pope Francis)

Community

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, tablet or any internet connected device to sign up for the Catholic Action Network and the Catholic Climate Covenant. A laptop will also be available for your use. Join us and **Make Your Voice Heard!**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Peter said to Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life". Discover God's plan for your marriage 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 and Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.womenyalb.org>.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, August 25-26. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected. Please check expiration dates when donating.

Thank you for your generous support of the food pantry throughout the year. We remind you that the food pantry is **OPEN THROUGHOUT THE MONTH**. Anyone in need is welcome to use the food pantry. Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

2018 Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ THIS 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 18-19, 2018**

Offertory	\$14,481.35
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,060.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$16,541.35
Tithe from this Offertory	\$827.07

*For the weekend of August 18-19, our collection was **\$16,541.35**. This was donated by approximately **404 families**, which we are able to identify through envelope, check or electronic giving use. This total also included about **\$1,744** in loose cash from other donors.*

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	8/30	10 am	Bible Study	LCR
Sat	9/1	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 August 27 - August 31, 2018

Mon.	12:15 pm	Dan Lowenski <i>Family</i>
		Tony Giordano <i>Alba</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Mary DeCrescenzo, 10th Anniv. <i>Her Daughter</i>
		Jeanne Double <i>Ann and Tom Drucker</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Harold Houck <i>Family</i>
		Paul J. Smith <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Douglas DeLucco <i>Karen and Carl Winters</i>
		Joan Grady <i>Ron and Honor Kennedy</i>

Next Weekend, September 1-September 2, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Peggy Ann MacKrell <i>Sal and Rose Tassone</i>
		George Lenhardt <i>Mike and Marge Kanuk</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Joan Fox <i>Martha Keens</i>
		Douglas DeLucco <i>Mr. and Mrs. David DeMarco</i>
	9:30 am	George Bragle <i>Kathleen Bragle</i>
		Mary Ellen Kuta <i>The Downs family</i>
	11:00 am	For the People

Scripture Readings: Week of August 26, 2018

Sunday	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69
Monday	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mk 6:17-29
Thursday	1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23