

Church of

# Saint Thomas the Apostle



35 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054

Phone: 439-4951 • Fax: 439-0108

E-mail: [office@stthomas-church.org](mailto:office@stthomas-church.org)

Website: [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org)

**Rev. David V. Berberian**, *Pastor, effective July 1, 2017*

**Rev. Richard Leskovar**, *Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. James D. Daley**, *Pastor Emeritus*

**PARISH OFFICE: 439-4951 Fax: 439-0108**

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Patricia Holm**, *Pastoral Associate, Administration*

[pholm@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pholm@stthomas-church.org)

**Barbara Ruggirello**, *Bookkeeper*

**Paul Edmundson**, *Office Assistant*

[pedmundson@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pedmundson@stthomas-church.org)

**Peter Bukowski**, *Facilities Manager*

[pbukowski@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pbukowski@stthomas-church.org)

**Maura Barrett, LMSW**, *Pastoral Care Associate*

[mbarrett@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org)

**Avery Tunningley**, *Parish Music Director*

[tunnac@aol.com](mailto:tunnac@aol.com)

**Nelly Brown Bunk**, *Choir Director*

[nellybrownbunk@gmail.com](mailto:nellybrownbunk@gmail.com)

**Konstantin Tsykun**, *Contemporary Music Director*

**Dianne McMullen**, *Organist*

## **FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Closed Friday.

**Patti Staerker**, *Elementary Coordinator*

[pstaerker@stthomas-church.org](mailto:pstaerker@stthomas-church.org)

**Elizabeth Kerins**, *MS and HS Coordinator*

[ekerins@stthomas-church.org](mailto:ekerins@stthomas-church.org)

**Mary Ann Hospodar**, *Assistant MS and HS Coordinator*

[mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org)

**Colleen Harrigan**, *Secretary*

[charrigan@stthomas-church.org](mailto:charrigan@stthomas-church.org)

**PARISH TRUSTEES: Patrick Gallagher and Adele Nucci**

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL: 439-5573 Fax: 478-9773**

[www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org)

[info@stthomas-school.org](mailto:info@stthomas-school.org)

**Thomas Kane**, *School Principal*

**Carmel Foltan**, *Dir. Community Relations & Enrollment Mgmt.*

[cfoltan@stthomas-school.org](mailto:cfoltan@stthomas-school.org)

## **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 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel.

**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.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR 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, June 3-4, 2017, Pentecost Sunday

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Urban	Tricia Buhr & Dan Ehring	Raegan Ehring & Sarah Gill	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Colleen Flynn & Paul Edmundson	Tyler Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Urban	Annemarie Farrell & Matt Scheidler	Bridget Connolly & Kathleen Connolly	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Urban	Sarah Comi & Bill Burkhard	Ryan McCarroll & John Henry Walters	3

## Parish News

**Please Welcome Our New Pastor, Father David Berberian** ~ Father David Berberian has been named Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church effective July 1. Many of you may remember him from when he was Pastor here, from 2004 - 2010. Until Fr. Berberian arrives full time, the Diocese has assigned priests to cover our weekend Masses. That information will be included in the weekly bulletin. Fr. Leskovar will continue to preside at each of the 8:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday until the end of June, Fr. Leskovar will also preside at June weekday Masses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Memorial Day Holiday** ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Memorial Day. There are no services in church scheduled for Monday.

**Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ"** ~ Through the end of June, we will continue to focus on our 2017 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 230 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$108,138 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**Congratulations** to the families of the following who were baptized last weekend at St. Thomas: Emilia Teresa Carr, Cecilia Margaret Sheehan and Remi Rose Bertrand.

## Prayer & Worship

**Please Remember in Prayer** Mary J. (June) Carey whose funeral was held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life..

**Prayer Chain** ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. Contact Pam Seward at: 439-7845 for your intention to be added.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE** ~ The monthly Prayer for Peace will be on Saturday, June 3, at noon at the Peace Pole near the entrance to the parking lot near the front of the church. All are welcome.

**Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery** ~ All are welcome to join the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the annual Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery, Rte. 9W, Glenmont. The Mass will be celebrated, rain or shine, on Mon., May 29 at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a chair, and you are encouraged to bring a breakfast treat to share. Coffee and beverages will be provided. Rev. Sean O'Brien, OFM will preside.

**GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS** ~ "Gluten-free" hosts are available at Mass for those who have allergies. These are not 100% gluten-free but satisfy the FDA's requirement as they have a miniscule amount of wheat, less than 20 parts per million, which also satisfies the Church's requirement that the host contain wheat. If anyone wishes to receive communion using this option, please speak to the priest celebrant before Mass so he can place a "gluten-free" host on the altar to consecrate during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have concerns about whether this host will meet your needs, please contact your healthcare provider.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**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. 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.

**Has a family member moved to an Assisted Living or Nursing Home?** Please let the Pastoral Care office know so that you can receive parish visits. Due to privacy policies, we may not otherwise know. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer who visits our parishioners, please contact Maura. It is truly a rewarding opportunity.

**Our Meal Ministry Team** provides **short-term, home delivered meals** to parishioners who have experienced issues such as: acute illness, recent hospitalization, death of a loved one, birth or adoption of a new baby, etc. **If you are in need, or know of a parishioner who could use this support, OR if you would like to join the team** please contact Maura Barrett by phone or email. Calls will be returned during Pastoral Care hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Faith Formation

#### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**Congratulations to the following children who were welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the first time last week as they made their First Communion:** Kailyn Agostinoni, Brendan Bashant, Jack Buenau, Alaina Burek, Mollie Connelly, Ben Dunham, Autumn Eck-Raider, Malia Fiorita, Logan Greaux, Shelby Green, Lorenzo Gregory, Jack Keating, Ryan Kiyonaga, Finn Lee, Vicente Manny Luzon, Caroline Murphy, Tyler Patounas, Rylie Rask, Benjamin Ruth, Andrew Toomey, Mae Walston, and Jackson White.

**Registration for next year's classes has begun!** ~ Please download a registration form from our church website {<http://www.stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>} and submit it as soon as you can. Once again, we are offering an 'Early Bird Special' for those submitting their completed forms by May 31, 2017!

**We continue to seek new and returning catechists and assistants to staff our classes for the 2017-18 faith formation year** ~ We are looking for confirmed adults to lead our grades 1-5 classes once a week for our program year, September-April. Lesson plans, teaching guides and materials are provided for you along with as much guidance and support as we can give! **Youth assistants** in grades 6-12 are also needed to assist our elementary catechists each week. Please contact our office to learn more about how you can help spread the Good News to our youngest parishioners!

**Faith Formation Offices will be closing for the Summer on June 8 at 2 p.m.** ~ Emails and voicemails received after that time will be responded to on an intermittent basis over the summer months. Offices will re-open for the 2017-18 faith formation year on Monday, August 21. We wish all of you a happy, fun and blessed summer vacation!!

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Catechists needed for next year!** ~ Please consider sharing your faith journey with the young people of our parish. Contact Elizabeth or Colleen in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

### Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

**Youth Ministry TEE SHIRT CONTEST! WE NEED YOUR CREATIVITY!** ~ Design Guidelines: Include motto: **"Make a Difference"**, **"St. Thomas the Apostle"** 2 sided, specify color of shirt and no more than two colors for design, **use PDF or JPEG format**. Designs will be displayed in the Gathering Hall for a student vote! Winner receives a **free shirt!** Get creative and send your designs to [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) **by June 9th!** Good luck.

### RCIA

**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. Next year's class will begin in September and run through the Easter Vigil on March 31.

Contact Paul Edmundson, if you have any questions about the program.

### School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

**Celebrating 60 Years of Catholic School Education!** ~ All St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parishioners, current School families, parents, alumni and friends are invited to join us as we celebrate 60 years of Catholic School Education.

**Friday, June 9 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meet & Greet Events** at Swifty's, Twisted Vine and O'Slatterly's. Casual meet up with old friends, from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. **Reservation NOT required.**

**Saturday, June 10 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House** - Open House/Tours with Historical Information on display at St. Thomas the Apostle School from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Reservation NOT required.**

**Sunday, June 11** - Join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with a Reception to follow directly after at St. Thomas the Apostle School. **Please Let us know if you are planning to attend** <http://sts60thanniversary.eventbrite.com>

**Caring for Our Common Home**

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: [jdschrempf@verizon.net](mailto:jdschrempf@verizon.net) or Marie Myer [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

**Caring for Our Common Home** ~ In the Gospel of Ascension Thursday, this past week, Jesus sends us out as His disciples to share His message of love and mercy with all people. We are commissioned by Jesus to care for our Common Home and all those who live within it. In the words of Pope Francis, we are called to be "channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish" (Urbi et Orbi, 3/31/13). As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, in sacred ceremony and family gatherings, we can live the mission of Caring for our Common Home by honoring those who have sacrificed their lives for us.

- **Observe** the National Moment of Remembrance at 3pm on Monday.
- **Plant** a tree, shrub or flower in the memory of a veteran.
- **Bring** flowers or wreaths to their memorials.
- **Help** Veterans' groups care for the graves of those who have no living family to bring flowers or to clear weeds.
- **Attend** a Memorial Day parade as a family.

**Community**

The Public Policy Ministry requests that you **SAVE THE DATE of Monday, October 16**, for the seventh "Food for Thought" entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. The program weaves the art of Marion Honors, CSJ, with discussion, music, poetry, story and science. Watch the Bulletin for further details. Join the Public Policy Ministry; call Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or email [mariecopeland62@gmail.com](mailto:mariecopeland62@gmail.com).

**Active Older Adults Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food** ~ Our last luncheon before we take a two month break will be on **Friday, June 16**. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. for Mass and then enjoy lunch together. If possible, bring a personal care item for Bethlehem Senior Services. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, June 12**.

**Parishioners:** If you like to bake, you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with any type of patriotic red, white or blue dessert. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

**Christian Service**

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **THIS WEEKEND**, May 27-28. 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)

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe – Second Collection~ THIS WEEKEND** we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports organizations that provide affordable shelter, important services for the poor and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of generations of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, support for families and faith formation your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously.

**Counters Needed** ~ Volunteers are needed to spend several hours every month or so on Sunday morning to help count the weekend collection. Please let me know if you are interested. Thanks for considering this ministry opportunity.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
May 20-21, 2017**

Offertory	\$11,683.10
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,750.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,433.10
Tithe from this Offertory	\$671.66

**Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!**

**Calendar**

Mon	5/29		Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed / No Mass	
Thu	6/1	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	6/3	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 May 29 - June 2, 2017*

<b>Mon.</b>		<b>Office Closed-No Mass</b> (Memorial Day )	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Living Intentions - Myrtle Family</b>	
		<b>Living Intentions - Holly Bergeron</b>	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Rev. Harry Carney, 70th Anniv.</b> <b>Ordination</b>	<i>Loretta Carney</i>
		<b>Art Roberts</b>	<i>Carol Tomlin</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Enrollees of the St. Thomas</b> <b>Memorial Fund</b>	

**Next Weekend, June 3-4, 2017**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Thomas Magliocca</b>	<i>The Family</i>
		<b>Aurore Walsh</b>	<i>Jim and Ronnie Blendell</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Salvatore Schiavo</b>	<i>Sean Moloney</i>
		<b>Bill McKeough</b>	<i>Joan Gochee</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>	
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Herbert Leisenfelder</b>	<i>The Hospodar Family</i>
		<b>Art Roberts</b>	<i>Anne Sheehan</i>

**Scripture Readings: Week of May 28, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Pt 4:13-16 / Jn 17: 1-11a</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21: 20-25</b>
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12=13 / Jn 20: 19-23</b>