

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 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, July 8-9, 2017, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Denis Hurley	Shelby Whitman & Kelsie Apicelli	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Mary Richards & Michael Braunlin	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Elizabeth Kerins & Matt Scheidler	Megan Kolberg & Olivia Poust	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Sarah Comi & Jack Canning	Eileen Desharnais & Maggie Walters	2

## Parish News

**Please welcome Father Berberian as our new pastor this weekend.**

**Independence Day** ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Diocesan holidays for Independence Day. There are no services scheduled in church on those days.

**Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ"** ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 420 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$175,868 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

## Prayer & Worship

**Please Remember in Prayer** George Bragle and Angelo Picarazzi whose funerals were celebrated recently at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

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

**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)

**"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire," St. Catherine of Siena** ~ There are a number of ways to become involved in ministry in our parish. Check out the new website or contact Maura to find out more! Flexible scheduling, give as little or as much as you can.

**Adult Funeral Acolytes Needed** ~ Do you have a couple of hours now and again, usually in the morning? Supporting our priests and grieving families during funerals is such a gift. Acolytes serve in teams of two; training provided. Service is on an "as needed" basis as your schedule allows. Contact Maura if you are interested in learning more about this ministry opportunity.

**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.

**Atria Delmar Place and Kenwood Manor** are the two Assisted Living facilities in our parish community where we provide weekly Rosary and Communion Services on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Most of those residents can no longer get to Mass and rely on these services for continued spiritual growth. They are so very appreciative of our services. Scheduling is once every 4-5 weeks, or you can serve as a substitute. Let Maura know if you are interested in joining this great team.

**Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry** ~ You don't have to be an expert to join this amazing team. If you are interested in assisting with putting together knitted, crocheted and quilted blankets and other items ~ this group is for you! Guidance can be provided for the novices! This team creates beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer from anyone who would like to make them. If you would like to become more active with this group please contact Christina Ryan at 439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura.

**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.).

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith Formation

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

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**Faith Formation Offices are closed for the summer.** ~ Emails and voicemails 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. Registration forms submitted over the summer weeks will be processed at that time. We wish all of you a happy, fun and blessed summer vacation

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Catechists, assistants and gatekeepers 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)

**Happy Fourth of July! We thank you God for our many blessings and liberties! God Bless America!**

#### **Diocesan Summer Opportunities :**

- **St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference, July 14-16,** at Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. **High School students experience a weekend of worship, fun, friendship, laughter, music and activities. Cost is \$200.**
- **Music and Liturgy at Pyramid Lake XVIII, July 23-July 27,** at Pyramid Lake **High School students use their talents to share in mini music courses, outdoor activities and fun! Cost is \$450.**

**Please contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you are interested. Space is limited! Flyers available in Gathering Hall in the Summer binder! Check it out.**

### Creation Care Team

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

**On Care for Our Common Home** ~ As we prepare to celebrate this Fourth of July, let us look at our nation with gratitude, reverence and hope. The gospel proclaimed this weekend calls us to be disciples in our own families, places of work and recreation, in our parish,

neighborhoods and wider communities. This is a challenging directive for these times and the world we live in. We are not, however, left without a GPS system and guidebook as we have the direction offered by Pope Francis and our church, scripture and the sacraments, and the witness of incredible people of faith. It has been said that today's Christian should pray with the newspaper in one hand and the Bible in the other. Perhaps as we celebrate this special holiday we might add the Constitution to the mix.

#### **For all parishioners and families:**

- Celebrate this Fourth of July with gratitude for the symbolism of our American flag, our Constitution and Bill of Rights and reflect on the challenges that we are called to as disciples and citizens.
- For those traveling this summer, take note of what parishes across our country are doing to bring Pope Francis' encyclical **Laudato Si'** to life in their own communities in more intentional ways and share these ideas with our own parish Creation Care Team.
- Plan to visit the new Nature Center at Five Rivers and the new Visitors Center at Thatcher Park to experience the beauty of God's bounty to us in our own backyard.

### School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

**Congratulations to the following Students who received special recognition at the 2016/2017 Awards Ceremony and the Class of 2017 Graduation:**

**New York State Comptroller's Award** – Alexa Derhammer, Class of 2017

**Academic Excellence** – Sophia Haggerty, Class of 2017

**Liturgical Service Award** – Kelsie Apicelli & Shelby Whitman, Class of 2017

**St. Thomas School Spirit Award** – Kira Dexter-Sindigaya, Class of 2017

**St. Thomas School Service Award** – Sarah Tyner, Class of 2017

**Religious Studies Award** – Gregory Kayayan, Class of 2017

**Attorney General Triple C Award** – Owen Kane, Class of 2017

***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 5 - Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall if you think you would like to join the program. Next year's class will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. in the Large Conference Room and runs through the Easter Vigil on March 31.

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

***Community***

**The Public Policy Ministry** wants you to **SAVE THE DATE**, Monday, October 16, for the seventh "Food for Thought," entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. This interactive presentation begins with prayer/reflection and uses music, poetry, story, discussion and science and the art of Marion Honors, CSJ., as we reflect on the challenges set forth by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*. The Public Policy Ministry and the Creation Care Team invite you to join us at 6:30 pm in St. Thomas School for light refreshments before the program at 7 pm (Optional free-will offering). Registration will begin after Labor Day. Join the Public Policy Ministry; call Marie Copeland at 439-4050 or email [mariec-opeland62@gmail.com](mailto:mariec-opeland62@gmail.com).

**St. Thomas Active Adults** ~ Thank you to everyone who made our Patriotic Picnic luncheon a great success. There are many people we would like to thank for the success of our 10 luncheons during the 2016 – 2017 year. They include Father Tom and the Sacrificial Giving Committee for their financial support of our luncheons, Atria Delmar Place for providing us with delicious meals from January to June, the volunteers who helped to decorate, set up, make food, serve food, and clean up, our parishioners who provided us with delicious baked goods for our 10 luncheons and our participants who attended each month to share some time with fellow parishioners. Without all of you, the program would not have been a success. Enjoy the summer!! Watch the bulletin in late Summer for the announcement of our September luncheon.

**KIDZ LUNCHBOX** ~ The Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC) is an ecumenical organization that provides support to those living in impoverished neighborhoods in Albany, NY and surrounding communities. One of CACC's programs is the "Kidz Lunchbox". This mobile program provides lunches to children in the West Hill and South End neighborhoods of Albany during the summer. Although many children are eligible for school lunch programs throughout the school year, lunch during the summer months is often fraught with barriers. The Kidz Lunchbox program was designed as a stopgap measure to address food insecurity and child hunger in Albany. **Volunteers are needed** to help pack and/or distribute lunches through August 10. The program operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (except for July 4). Lunch packers gather at the First Lutheran Church, 646 State St, Albany at 11:00 and are usually finished by 11:30. All food and materials are provided. Lunch deliveries go from 11:30 to 12:30. If you are willing and able to pack and/or deliver lunches one or more of these days to address the child hunger problem in Albany (maybe during your lunch hour), please contact Paul Supple at (518) 221-7125. Thank you!

***Administration***

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
June 24-25, 2017**

Offertory	\$10,019.19
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,495.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$11,514.19
Tithe from this Offertory	\$575.71

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

***Calendar***

Mon, Tue	7/3, 7/4		Office Closed/No Mass Diocesan Holidays	
Thu	7/6	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1

**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 July 3 - July 7, 2017*

<b>Mon.</b>		<b>No Mass</b> <b>Diocesan Holiday</b>	
<b>Tues.</b>		<b>No Mass</b> <b>Diocesan Holiday</b>	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Marcia Bernard</b>	<i>Arlene</i>
		<b>Kathleen Buck</b>	<i>Fred and Karen Grospin</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Enrollees of St. Thomas Memorial Fund</b>	

**Next Weekend, July 8-9, 2017**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Bill McKeough</b>	<i>Adele Nucci</i>
		<b>Samuel Bozzella</b>	<i>Marcia and Richard Bassotti</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Nelson LaDuke</b>	<i>His Wife Arlene</i>
		<b>Beatrice Konwisarz</b>	<i>John Appel</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Kathleen Buck</b>	<i>Fred and Karen Grospin</i>
		<b>Luce Bencic</b>	<i>Tina Perlegis</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>For the People</b>	

**Scripture Readings: Week of July 2, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Mt 10: 37-42</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Mt 8: 28-34</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Gn 23:1-4,19, 24:1-8, 62-67 / Mt 9:9-13</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Mt 9: 14-17</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11: 25-30</b>