

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 22-23, 2017, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Roberts & Dan Ehring	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Nyilis & Anthony Scisci	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Marianne Conophy & Paul Connolly	Maya Richter & Emily Sagendorph	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Bill Burkhard	Ryan McCarroll & Eileen Desharnais	1

Parish News

Missionary Cooperative Collection – Every year the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office assigns a group to each parish for a special presentation and collection for work in the missions. For **NEXT WEEKEND**, July 22-23, the Office has assigned Reverend Jan Kwiecien, Redemptorist, who will speak on behalf of the Redemptorists ministries in Ukraine and Russia.

The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, is a missionary congregation that ministers to the poor in more than 70 countries around the world. The area of the former Soviet Union is undoubtedly a place where many neglected people need help. Thanks to the efforts of Polish Redemptorists, we have been building the next church there. In front of us, there is the next project: the completion of the construction at the church and pastoral center in Togiatti—central Russia.

The Redemptorists would like to express their deep gratitude to all for the prayers, kindness and support of their projects. **Please be prepared for a special collection when we will “pass the basket” a second time to receive your support for this worthy cause.**

Bishop’s Appeal 2017 - “Being Ambassadors for Christ” ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 454 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$186,138 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Prayer & Worship

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

Please remember in Prayer Connie Albert, sister of Luke Mullen, who passed away last week. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

“The world tells us to seek success, power & money; God tells us to seek humility, service & love,” Pope Francis

No better way to demonstrate love to others than through ministry! 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!

Welcome - To our newest Pastoral Care Ministers ~ Nancy Chiu, and Barbara Rose! Each is serving in a different role ~ you can be part of our group too! We would love to have you serve with us. We offer flexible scheduling ~ offer as much or as little time as you are able.

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.

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.).

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation offices are now closed for the summer until Monday, August 21, 2017 ~

Messages will be checked periodically from now until then. Have a fantastic summer!

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)

Remember to pray for our students who are participating in Camp Veritas this week! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Enjoy.

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 at the parish office if you want more information.

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

Substitute Teaching Vacancies ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. All teachers must be Virtus Trained. Interested candidates may forward a cover letter and resume to Thomas Kane, Principal, St. Thomas the Apostle School, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054 or via email to office@stthomas-school.org.

Limited openings in our afternoon Preschool 4 program ~ The preschool offers a nurturing, compassionate, faith-based program providing early socialization, kindergarten-readiness and unique educational experiences and opportunities. Openings available in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. class. To schedule a visit and for more information, please call 439-5573 or email info@stthomas-school.org.

Accepting Applications for September, 2017 ~ Selecting a school for your child's education is one of the most important decisions that parents make. More than just a school, St. Thomas the Apostle School provides a well-rounded educational experience rooted in Gospel Values for students in preschool – grade 8. In addition to being active participants in the community, our students are prepared to enter high school and perform at the highest level. Many of our students participate in high school-level courses while at St. Thomas. Our strong arts programs provide every student with the opportunity to explore interests in music, theater, and fine arts. All students are encouraged to be physically fit and offered the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletics including running club, basketball, and soccer. If you're looking for a school which educates the whole person, mind, body and spirit, visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or to schedule a visit, call 439-5573 or email info@stthomas-school.org

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, July 22-23. 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.

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: idschrempf@verizon.net
or Marie Myer myermarie@yahoo.com.)

Caring for Our Common Home ~ St. Thomas the Apostle Parish community is building a well in Africa – and we need your help! Our parish Creation Care Team has partnered with **The Water Project** – a faith based organization in Concord, New Hampshire which works with local communities to drill and sustain wells and other water projects in central Africa. **Our project goal is \$12,000-\$15,000.** You can learn about this organization on their website thewaterproject.org.

We have raised over \$3,000 through our spring fundraising efforts and contributions from parishioners and others in our community. We have plans for creative fund raising this fall that will involve the whole parish community and especially our school age children and teens. Donations to the well project can be made directly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please indicate **“Parish Well Project”** on the check memo line. Contributions can be made as a tribute to someone, a memorial for a loved one, or a gift to commemorate a special occasion. We will use the bulletin and parish website www.stthomas-church.org to give progress reports as we work to meet our goal.

For all parishioners and families:

- An easy summer read appropriate for school age children and adults of all ages is the book **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park which tells the story of children who walk two hours twice a day to carry water back to their families and who face hardships working to stay safe in hostile situations. This paperback is available in the Bethlehem library, from Amazon for \$4.25 or through I Love Books.

Community

The Public Policy Ministry and Creation Care Team want 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. The next Public Policy Meeting is Wednesday, August 16, in the Gathering Hall.

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. 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
July 1-2, 2017**

Offertory	\$12,252.25
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,050.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$13,302.25
Tithe from this Offertory	\$665.11

July 8-9, 2017

Offertory	\$12,815.60
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$2,435.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$15,250.60
Tithe from this Offertory	\$762.53

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	7/20	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
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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 July 17 - July 21, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Jeanette Constantino <i>Agnes Constantino</i>
		Gloria M. Johnson, 11th Anniv. <i>Her Family</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Rev. Harry Carney <i>Loretta Carney</i>
		Joseph Walkowicz, 4th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Robert Coughlin <i>The Gorman Family</i>
		For Our Sister Parish
Fri.	12:15 pm	Francis R. Johnson <i>His Family</i>
		For The People

Next Weekend, July 22-23, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Anthony R. Vendetti, 21st Anniv. <i>His Family</i>
		Florence J. Canning <i>Jack Canning</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
Sun.	9:30 am	For The People
	11:00 am	Anna LaPietra <i>Daughter and Family</i>
		Lucille Loveland <i>Maureen Roberts</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of July 16, 2017

Sunday	Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a / Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Mt 11: 25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20, / Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10-12:14/ Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Ex 12:37-42 / Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43