

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, August 5-6, 2017, The Transfiguration of the Lord

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Tricia Buhr & Dan Ehring	Ali Barron & Matthew Barron	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Colleen Flynn & Jeff Conklin	Kailee Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Amanda Smith & Paul Connolly	Donja Tripp & Liam Witting	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Vera Frangella & Bill Burkhard	Morgan Leonard & Ryan McCarroll	3

Parish News

Visit stthomas-church.org! ~ Our Parish website had a makeover and now boasts a more contemporary design, new features and is easier to use. On the home page is the latest parish news as well as easy access to Mass times, the latest weekly bulletin and the parish calendar of events. Also, you'll find updates for all our ministries, enjoy photos of the people and events around our parish, make connections to the school and faith formation, and more. Please send us feedback on the new website so we can keep on improving our communication to you. **Point your browser to stthomas-church.org from any computer or mobile device.**

Congratulations to the families of Natalie Elizabeth Geer and Steven David Wagner who were baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas.

Prayer & Worship

Please remember in Prayer Michael Kane, brother of Tom Kane, St. Thomas School Principal, who passed away last week. May the Lord welcome him into Eternal Life.

Prayer Chain ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

Peace Pole Prayer ~ Remember to include the Peace Pole in your prayers. Visit anytime, but to join with others come at noon on August 5 and pray with us.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Great works are often quiet works," James Martin, S.J.

Welcome ~ To Alex Sanchez who has just joined our Pastoral Care Ministry. 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 518-439-8517, 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.).

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 week-ends, 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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Concert for Vocations 2017 ~ St. Pius X Church in Loudonville will be hosting this year's concert on Tuesday, August 8, Holy Hour and Benediction with Bishop Scharfenberger at 6 p.m., concert by religious, seminarians, deacons and priests of the Diocese of Albany at 7 p.m. and refreshments to follow. Please come to support and to say thank you to the religious of our diocese! See you at the concert!

Diocesan Synod Survey ~ Bishop Scharfenberger is asking for **your input** on our Diocesan Synod set for Autumn 2018 entitled: **Who are the Young People of the Church? The survey is only open until August 31! So please respond in a timely fashion. Youth Ministry is defined as young people age 12-18, Young Adult Ministry is defined as age 19-39.** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5ZVC7B>. **Your assistance is most appreciated!**

School News

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.

We welcome you to learn more about St. Thomas the Apostle School's preschool-grade 8 ~ Students at St. Thomas the Apostle School are encouraged to think, create and understand. From our

youngest students in preschool to our 8th graders who are preparing for high school, it is always our goal to empower each and every student to achieve academic and spiritual excellence in an environment which is rich in Catholic tradition. Our academic setting offers personalized attention and small group learning, advanced math and science opportunities, and a growing physical education and arts program. Please call us today 518-439-5573 or visit www.stthomas-school.org. Applications are currently being accepted for September 2017 enrollment.

Creation Care Team

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

"Hoping in a better future calls for offering real opportunities to people." (Pope Francis, July, 2015)

Help offer "real opportunities" through access to the life-giving, life-sustaining resource: water. St. Thomas the Apostle parish is partnering with the faith-based organization, The Water Project, to **build a well for an impoverished community in central Africa.** The cost of a well is between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Through spring fundraisers, as well as the contributions of parishioners and members of the community, we are on our way to reaching our financial target.

A well will offer "real opportunities" to an African community in four distinct ways:

- **Health:** Water-related diseases can be reduced.
- ♦ **Education:** Young girls are often the members of the community who must miss school to walk miles each day to fill jugs with water to bring back to the families. Access to clean water in their village will allow them to go to school.
- **Hunger:** Crops to provide nutritious foodstuffs can be grown with an adequate supply of water.
- **Economy:** Communities can develop and grow when members are healthy, educated and well-fed as a result of access to a life-sustaining fresh water supply.

To **learn more** about The Water Project and the people of central Africa that it will benefit, go to the website, thewaterproject.org.

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.

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!

Golf Outing ~ St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Parish is sponsoring a **golf outing on Monday, September 11** at **Colonie Golf & Country Club, Voorheesville, NY (Route 85A)**. The cost of this event is **\$125** per player which includes: **18 holes of golf, a complimentary gift, use of the driving range, riding cart, on course snacks and beverages, cocktail hour (cash bar) and Awards Dinner**. Prizes for top Men's foursomes, women's foursomes and Mixed foursomes include Greens Fees to the following courses: Colonie Golf & CC, Edison CC, Ballston Spa CC, Hiland CC, Eagle Crest CC, Lazy Swan CC, Columbia CC among many others. Our Auction includes Golf for 4 at Saratoga National plus many other items. **Contact Lou DeMaria at 518-861-1230.**

Christian Service

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)

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father THIS WEEKEND - Be A Witness of Charity ~

Each year the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany participates in the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous in next week's collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Lost and Found ~ If you have been missing anything over the last several months, please be sure to check the "lost and found" bin in the area to the left of the church foyer (near the shopping carts.) We have acquired quite a collection, including hats, gloves, eye-glasses and books. Anything unclaimed as of **August 27** will be donated to those in need.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
July 22-23, 2017**

Offertory	\$10,617.90
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,655.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$12,272.90
Tithe from this Offertory	\$613.65
Special Collection - Russian Mission	\$5,323.39

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	7/31	5 pm	Alzheimer's Care Team meeting	GH
Thu	8/3	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	8/5	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 July 31 - August 4, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Constance Mullen Albert <i>Rose Newell</i>
		Living Intentions - Joan Rimawi <i>Anonymous</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Living Intentions - Baby Spina <i>Anonymous</i>
		Gerardo Lazaro <i>Lomotan Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Jean MacAvery <i>Munnelly Family</i>
		Pilar Elum <i>Lomotan Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Enrollees of St. Thomas Memorial Fund

Next Weekend, August 5-6, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	William McKeough <i>Jack and Nancy Haggerty</i>
		Louis Dempf <i>Hospodar Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	John Edmundson –25th Anniv. <i>Edmundson Family</i>
		Jane Gurley <i>Ricchiuti Family</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	For The People
	11:00 am	For The People

Scripture Readings: Week of July 30, 2017

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28 / Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13: 44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17 / Mt 14: 1-12
Sunday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9