

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 26-27, 2017, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Barbara Kavanagh & Dan Coffey	To Be Determined & Morgan Leonard	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Cathy Semenoff & Jeff Conklin	Isabel Scisci & Tyler Harrigan	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Matt Scheidler	Caleb Ells & Samantha Gomez	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Tom Hedderman	Ryan McCarroll & John Henry Walters	3

## Parish News

**Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ"** ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 494 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$196,834 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Virtus Class Scheduled** ~ Completion of a 2.5 hour Virtus class is required of **all** volunteers age 18 and older, in advance, for anyone who plans to volunteer to work with children at school, in Faith Formation, in CYO basketball, or in any other parish related activity. This class has been scheduled at the St. Thomas School media center on Sun., Aug. 27 at 12:00 p.m. Registration is required, and can be done through the website, [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), and clicking on the "registration" Link.

## Prayer & Worship

**Please Remember in Prayer** John Fisher, Phillip Wood and Marilyn Soucy whose funerals were held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

**Training for New Acolytes** ~ We are looking forward to new acolytes being trained, to start serving this Fall! Any child who has received First Eucharist is eligible to serve in this ministry. We have scheduled two training sessions: Sat., Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. and Tues. Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Your child only needs to attend one session. If your child is interested, please sign up at the oval table near the church foyer and indicate the session they will attend. Please be sure to take a permission slip which your child needs need to bring to the session with them. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

**Diocesan Marriage Jubilee** ~ The **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration** sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held **Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany.** Couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area of the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register with Paul at the parish office(518-439-4951) by September 21.

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

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

**"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace," 1 Peter 4:10.**

We welcome you to help us serve members of our parish in any of our Pastoral Care Ministries. Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able.

**Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound** ~ When our aged and infirm parishioners are no longer about unable to get to Mass, they rely on our ministers to bring Communion to them in their homes. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, contact Maura.

**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.

**The Bereavement Support Group**, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will resume on **Wednesday, September 13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Large Conference Room in the parish office. **You must register** with Maura if you are interested in joining this group. For more information, please contact Maura Barrett, at 518-439-4951 ext. 104 or [mbarrett@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mbarrett@stthomas-church.org).

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith Formation

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

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

**We're Back!** ~ Our Faith Formation offices will re-open for the new year on Monday, August 21, and we are so happy to be back preparing for what promises to be a great year! Be sure to bring or send in your family's registration form as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

**Catechists, assistants and gatekeepers needed for this Fall** ~ 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)

**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!

**Middle School Diocesan Youth Rally ~ Be strong, bold, and courageous, Sun., Sept. 17, 2017, 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Liturgy celebrated at 5:30 p.m. with family! Hosted at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Road (Route 50), Glenville, NY 12302. Cost of \$12 includes t-shirt, food, activities and more! **Registration deadline is August 28!** Contact: Christine Goss at 518-399-9203 or visit [www.icglenville.com/youth-rally](http://www.icglenville.com/youth-rally) for more information. Email Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you are interested in being a chaperone! Thank you!

**Bottle & Can Drive Sept. 9 and 10 after all Masses!** ~ Please start saving New York State deposit bottles and cans for our parish's **Water Project!** Students and parents are needed to separate and bag bottles and cans. Please sign up in Gathering Hall in our **Make a Difference** binder! Thank you for sharing the **gift of WATER.**

### School News

**Cafeteria Aides and Recess Aides Wanted** ~ St Thomas the Apostle School is looking for a few good people to help in the cafeteria and a few good people to help at recess.

- Cafeteria helpers (10:45 a.m. -1:00 pm., 5 days a week) get the cafeteria ready for the students, distribute milk, help younger students open items from home, and monitor the noise level. Training is provided.
- Recess helpers (11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m., 5 days a week) keep the children safe at recess on the climbing equipment, help monitor games and activities, sometimes play kickball or four square. Training is provided.

These are great positions for responsible people who love working with children and are able to keep up with them. The salary is \$11 an hour, but "the way it will make you feel is priceless". Please call Principal Tom Kane at 518-439-5573 for more information or email at [TKane@stthomas-school.org](mailto:TKane@stthomas-school.org)

### Creation Care Team

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

**On Care for Our Common Home** ~ This weekend's reading from the Prophet Isaiah resonates with Pope Francis' encyclical **Laudato Si "Observe what is right, do what is just"**. It is easy to become overwhelmed and discouraged by the news of environmental challenges in our own locale and throughout our nation and world – and the seemingly disregard for creation by those with power and influence. But that is not what God is calling us to. One person, one family, one neighborhood, one parish and one town can make a difference. Before we are overwhelmed by back to school preparations, fall events, and the business of modern life, take the time to walk through your neighborhood and town and observe what is good and what is right and commit yourself and your family to choose something to affirm or improve – to **"do what is just"** to protect, improve, enhance God's gift of creation to us.

**For all parishioners:**

- Remember to use recyclable grocery bags when you shop. In addition to lessening plastic bags so easily discarded, you will be a strong witness to other shoppers just by your action.



- Save your returnable bottles and cans for the parish drive September 9-10 to fund raise for our well in Africa.
- Enjoy the bounty of farms and gardens at Farmers' Markets and road side stands and share the harvest of your garden with neighbors and local food drives.
- Donate gently used and outgrown clothing to clothing drives and buy extra school supplies to donate to families and schools with needs.

## Christian Service

**ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is set for **NEXT WEEKEND (August 26-27)**. 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.

## Community

**"Food for Thought"** ~ The Public Policy Ministry and the Creation Care Team invite you to attend the 7th "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. Sister Linda is an educator, hiker, and naturalist who holds a Masters Degree from the Earth Literacy Program at St. Mary of the Woods College in Indiana. The program is free, with an optional free-will offering. There will be light refreshments in the School at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7 p.m. Registration begins after Labor Day.

**JOIN the SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARON-DELET for HALF WAY TO ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY with "GET UP JACK" ~ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017** at St. Joseph's Provincial House Dining Room, 385 Watervliet Shaker Rd., Latham. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. You must be 21 to attend. For tickets call [\(518\) 389-2654](tel:5183892654).

**"The Church and Immigration—Four Approaches: The Emotional; The Cynical; The Factual; The Faithful."** ~ Presented by Father Robert McTeigue, SJ, on Wednesday August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at **Mater Christi Parish**. This presentation will take place as part of the Opening Convocation for St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry at Albany. For more information call [\(518\) 453-6760](tel:5184536760). All are welcome.

**A huge 'thank you' to Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC) Kidz Lunchbox volunteers from St. Thomas** who helped reduce child hunger in Albany this summer by giving out lunches to needy children: Kailee Harrigan, Mary Ann Hospodar, Christine, Tina, and Jim Mancuso, Sheila Moloney, Gillian Monteleone, Julia Rupinski, Dan Ryan, Rosie Staerker, and Pat Stellato.

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

**Construction** ~ As you are well aware Delaware Avenue is undergoing major construction that will be ongoing at least through the Fall. The Delaware entrances to our parking lot will be affected with pillars being temporarily removed and other work including sidewalk and curb changes. We encourage you to be very cautious as you drive in and out of the lot and appreciate your patience as they continue their work. Thanks.

**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, eyeglasses and books. Anything unclaimed as of **August 27** will be donated to those in need.

**Special Collection - Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ Next Weekend (August 26-27)** 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. 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 to ease that struggle. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 12-13, 2017

Offertory	\$12,099.97
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$970.00
<b>Total Offertory Received</b>	<b>\$13,069.97</b>
Tithe from this Offertory	\$653.50

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

## Calendar

Thu	8/24	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sun	8/27	12 pm	Virtus Training	MC

**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 21 - August 25, 2017***

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Dan Lowenski</b> <i>Catherine Lowenski</i>
		<b>Margaret Veldran</b> <i>Arlene Grady</i>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Living Intentions - Jack Walsh</b> <i>Arlene Grady</i>
		<b>Living Intentions - Rosalie Mangan</b> <i>Arlene Grady</i>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Living Intentions—James Moshier</b> <i>Eileen and Bob Davis</i>
		<b>Victor Slesinsky</b> <i>Lawrence Keating</i>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Louise Cirino, 13th Anniv.</b> <i>Andrea Angerame</i>
		<b>Margaret Veldran</b> <i>Arlene Grady</i>

### ***Next Weekend, August 26-27, 2017***

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Paul C. Buck Sr., 17th Anniv.</b> <i>Bob and Johanna Shogan and Family</i>
		<b>Arthur Roberts</b> <i>Richard and Marcia Bassotti</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Frank Daley</b> <i>His Wife, Son and Daughter-in-law</i>
		<b>Mary Helen Romsiewicz</b> <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>For The People</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Joseph A. Emma Sr., 16th Anniv.</b> <i>The Family</i>
		<b>Margaret Veldran</b> <i>Kathleen Schmitt</i>

### ***Scripture Readings: Week of August 20, 2017***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15,29-32 / Mt 15:21-28</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jgs 2:11-19 / Mt 19:16-22</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jgs 6:11-24a / Mt 19:23-30</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jgs 9:6-15 / Mt 20: 1-16</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Mt 22:34-40</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Mt 23:1-12</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20</b>