

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, May 27-28, 2017, Seventh Sunday of Easter

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Tufail	Amanda Kras Smith & Dan Coffey	Katie Apicelli & Anna Barron	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Alba Giordano & Jeff Conklin	Kailee Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Tufail	Marianne Conophy & Herman Reinhold	Donja Tripp & Samantha Gomez	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Tufail	Karen Jones & Tom Hedderman	Eileen Desharnais & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	2

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. Visit our website www.stthomas-church.org to view the diocesan announcement of his appointment. Until Fr. Berberian arrives full time, the Diocese will continue to assign priests to cover our weekend Masses. If we have that information in advance we will include it in the bulletin. If not, we will update our homepage as the priest is assigned. 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.

"Being Ambassadors for Christ" -- Bishop's Appeal 2017 ~ Through the end of Juke, we will continue to focus on our 2017 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$205,326, which is \$6,800 more than last year's assessment. To date we have received 180 gifts and pledges, a total of \$82,429 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Ascension Thursday ~ This Thursday, May 25, is Ascension Thursday. We will offer a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and a midday Mass on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. All are encouraged to join us for Eucharist on this holy day!

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Katherine E. Ryan and Arthur Roberts whose funerals were held last week 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.

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.

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Ascension Thursday Masses ~ Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. and the Mass on Thursday, May 25 at 12:15 p.m. Acolytes are ONLY needed at the Wednesday Mass. STS students will serve as acolytes at the Thursday Mass. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve.

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.).

Faith Formation

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 Communions: Robert Brittell, Justin Carlson, Katie Desharnais, Julianna Doemel, Nicholas Faiola, Megan Ferland, Luke Fischer, Jake Frazier, Matthew Frey, Sheamus Healey, Michaela Holbrook, Michael Jantson, Aidan LaFountain, Margot McAvoy, Ella McCarthy, Allison Meier, Justin Mendez, Lauren O'Connor, Denis Pauze, Jack Pauze, Keaton Rickert, Alexander Skuza, Connor Smith, and Lily Ward.

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 are now seeking 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!!

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

LAST CALL - Youth Ministry High School Picnic 9-

12 graders ~ Set for Tuesday, May 23, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas School yard. Food, prizes and games. Hosted by your NCYC Team: Josh, Carolyn, Julia, Julie, Kailee and Sheila! Dish, laundry & floor detergent will be collected for the Albany Veterans Miracle Center which provides for those who served our country, now in need of our assistance. Parents are invited back for dessert and closing prayer for our Troops at 7:10 p.m. Please RSVP in the Gathering Hall binder with your dish to share or email Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org.

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 by **June 9th!** Good luck.

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 – 60th 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 – 60th 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. Visit** <http://www.sts60thanniversary.eventbrite.com>

At St. Thomas the Apostle School, our community of students, parents and educators work together bringing out the best in our students. Our students live the Gospel message in their daily lives - they learn to be compassionate, confident, responsible, and to become leaders. Applications are being accepted for **September, 2017.** We invite you to learn more about St. Thomas the Apostle School. To schedule a tour, contact Carmel Foltan at 439-5573, cfoltan@stthomas-school.org, or visit www.stthomas-school.org.

Register for Summer Camp at St. Thomas the Apostle School: Scholarships Available ~ Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? Check out our summer camp! Camp is open to all students who will enter Preschool 4 – Grade 6 in the fall. You do not need to be a St. Thomas the Apostle School student to attend. Camp will run for 5 weeks, June 26 – July 28. Campers may register for as many weeks as they would like, space permitting, and for half or full day. To learn more, call 439-5573 or visit www.stthomas-school.org.

Caring for Our Common Home

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

Caring for Our Common Home ~ We welcome home our returning pastor Father David Berberian. In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that even though he physically will leave them, he will not leave them "orphans". Our parish was not left as orphans when Father Hayes retired. While he was here he shared the vision of Pope Francis to care for the earth and all its inhabitants. It is up to us now, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our new pastor, to turn words into actions by renewing our recycling efforts, using care with our own natural resources, choosing gardening and lawn care products that do not harm the earth, teaching our children the sacredness of the earth, and supporting leaders and organizations who advocate for protection and care for our common home.

This bulletin insert will be shared by Marie Myer and me in the weeks and months ahead. We are both part of our parish Creation Care Team. We invite you to join this committee and also share your ideas and suggestions using our email addresses.

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ St. Thomas Active Older Adults - Many thanks to our parishioners who baked delicious cookies and to our wonderful volunteers who helped decorate, set up, serve and clean up after our May luncheon. Our last luncheon, before we take a two month break, will be on **Friday, June 16**. Look for more detail in next week's bulletin.

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.

Federal Funding for Hunger and Poverty ~ The Public Policy Ministry urges you to send letters to your federal senators and representative asking them to make funding decisions that will reduce hunger and poverty in the US and around the world as they work on the 2017-2018 budget and spending bills. Please see the Public Policy page of the St. Thomas website www.stthomas-church.org for a sample letter or go to www.bread.org/act to send an email to your federal members of Congress. Remember to personalize your letters or emails to Congress as they are much more influential than form messages. Thank you for your advocacy.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT 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 ~ NEXT WEEK we will take up the Collection of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports organizations that provide affordable shelter, important services to 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, faith formation and a place for prayer, gathering and learning your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to this Special Collection next week.

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 13-14, 2017**

Offertory	\$14,854.62
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,040.00
Total Offertory Received	\$15,894.62
Tithe from this Offertory	\$774.73

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Mon	5/22	7 pm	Stewardship Committee	PO
Wed	5/24	6 pm	Vigil Mass for Ascension of the Lord	CH
Thu	5/25	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Thu	5/25	12:15	Mass for Ascension of the Lord	CH

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 22 - May 26, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	John Valason <i>Ike and Jean Berben</i>
		George Esposito, 35th Anniv. <i>His Son, Joseph</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Living Intentions - Klob Family
		Living Intentions - Kelsey Family
Wed.	7:30 am	Living Intentions - Setlur Family
		Art Roberts <i>Michelle and Marge Kanuk</i>
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass Ascension of the Lord
Thurs.	12:15 pm	Ascension Thursday Mass
Fri.	12:15 pm	David Bosworth <i>Matt Clyne and Fran Royo</i>
		Living Intentions - Lamonica Family

Next Weekend, May 27-28, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Edith Nucci, 35th Anniv. <i>Her Niece</i>
		Lidia Belokopitsky <i>The Bulman Family</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
Sun.	9:30 am	Salvatore Schiavo <i>Ronald and Carolyn Catalano</i>
		Ann Rees <i>Helene Wasson</i>
	11:00 am	Herbert Leisenfelder <i>Rose Newell</i> <i>Karen and Ryan McCarroll</i>
		Jack Buckley <i>The McDermott Family</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of May 21, 2017

Sunday	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14: 15-21
Monday	Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
Ascension Thursday	Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16: 23b-28
Next Sunday	Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Pt 4:13-16 / Jn 17: 1-11a