

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, June 10-11, 2017, Most Holy Trinity

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Sandra Flynn & Hank Steadman	Kelsie Apicelli & Shelby Whitman	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Nyilis & Michael Braunlin	Kailee Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Elizabeth Kerins & Doug Erickson	Kayleigh Bigwarfe & Caleb Ells	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Vera Frangella & Jack Canning	Maggie Walters & John Henry Walters	1

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. Until he arrives, the Diocese has assigned priests to cover our weekend Masses. That information will be included in the weekly bulletin and our website. Fr. Leskovar will continue to preside at each of the 8:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday until the end of June. He will also preside at June weekday Masses on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Through the end of June, we will continue to focus on our 2017 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 260 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$118,933 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Congratulations to the families of the following who were baptized last weekend at St. Thomas: Lucas Henry Lim, Alice Piper Leone and Nora Claire Friedman.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Maurice Fendrick and Richard Cornell 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.

UNIDOS EN CRISTO – UNITED IN CHRIST ~ We have a limited number of these missalettes for those whose first language is Spanish. Copies are available on the top of the organ console in the church. The new issue runs from Ordinary Time to Christ the King. They are free for the taking.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then mighty deed; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues." 1 Corinthians 12:28

"Perhaps you feel that your talents and gifts are insignificant compared to others in your faith community. Please remember that if God has called you to serve in any capacity, you are already prequalified,"
www.perfectpeace.org.

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.

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

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Congratulations to Laiba and Meerab Gill who were welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the first time last week as they made their First Communion.

This concludes our First Communion ceremonies for this year. ~ Once again, congratulations to all of parish families who celebrated this momentous occasion with their children. May God bless each of you and keep you close to Him throughout your lives by participating in the Mass and receiving the Eucharist often!

Pentecost Sunday

Registration for next year's classes continues! ~

Please download a registration form from our church web-site {<http://www.stthomas-church.org/ff-forms>} and submit it as soon as you can

Volunteer staff is still needed for our classes for the 2017-18 faith formation year. ~ Our current needs include:

- A 1st grade assistant on each Tuesday and Thursday.
- 2nd grade catechists and assistants on each Wednesday and Thursday.
- A 3rd grade catechist on Tuesday and assistants on each Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 4th grade catechists on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and an assistant on Thursday.
- 5th grade catechists on each Wednesday and Thursday, and an assistant on Thursday.
- Gatekeepers for each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Youth assistants in grades 6-12 are also needed at all grades 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. 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 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)

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 9!** Good luck.

Summer Opportunities ~

- **St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference, July 14-16**, at Shine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. **High School students experience a weekend of worship, fun friendship, laughter, music and activities.**
- **Service Action Learning Team ("SALT"), July 30-Aug. 3**, at St. Isaac Jogues House, Watervliet. **High School students experience community living and engage in a variety of hands-on service experiences! A local Mission Trip!**
- **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!**

Please contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org if you are interested. Space is limited! Flyers available in Gathering Hall in Summer binder! Check if out.

High School Picnic! ~ Special thanks to all of the students who joined us for fun, food and prayer during our pre Memorial Day Picnic! Shout outs go to Jeff and Lisa Bates for grilling some delicious burgers and hot dogs along with corn on the cob! We also thank Josh Bates for playing TAPS at our closing Prayer Service for our Troops! God Bless America!

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** <http://sts60thanniversary.eventbrite.com>

Have You Considered a Catholic School Education for Your Child? ~ We know that selecting the right school for your child is an important decision. St. Thomas the Apostle School educates children who will serve God and others by sharing their gifts and talents. We uphold the belief that each must serve the other for the good of all. Active participation in social justice issues and human concerns is the cornerstone of our service experiences. Our certified teachers utilize a variety of teaching methodologies to ensure that the individual needs of each child are met. Limited openings in Preschool-Grade 8 for September, 2017. To schedule a tour, contact Carmel Foltan at 518-439-5573 or cfoltan@stthomas-school.org

Creation Care Team

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

Caring For Our Common Home ~ On Pentecost we mark the birth of our Church, recalling the moment we were gifted with the Holy Spirit by Jesus. Pope Francis teaches that “the Holy Spirit whom Christ sent from the Father, and the Creator Spirit who gives life to all things, are one and the same. Respect for creation, then, is a requirement of our faith: the ‘garden’ in which we live is not entrusted to us to be exploited, but rather to be cultivated and tended with respect.” (Pentecost homily, May 24, 2015)

Celebrate Pentecost -Turn dinner into a party tonight. Bake a cake or make a special dessert to celebrate the birthday of our church. Take a few moments while you enjoy the dessert to discuss what you and your family can do to care for the “garden” in which we live and the people who live there as well

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.

Active Older Adults Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Our last luncheon before we take a two month break will be on **Friday, June 16**. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. for Mass and then enjoy lunch together. If possible, bring a personal care item for Bethlehem Senior Services. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, June 12**.

Parishioners - If you like to bake, you please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with any type of patriotic red, white or blue dessert. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **NEXT WEEKEND, June 10-11**. All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

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)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
May 27-28, 2017**

Offertory	\$10,482.11
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,120.00
Total Offertory Received	\$11,602.11
Tithe from this Offertory	\$580.11
Ascension Thursday	\$1,619.06
Eastern European Collection	\$1,338.25

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	6/7	7 pm	Creation Care Team	GH
Thu	6/8	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sun	6/10-11	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH

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 June 5 - June 9, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Germaine Becker <i>Family</i>
		Donald J. Nolan <i>Richard & Sheila Gorman</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Joseph and Catherine Honan <i>Frank and Ellen Pavone</i>
		Arthur C. Roberts <i>Robert and Eileen Davis</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Ralph Tipple, 6th Anniv. <i>The Family</i>
		Mary-Dorothy Morand <i>Her Husband</i>

Next Weekend, June 10-11, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Jeanette Constantino <i>Agnes Constantino</i>
		Kathryn Anderson <i>Karen Jones</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Arthur Roberts <i>Elsie Whiting</i>
		Leo Grady <i>Joanne and Ed Viglucci</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	Florence J. Canning <i>Jack Canning</i>
		Joseph Armstrong <i>Jennie Moak</i>
	11:00 am	For the People

Scripture Readings: Week of June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20: 19-23
Monday	Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8 / Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday	Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	Tb 6:10-11,7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a / Mk 12:28-34
Friday	Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	Tb 12:1,5-15, 20 / Jn 12: 38-44
Sunday	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3: 16-18