

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 24-25, 2017, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Urban	Barbara Kavanagh & Dan Coffey	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	2
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Cathy Semenoff & Anthony Scisci	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	2
9:30 a.m.	Father Urban	Marianne Conophy & Michael Connolly	Carolyn Kolberg & Ann-Marie Kolberg	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Urban	Sarah Comi & Tom Hedderman	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	3

Parish News

We look forward to Father Berberian joining us full time as pastor, effective July 1.

June Mass Schedule ~ 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**. There is no Tuesday Mass in June.

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 304 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$140,093 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Prayer & Worship

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.

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. Next year's class will begin in September and run through the Easter Vigil on March 31.

Contact Paul Edmundson, if you have any questions about the program.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then mighty deeds; 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.

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.

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.).

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation Offices have now closed for the summer. ~ Emails and voicemails 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!

To register for classes beginning in September, please download a registration form from our church website {www.stthomas-church.org/ff-forms} and submit it to our office when you can. It will be processed when our office reopens in August.

18 Volunteers are still needed for our elementary classes for the 2017-18 faith formation year. Our current needs include:

- A 1st grade assistant on each Tuesday and Thursday.
- A 2nd grade catechist on Wednesday 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.
- A 5th grade catechist on either Wednesday or Thursday, and an assistant on Thursday.
- Gatekeepers for each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Contact our office by email or phone (leave a message) if you are interested in information on how you can volunteer your time in helping to teach our faith to our most precious children. Our program, quite literally, cannot function without the dedication of our parish's volunteers to teach and assist in classes. Please consider giving your time to this oh-so-important ministry!

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---perhaps even your own brothers and sisters!

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)

Happy Father's Day! "The Lord bless you and keep you!" Numbers 6:24

Diocesan Summer Opportunities ~

- **St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference, July 14-16,** at Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. **High School students experience a weekend of worship, fun, friendship, laughter, music and activities. Cost is \$200.**
- **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! Limited to 15 people with a cost of \$275 per person. Deadline June 30!**
- **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! Cost is \$450.**

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 it out.

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

Congratulations to the St. Thomas the Apostle School Class of 2017

Adam Alexander Alvarez	Kelsie Lynn Apicelli
Tyler Castler	Alexa L. Derhammer
Kira Dexter-Sindayigaya	Sophia Teresa Haggerty
Owen Daley Kane	Gregory Nareg Kayayan
Katharine Danielle Lewis	Logan McCumber
Katelyn Marie Micelli	Katherine Elizabeth O'Keeffe
Ryan Thomas Roe	Mason Alexander Tocci
Sarah Ann Tyner	
Shelby Maria-Margaret Whitman	

Limited Openings Available for September ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we inspire our students to think, create and understand. We recognize that parents are our partners in education and together we provide the tools necessary to achieve success academically, socially and spiritually. If you are looking for an academic setting in which students feel affirmed, where they are encouraged to explore their faith through the sacraments, and where they develop a love of learning, we invite you to learn more. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Carmel Foltan (518) 439-5573 or visit www.stthomas-school.org.

June 17-18, 2017

Creation Care Team

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

Special Bulletin: "The Water Project" organization has been selected to assist our parish to build a well in Africa! ~ After research and consultation, our parish **Creation Care Team** selected **The Water Project**, whose base is Concord, New Hampshire, as the organization that best meets our parish goal of building a well in a needed area. This faith based organization has a 10 year history working with local communities to drill and sustain wells and other water projects in central Africa. They will support our efforts with visual contact, reports, and project updates and assist us with fund raising and parish communication. You can learn about the organization we have chosen through their website thewaterproject.org

Our project goal is \$12,000--\$15,000. We have already raised \$3,000 through fund raising and donations from parishioners and others in the community. We hope to raise the funding needed through the generosity of parishioners and creative fund raising events involving the whole parish – especially our young people. We will use the bulletin and parish website to share our progress as we work together to build a well in Africa. We owe the inspiration for this project to our former pastor, Father Tom Hayes, who raised our consciousness of the critical need for safe and clean water through his book discussions and homilies.

Donations to our well project can be made directly to the 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.

Community

The Public Policy Ministry wants 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 mari-ecopeland62@gmail.com.

Fortnight for Freedom 2017 with Bishop Ed ~ St. Thomas More Mini-Retreat on Religious Liberty and Freedom of Conscience: Saturday, June 24, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For information and registration, please visit: <https://albanyclg.eventbrite.com> or contact

Thomas R. Fallati, Esq. at trf@trklaw.com or 518.944.7457. Location: Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY.

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **NEXT WEEKEND**, June 24-25. 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)

2017 Catholic Communications Campaign ~ THIS WEEKEND, parishes in the Diocese of Albany will take up the Annual Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection helps the Church communicate the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through print and electronic media. **Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese to support local needs**, so please be generous in this collection. In our diocese we are able to provide television, radio, print and social media materials that spread the Good News of Christ's abiding love for each and every one of us. Let us pray as a community that the Good News of the Gospel will continue to be spread by wise use of communications technology. Please be generous!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE June 10-11, 2017

Offertory	\$13,179.14
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,465.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,644.14
Tithe from this Offertory	\$732.21

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	6/21	7 pm	Public Policy Meeting	GH
Thu	6/22	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Thu	6/22	7 pm	Finance Committee	PO

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 19 - June 23, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Art Roberts <i>Luke Mullen</i>
		James Patrick Gavin <i>Wayne Schmerham</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Sr. Joan Langon FMSJ <i>Sr. Judith FMSJ</i>
		Mary McGrath Drislane <i>Barbara Bateman</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Muriel Welch <i>Her Husband</i>
		Richard Cornell <i>Vince and Dorothy Williams</i>

Next Weekend, June 24-25, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joan and Leo Smith <i>Mary DeVico</i>
		Thomas Kelley <i>Marjory Reid</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	For the People
Sun.	9:30 am	Ruth and Robert Bisset <i>The McDermott Family</i>
		Kathleen Buck <i>Fred and Karen Grospin</i>
	11:00 am	Frank Strasser <i>His Family</i>
		Art Roberts <i>Gerald and Katherine Schimanski</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of June 18, 2017

Sunday	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6: 51-58
Monday	2 Cor 6:1-10 / Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 8:1-9 / Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Cor 9:6-11 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	2 Cor 1:1-11 / Mt 6:7-15
Friday	Dt 7:6-11 / 1 Jn 4:7-16 / Mt 11:25-30
Saturday	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1: 57-66, 80
Sunday	Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10: 26-33