

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, July 1-2, 2017, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Amanda Kras Smith & Dan Ehring	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	3
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Alba Giordano & Jeff Conklin	Isabel Scisci & Kailee Harrigan	3
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Herman Reinhold	Amy Burdick & Colleen Ells	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Karen Jones & Bill Burkhard	Ryan McCarroll & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	1

Parish News

We look forward to Father Berberian joining us full time as pastor next weekend, July 1. We thank Father Leskovar for presiding at the weekday Masses during May and June. The normal weekday Mass schedule (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) will resume in July.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 376 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$161,598 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Joanne Castellano whose funeral was held Saturday at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

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

Peace Pole ~ As we celebrate Independence Day next weekend, remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Come to the Peace Pole at anytime or if you want to join with us in prayer, come at noon on the first Saturday of the month.

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.

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)
(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation Offices are closed for the summer. ~ Emails and voicemails will be responded to on an intermittent basis over the summer months. Offices will reopen 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.

Youth assistants in grades 6-12 are 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!

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many 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!

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)

Congratulations to the Class of 2017! God Bless you and your family!

Congratulations to Olivia Poust for accepting the challenge to be a peer Leader at our Diocesan Leadership Institute this week at Pyramid Lake! Our prayers are with you and your team!

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 the Summer binder! Check it out.

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

Congratulations to the following Students who received special recognition at the 2016/2017 Awards Ceremony and the Class of 2017 Graduation:

St. Francis of Assisi Scholarship – Brianna Haggerty, Class of 2018

Established in 2012 by the Serfilippi family, this scholarship recognizes a student who has demonstrated through service a concern and compassion for all of God's creation and our environment. \$200 Scholarship.

George Blenner Scholarship – Ruby Bannister, Class of 2021

In 2017, the Serfillippi family established this scholarship in the memory of George V. Blenner. Mr. Blenner's two granddaughters attended St. Thomas the Apostle School from Preschool through Grade 8. To honor Mr. Blenner, this award is presented to a Fourth Grade student who best exemplifies through a strong faith a compassion for all life and living creatures. \$500 Scholarship.

Elizabeth Meister Memorial Scholarship – Ryan Ciancio, Class of 2018

Mrs. Elizabeth Meister Memorial Scholarship believed in the words "knowledge is power." She practiced these words throughout her life and as a mother by instilling in her children the same belief in education that helped guide her. The Meister family created this scholarship in 2003 in memory of Elizabeth in order to recognize a student who has shown a dedication and appreciation for math and science. In addition, the recipient of this scholarship also exemplifies Mrs. Meister's concern for others through service and love. \$500 Scholarship.

Lonnie Tomlin Memorial Scholarship – Clark Rose, Class of 2025

For many years, Lonnie Tomlin was a helper in our Kindergarten classroom. Mr. Tomlin loved St. Thomas the Apostle School and the students loved him. His smile, patience, and generous heart welcomed the Kindergarten children each day. \$500 scholarship.

Kathleen D. Pallante Memorial Scholarship – Cayla Schubmehl, Class of 2020

Mrs. Kathleen Pallante taught Kindergarten and first grade

at St. Thomas the Apostle School for twenty years. Mrs. Pallante taught her children the gift of reading, and when the community created a scholarship in her memory, the faculty decided it should go to a student who has demonstrated a great improvement in reading. In addition, the recipient of this scholarship also exemplifies Mrs. Pallante's characteristics of gentleness, kindness, and consideration. \$1,000 scholarship.

Sr. Ann Eleanor SNJM Scholarship – Isabelle Crudo, Kristiana Kelly-Haller, and Violet Laflin, Class of 2026; Delia Snye, Class of 2020

The Sr. Ann Eleanor Scholarship was created in 2017 to recognize young women of character and leadership at St. Thomas the Apostle School. Sr. Ann Eleanor was the first principal at St. Thomas the Apostle serving from 1956-1964. It was Sr. Ann Eleanor's leadership that solidified the foundation of excellence upon which St. Thomas the Apostle School thrives today. Scholarship varies.

Creation Care Team

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

The Creation Care Team of St. Thomas the Apostle parish is devoted to actively caring for our earth and the people who live there...now and in the future. Moved by the message of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle formed the Team in 2016.

Team members are: **Virginia Acquario, Mary Bayham, Wilma DeLucco, Rose Ann Garry, Mary Ann Hospodar, Marie Myer, Peter Myer, Dick Svenson and chairpersons: Barbara Leonard and Jeanne Schrempf.**

If you are interested in taking an active part in future projects of this Team, contact Jeanne or Marie using the email addresses above..

Christian Service

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is set for **THIS WEEKEND**. 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

The Public Policy Ministry urges you to call your Senators at [1-844-259-9355](tel:1-844-259-9355) and let your voice be heard about the **American Health Care Act**. Go to AARP.org/politics-society/advocacy to get the AHCA Fact sheet. Copies are in the Gathering Area as well. See what is at stake in the U. S. Make the call to protect your health coverage.

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 between June 27 and August 10, 2017. The program operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during this period (except for July 4). 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 20 days to address the child hunger problem in Albany (maybe during your lunch hour), please contact Paul Supple at (518) 221-7125. Thank you!

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE June 17-18, 2017

Offertory	\$9,951.50
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	<u>\$1,015.00</u>
Total Offertory Received	\$10,966.50
Tithe from this Offertory	\$548.30
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$1,054.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	6/29	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	7/1	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP
Mon, Tue	7/3, 7/4		Office Closed/No Mass Diocesan Holidays	

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 26 - June 30, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Bill Pringle <i>His Family</i>
		Kathleen Buck <i>Fred and Karen Grospin</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Gail Dwyer <i>Her Family</i>
		Michael Dwyer <i>His Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Walter McCarroll <i>His Grandchildren</i>
		Richard Cornell <i>Matthew Clyne and Fran Royo</i>

Next Weekend, July 1-2, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Muriel Hobin <i>Sue and Joe Viscuso</i>
		Samuel Bozzella <i>Chris and Steve Corson</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Walter H. Krupa <i>Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricchiuti</i>
		Kathleen Buck <i>Fred and Karen Grospin</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	For the People
	11:00 am	Dorothy Slaver <i>Mary O'Connell</i>
		Art Roberts <i>Charlotte and Doug Maeder</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of June 25, 2017

Sunday	Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10: 26-33
Monday	Gn 12:1-9 / Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	Gn 13:2, 5-18 / Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 / Mt 7: 15-20
Thursday	Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 / Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	Gn 18:1-15 / Mt 8: 5-17
Sunday	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Mt 10: 37-42