

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 15-16, 2017, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Sandra Flynn & Hank Steadman	Juliana Jira & Philip Ruggirello	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Colleen Flynn & Jeff Conklin	Isabel Scisci & Kailee Harrigan	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Martha Snyder & Doug Erickson	Maggie Rimmel & To Be Announced	3
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Cahill & To Be Announced	John Henry Walters & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	3

Parish News

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 431 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$180,043 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Prayer & Worship

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

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS ~ "Gluten-free" hosts are available at Mass for those who have allergies. These are not 100% gluten-free but satisfy the FDA's requirement as they have a miniscule amount of wheat, less than 20 parts per million, which also satisfies the Church's requirement that the host contain wheat. If anyone wishes to receive communion using this option, please speak to the priest celebrant before Mass so he can place a "gluten-free" host on the altar to consecrate during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you have concerns about whether this host will meet your needs, please contact your healthcare provider.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire," St. Catherine of Siena ~ There are a number of ways to become involved in ministry in our parish. Check out the new website or contact Maura to find out more! Flexible scheduling, give as little or as much as you can.

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.

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.

Knitting, Quilting and Crocheting with Love Ministry ~ You don't have to be an expert to join this amazing team. If you are interested in assisting with putting together knitted, crocheted and quilted blankets and other items ~ this group is for you! Guidance can be provided for the novices! This team creates beautiful blankets, quilts and baby items for persons in our own community. Christina Ryan will continue to collect 6"x6" "squares" made of medium weight, or 4"x4" of baby weight, washable yarn in a basket in the church foyer from anyone who would like to make them. If you would like to become more active with this group please contact Christina Ryan at 439-8517, group facilitator, or Maura.

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.).

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

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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. There are **inquiry sessions** scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 - Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall if you think you would like to join the program. Next year's class will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. in the Large Conference Room and runs through the Easter Vigil on March 31. Contact Paul Edmundson at the parish office if you want more information.

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 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, 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)

Diocesan Summer Opportunities :

- **Last Call: 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.**
- **Last Call: 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)

Substitute Teaching Vacancies ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. All teachers must be Virtus Trained. Interested candidates may forward a cover letter and resume to Thomas Kane, Principal, St. Thomas the Apostle School, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054 or via email to office@stthomas-school.org.

Limited openings in our afternoon Preschool 4 program ~ The preschool offers a nurturing, compassionate, faith-based program providing early socialization, kindergarten-readiness and unique educational experiences and opportunities. Openings available in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. class. To schedule a visit and for more information, please call Carmel Foltan at 439-5573 or info@stthomas-school.org.

Accepting Applications for September, 2017 ~ Selecting a school for your child's education is one of the most important decisions that parents make. More than just a school, St. Thomas the Apostle School provides a well-rounded educational experience rooted in Gospel Values for students in preschool – grade 8. In addition to being active participants in the community, our students are prepared to enter high school and perform at the highest level. Many of our students participate in high school-level courses while at St. Thomas. Our strong arts programs provide every student with the opportunity to explore interests in music, theater, and fine arts. All students are encouraged to be physically fit and offered the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletics including running club, basketball, and soccer. If you're looking for a school which educates the whole person, mind, body and spirit, visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or to schedule a visit, call 439-5573 or email info@stthomas-school.org

Creation Care Team

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

"We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us, it is God's present to us; we are the guardians of creation. (Pope Francis, 5/21/14)

Protecting the gift of creation can be accomplished in simple ways:

- **Shorten your shower.** Trimming just two minutes off your shower time can save up to 1,750 gallons of water per person in your house each year.

- **Are you wasting 100 gallons of water each day? Check your toilet.** Put a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet into your toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl, your tank is leaking, silently wasting up to 100 gallons a day. An inexpensive rubber flapper may be all you need to fix it, just be sure the replacement flapper is made to fit your toilet's make and model.
- **Cover the pool.** If you're fortunate enough to have a backyard pool, make sure the water *stays in it instead of evaporating* — *cover your pool when you're not using it, even in the summer.*
- **Get a rain barrel.** Collect the water that streams off your roof when it rains by setting up a rain barrel underneath your gutter's downspout. Reuse that water in your garden instead of letting it push motor oil, pet waste and garbage from streets into local rivers.

Community

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 through August 10. The program operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 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 days to address the child hunger problem in Albany (maybe during your lunch hour), please contact Paul Supple at (518) 221-7125. Thank you!

The Sacrificial Giving Committee, on behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle, recently approved a donation to the Bethlehem Central Senior Class Celebration Committee. We make this donation annually to support the new graduates' year-end events! Our weekly tithe, 5% of our offertory collection, allows us to make donations to worthwhile programs and causes. Thank you for your continued financial support which makes this possible

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 mariecopeland62@gmail.com

Attention Boy Scouts ~ Interested in earning a Catholic Faith Religious Emblem? Please contact Rose Ann Garry at ragarry2@verizon.net for more information.

There are 4 awards offered:

Light of Christ Designed for 6-7 year old Cub Scouts

Parvuli Dei Designed for 8-10 year old Cub Scouts

Ad Altare Dei Designed for any youth of the Roman Catholic faith who is registered in a BSA Troop or Crew

Pope Pius XII Designed for Venturing Crew Members and Boy Scouts 15 years old and up

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE July 1-2, 2017

Offertory contribution information for July 1-2 was not available at time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Thu	7/13	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
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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 July 10 - July 14, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Herbert Leisenfelder Stanley Gorzynski	<i>The Family</i> <i>Fran Royo</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Steven Paolucci For Our Sister Parish	<i>Carol Northrup</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	The Greagan Family For Rich Broderick	
Fri.	12:15 pm	Robert Morand Logan Penzabene	<i>His Family</i> <i>The Whitman Family</i>

Next Weekend, July 15-16, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	For the People	
Sun.	8:00 am	Walter Krupa Joanne Castellano	<i>The Ricchiuti Family</i> <i>Sens-o-lock of America</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	Carmelo Papa George Bragle	<i>Severena Papa and Family</i> <i>Susan and Ralph Bandel</i>
	11:00 am	Felicia R. Giddens, 24th Anniv. Pat Dodson	<i>The Family</i> <i>Friends</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of July 9, 2017

Sunday	Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11: 25-30
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a / Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a / Mt 10: 1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/ Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a / Mt 10: 24-33
Sunday	Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23