

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, August 12-13, 2017, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	SERVERS	EM TEAM
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	Sandra Flynn & Denis Hurley	Aidan Ciancio & Ryan Ciancio	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Alba Giordano & Paul Edmundson	Tyler Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Annemarie Farrell & Doug Erickson	Anna-Jeanne Staerker & Kayleigh Bigwarfe	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Vera Frangella & Bill Burkhard	John Henry Walters & Maggie Walters	1

Parish News

Visit stthomas-church.org! ~ Our Parish website had a makeover and now boasts a more contemporary design, new features and is easier to use. **On the home page is the latest parish news as well as easy access to Mass times, the latest weekly bulletin and the parish calendar of events.** Also, you'll find updates for all our ministries, enjoy photos of the people and events around our parish, make connections to the school and faith formation, and more. Please send us feedback on the new website so we can keep on improving our communication to you. **Point your browser to stthomas-church.org from any computer or mobile device.**

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 484 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$194,602 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: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses ~ Lectors, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are needed at the Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. and the Mass on Tuesday, August 15 at 12:15 p.m. Please sign up at the oval table near the Gathering Hall if you are able to serve.

Please Remember in Prayer Frank Daley, Margaret Veldran and Glen Ann Aluise whose funerals were held this week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"Great works are often quiet works," James Martin, S.J. ~ There are numerous ways to participate in some "great works" in our own parish! Give as little or as much time as you are able. You won't regret it!

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 518-439-8517, 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.).

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.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation offices are closed for the summer until Monday, August 21, 2017 ~

Messages will be checked periodically from now until then. Have a fantastic summer!

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 Synod Survey ~ Bishop Scharfenberger is asking for **your input** on our Diocesan Synod set for Autumn 2018 entitled: **Who are the Young People of the Church? The survey is only open until August 31! So please respond in a timely fashion. Youth Ministry is defined as young people age 12-18, Young Adult Ministry is defined as age 19-39.** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5ZVC7B>. Your assistance is most appreciated!

Middle School Diocesan Youth Rally ~ Be strong, bold, and courageous, Sunday Sept. 17, 2017, 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Liturgy celebrated at 5:30 p.m. with family! Hosted at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Road (Route 50), Glenville, NY 12302. Cost of \$12 includes t-shirt, food, activities and more! **Registration deadline is August 28!** Contact: Christine Goss at 518-399-9203 or visit www.icglenville.com/youth-rally for more information. Email Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org if you are interested in participating and are able to chaperone! Thank you!

School News

Cafeteria Aides and Recess Aides Wanted ~ St Thomas the Apostle School is looking for a few good people to help in the cafeteria and a few good people to help at recess.

- Cafeteria helpers (10:45 a.m. -1:00 pm., 5 days a week) get the cafeteria ready for the students, distribute milk, help younger students open items from home, and monitor the noise level. Training is provided.
- Recess helpers (11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m., 5 days a week) keep the children safe at recess on the climbing equipment, help monitor games and activities, sometimes play kickball or four square. Training is provided.

These are great positions for responsible people who love working with children and are able to keep up with them. The salary is \$11 an hour, but it will make you feel is priceless. Please call Principal Tom Kane at 439-5573 for more information or email at TKane@stthomas-school.org

Creation Care Team

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

On Care for Our Common Home ~ In his encyclical **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis reminds us that **"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently. We realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others ... inter-generational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us ... the environment is on loan to each generation which must hand it on to the next ... leaving a habitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us."** (159-161)

For all parishioners:

- In this hot and hazy month of August perhaps the most significant action is to reflect on the challenge of what our life means and how we can give our children, grandchildren, and generations to come a planet renewed, sustainable, and a home of hope for all people.
- Take the time to have a conversation with children, young people and friends on these challenges. Parents, grandparents, ministers, teachers, catechists, coaches, friends, neighbors and mentors can be guides and models for others. Our example is often stronger than our words.
- Save your redeemable bottles for our youth ministry bottle drive the weekend of September 9-10 to raise funds for our well in Africa.

Christian Service

Job Opportunity at Catholic Charities ~ Catholic Charities is hiring a courier to work part-time (9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mon., Tues., Thur. and Fri.) out of the Albany office. Most travel will be within the Capital District and a vehicle is provided for business use. Must have a valid NY driver's license, a clean driving record, and the ability to lift and carry at least 30 pounds. Please call and ask to speak with Phyllis during business hours at 518-453-6650 if interested.

Community

Concert for Vocations 2017 ~ St. Pius X Church in Loudonville will be hosting this year's concert on Tuesday, August 8, Holy Hour and Benediction with Bishop Scharfenberger at 6 p.m., concert by religious, seminarians, deacons and priests of the Diocese of Albany at 7 p.m. and refreshments to follow. Please come to support and to say thank you to the religious of our diocese! See you at the concert!

"Food for Thought" ~ The Public Policy Ministry and the Creation Care Team invite you to attend the 7th "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, entitled, *Earth: Our Common Home*, presented by Linda Neil, CSJ. Sister Linda is an educator, hiker, and naturalist who holds a Masters Degree from the Earth Literacy Program at St. Mary of the Woods College in Induna. The program is Free, with an optional free-will offering. There will be light refreshments in the School at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7 p.m. Registration begins after Labor Day.

Public Policy Ministry Advocacy Opportunity ~ Contact your Senators in Washington and encourage them to pass the bill to fight labor and sex trafficking in the US and abroad. The House has already passed a bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act that puts more than \$500 million over the next four years to fighting this scourge. The bill is now known as The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Act of 2017. Please www.worldvisionadvocacy.org/issues to send a message to your Senators. Thank you.

Join the Public Policy Ministry, call Marie Copeland at 518-439-4050 or email mariecopeland62@gmail.com. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.

SCHUYLER INN MINI-REFRIGERATOR DONATION DRIVE ~ The Schuyler Inn is an emergency homeless shelter in Menands serving 70 families who live in hotel sized rooms. Only a few of the rooms have refrigerators so families have to resort to filling their sink with ice to keep milk and other perishables from spoiling. Family Promise of the Capital Region is assisting the Schuyler Inn with a drive to collect mini-refrigerators for the rooms of the Inn. An anonymous donor from St. Thomas has already donated three mini-refrigerators. If you have a mini-refrigerator (the size typically found in college dorms and would like to donate to the Schuyler Inn, please call Mary Giordano of Family Promise at (518) 650-8895 or capitalregionfamilypromise@gmail.com.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Lost and Found ~ If you have been missing anything over the last several months, please be sure to check the "lost and found" bin in the area to the left of the church foyer (near the shopping carts.) We have acquired quite a collection, including hats, gloves, eyeglasses and books. Anything unclaimed as of **August 27** will be donated to those in need.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
July 29-30, 2017**

Offertory	\$11,665.18
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,025.00
Total Offertory Received	\$12,690.18
Tithe from this Offertory	\$634.51
Holy Father Collection (Peter's Pence)	\$1,868.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Wed	8/9	7pm	Creation Care Team Meeting	GH
Thu	8/10	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1

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 August 7 - August 11, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Constance Mullen Albert <i>Beth and Charlotte Anderson</i>
		Frank Daley <i>The Rimawi Family</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Edward Habich <i>The Whitman Family</i>
		Margaret Veldran <i>Maureen Cooley</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	For The People
Fri.	12:15 pm	Frank Daley <i>Marie Frasier</i>

Next Weekend, August 12-13, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	For The People
Sun.	8:00 am	Joseph and Lena Roman <i>Their Daughter</i>
		Michael Kane <i>Albany Diocese Catholic School Office</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	Frank Daley <i>Keith and Paulette Cross</i>
	11:00 am	Gerry Pomakoy <i>His Wife</i>
		Antionetta Rella <i>Her Nieces</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a,34-35 / Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday	2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
Friday	Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33