

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, September 2-3, 2017, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Berberian	To Be Determined & Denis Hurley	Julia Kloss & Lizzy Kloss	4
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Maureen Nylis & Anthony Scisci	Isabel Scisci & Carolyn Kolberg	4
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Elizabeth Kerins & Michael Connolly	Olivia Poust & Colleen Ells	1
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Maureen Cahill & Jack Canning	Eileen Desharnais & To Be Determined	1

Parish News

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 503 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$199,112 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Prayer & Worship

Please Remember in Prayer Robert E. Hermann, Linda DiLillo and John Flanagan whose funerals were held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome them into Eternal Life.

Training for New Acolytes ~ We are looking forward to new acolytes being trained, to start serving this Fall! Any child who has received First Eucharist is eligible to serve in this ministry. We have scheduled two training sessions: Sat., Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. and Tues. Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Your child only needs to attend one session. If your child is interested, please sign up at the oval table near the church foyer and indicate the session they will attend. Please be sure to take a permission slip which your child needs need to bring to the session with them. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee ~ The 45th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held **Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany.** Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area of the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register with Paul at the parish office (518-439-4951) by September 21.

Prayer Chain ~ Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

Peace Pole ~ September brings a new school year for many, less sunlight for all and a change in foliage but, as always, the first Saturday, at noon, is a time to gather at the Peace Pole. Join in for Peace to Prevail.

Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace," 1 Peter 4:10.

We welcome you to help us serve members of our parish in any of our Pastoral Care Ministries. Training provided. Give as much or as little time as you are able.

Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound ~ When our aged and infirm parishioners are no longer able to get to Mass, they rely on our ministers to bring Communion to them in their homes.

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.

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.

The Bereavement Support Group, for those who have lost a spouse within the last 2 years, will resume on **Wednesday, September 13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Large Conference Room in the parish office. **You must register** with Maura if you are interested in joining this group. For more information, please contact Maura.

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.

Contact Maura about any of these important ministries.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation offices re-opened for the new year last week ~ If you have not yet done so, please submit your family's registration form for classes this year as soon as you can as we will be processing those we have received over summer and assigning children to our anticipated class rosters.

Please consider becoming a volunteer with our programs as a class assistant, catechist, or gatekeeper ~ Several vacancies still need to be filled in order to ensure the smooth running of our programs. Quite literally, **WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

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.

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 "the way it will make you feel is priceless". Please call Principal Tom Kane at 518-439-5573 for more information or email at TKane@stthomas-school.org.

It's not too late to register! ~ Openings in **Preschool - Grade 8**. Call [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) for information or to schedule a tour.

Inquiry Into Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~ One of the best ways to grow in your own faith is to accompany someone who is coming into faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please consider exploring the possibility of becoming an RCIA team member. There are many roles on the team, such as people to do dismissal with catechumens, catechists, hospitality folks, and sponsors. Check to see which ones match your talents! Contact Paul Edmundson if you are interested.

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.

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.

Youth Ministry

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)

BOTTLE and CAN Drive after all Masses on September 9 and 10! ~ **Students and parents are needed to separate and bag recyclables. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall in our Make a Difference binder! Thank you for sharing the gift of WATER!**

Bowling for Beef was such a blessing last year that we are doing it again on **Wednesday Sept.20** (Bethlehem Central has no school on September 21), from **9-11p.m.** at Del lanes in Delmar. The \$13 Cost, which will be collected at the door, includes a \$5.00 donation to Cathedral Social Services Food Pantry for ground beef, 2 games, shoes, a drink and a slice of pizza! Please sign up in Gathering Hall or contact Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. **Thanks for making a difference by bringing a friend!**

Creation Care Team

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

“We are thus called to translate into concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith.” (Pope Francis, 9/4/2016)

Recycling is one way in which we can care for creation, can “translate” into action our hopes and prayers for our world.

- This September St. Thomas Youth Ministry is sponsoring a returnable can and bottle drive. Proceeds will be donated to the parish water project fund. **To participate, pick up a CLYNK envelope and recycle bag at the display in the Gathering Hall. Fill your bag with New York State returnable bottles and cans, transfer the bag tag from the CLYNK envelope to the green recycle bag and bring it back to St. Thomas the weekend of Sept. 9 and 10** or to a local Hannaford supermarket anytime.

Thinking “green” when planning for your children’s return to school is another “concrete” act to care for creation.

- Choose notebooks made of recycled paper.
- Check your home for re-useable items such as last year’s ruler, or pencils/pens you already own.
- Consider reusable forks and spoons for school lunches, rather than disposables.
- If you drive your child to school, consider carpooling with his/her classmates.

Community

“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 Indiana. 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.

“The Church and Immigration—Four Approaches: The Emotional; The Cynical; The Factual; The Faithful.” ~ Presented by Father Robert McTeigue, SJ, on Wednesday August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at **Mater Christi Parish**. This presentation will take place as part of the Opening Convocation for St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry at Albany. For more information call (518) 453-6760. All are welcome.

JOIN the SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARON-DELET for HALF WAY TO ST. PADDY’S DAY PARTY with “GET UP JACK” ~ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 at St. Joseph’s Provincial House Dining Room, 385 Watervliet Shaker Rd., Latham. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. You must be 21 to attend. For tickets call (518) 389-2654.

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.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Special Collection - Catholic Home Missions Appeal ~ This Weekend we will have a special collection to benefit Catholic Home Missions. Many U.S. dioceses do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. They struggle to fund religious education, seminarian and lay ministry training, and evangelization and are unable to attend to the needs that are unique to the communities they serve. With your support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps to ease that struggle. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 19-20, 2017

Offertory	\$12,738.50
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,545.00
Total Offertory Received	\$14,283.50
Tithe from this Offertory	\$714.18
Feast of the Assumption	\$2,323.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	8/27	12 pm	Virtus Training	MC
Thu	8/31	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	9/2	12 pm	Peace Prayer Vigil	PP

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 28 - September 1, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Joanne Double <i>The Drucker Family</i>
		Bro. Richard Leo McAlice F.S.C. <i>Marylyn Messina</i>
Tues.	7:30 am	Harold Hauck, Jr. <i>His Family</i>
		Deceased Members of the Carney Family <i>Anonymous</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Desiree "Dee Dee" Santiago <i>Her Family</i>
		Michael and Gail Dwyer <i>The Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Enrollees of the St. Thomas Memorial Fund

Next Weekend, September 2-3, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	Art Roberts <i>Bill and Mary Lou Burkhard</i>
		Kevin McCann <i>Barbara J. Bateman</i>
Sun.	8:00 am	Allen J. Russell, 13th Anniv. <i>His Family</i>
		John Skowron <i>Sandra and Rick Riccio</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	Theresa Merk <i>Her Granddaughter</i>
		Diane Breslin <i>Maggie Smith and Family</i>
11:00 am		For The People

Scripture Readings: Week of August 27, 2017

Sunday	Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8 / Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13 / Mt 23: 27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13 / Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-8 / Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11 / Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27