

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 9-10, 2017, Twenty Third 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 & Dan Ehring	Juliana Jira & Raegan Ehring	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Alba Giordano & David Rothfuss	Tyler Harrigan & Shayla Harrigan	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Berberian	Amanda Smith & Doug Erickson	Meagan Kolberg & Maggie Rimmel	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Berberian	Sarah Comi & Bill Burkhard	Mikolaj Wloszczynski & Maggie Walters	2

Parish News

Labor Day ~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Diocesan holiday for Labor Day. There are no services in church scheduled for Monday.

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

Would You Consider Serving at Mass? – Adult Acolytes Needed for Sunday Masses ~ Men and women of the parish, were you ever an acolyte and know you would still be great at it if someone would just ask? Or, maybe you never had the opportunity to be an acolyte but think you would like to serve now? We are looking for you and **asking** for your service. We have a significant need for acolytes for the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. At the 8 a.m. Mass we only have four children willing to serve, three of them from the same family! At the 11 a.m. Mass we only have five children willing to serve, two from the same family. So, you can appreciate that your help is needed. We have been very successful with our Adult Funeral Acolyte Program and hope there will be others of you who are available occasionally on Sunday to give your time to this ministry. You would only serve with another adult, and we will try to accommodate your Mass preference. Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office if you are willing, or have any questions. And, training will be available. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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 to bring to the session with them. We look forward to our newest group serving in this very special way.

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

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. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, contact Maura.

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.

"The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease" is the theme for an educational program, providing information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and much more. **Date: Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Location: St. Matthew's Church, 25 Mountainview St., Voorheesville. Please register with the St. Matthew's parish office: call 518-765-2805 or email stmatthewsvoorheesville@verizon.net. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Elementary Faith Formation classes begin in just a few short weeks!! ~ Please submit your family registration form as soon as possible as some classes are nearing capacity and may close out very soon! You can download the "Annual Registration Form" from our church website, www.stthomas-church.org. If you have any child coming into our program for the first time, you will also need the "New to Faith Formation" form.

Your child's class assignment of day, classroom and catechist (grades 1-5 only) will be emailed to you by the end of day, Thursday, September 14.

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. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! The current needs for our elementary program include:

- 1st grade class assistant on Thursdays
- 2nd grade catechist on Wednesdays
- 2nd grade class assistants on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- 3rd grade class assistants on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- 3rd grade catechist on Thursdays
- 4th grade catechists on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (we currently have none!!)
- 4th grade class assistant on Thursdays
- 5th grade class assistant on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Gatekeepers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Please contact our office to find out how you can be a valuable volunteer with our program!!

Elementary Volunteer Orientation Meeting will be **next Sunday, September 10 in the media center from 12 – 2 p.m.** Volunteers will get an overview of the year ahead including the schedule of classes, access/overview of resources available, program policies and procedures for classes, catechist guides, current class lists, etc. See you then!!

Parent Orientations for our Elementary program will be held **Sunday, September 17 in the Media Center after the 11 a.m. Mass (around noon) and Monday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.** Parents will receive an overview of the program, the schedule of classes for the year and have a chance to have any questions addressed. 1.5 hours have been allotted for each of these meetings. Please attend the one session that is more convenient for your family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Catechists and assistants needed for this

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

Welcome Back, Students! ~ We welcome all of our new and returning students in Preschool – Grade 8 for the 2017/2018 year! We are so excited for all that's to come! It's amazing what happens when you make faith a part of a child's everyday learning experience. At St. Thomas the Apostle School, our teachers and staff partner with families to instill the same values in our students that they learn at home. Through dedication and effort we prepare each student to achieve excellence both academically and spiritually. We live our faith with families and the community who, in partnership, define our ministry. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Murphy at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or jmurphy@stthomas-school.org.

Recess Aides Wanted ~ St. Thomas the Apostle School is looking for a few good people to help at recess from 11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m., 5 days per week. Responsibilities include keeping the children safe on the climbing equipment, helping to monitor games and activities and sometimes playing kick-ball 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 contact Principal Tom Kane at [518-439-5573](tel:518-439-5573) or tkane@stthomas-school.org for 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 September 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.)

On Care for Our Common Home ~ Pope Francis, in his homilies, addresses and writings, calls on nations, governments and each of us to be aware of the misuse of power and influence and to respect and strengthen laws that will protect our earth. **“True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the common good.”** He reminds us that even in the face of great odds **“local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity, and a deep love for the land. They are also concerned about what they will eventually leave to their children and grandchildren.”** (Laudato Si’)

For all parishioners and families:

- Enjoy Labor Day weekend remembering to show gratitude for everyone in our families and community who work for our well being and that of our community, country, and world.
- **Plan to return your refundable bottles and cans using the Clynk bags available in the Gathering Hall or by bringing them to the bottle drive on September 9-10 to help us build our well in Africa.**
- If able, contribute to collections for back to school supplies for families that may not be able to provide for their children as an act of caring everyone in our common home.
- The ability to vote is a precious right. Make sure eligible voters in your household are registered and able to vote in the September 12 primary and the November 7 elections.

Community

Senior Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Attention St. Thomas Active Older Adults: We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer. We have our plans set for our next year of events and luncheons. The first luncheon will be on **Friday, September 15**. We will attend mass at 12:15 and then gather for lunch and dessert. For reservations, cancellations and/or transportation, please contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) by **Monday, September 11**. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners.

Parishioners: We are very grateful for donated baked goods for our luncheons. If you can help in Sept. we would appreciate cupcakes. Please contact Christine or Steve Corson at [518-439-3286](tel:518-439-3286) if you can help with baked goods.

REGISTRATION for the "Food for Thought" program on Monday, October 16, entitled, Earth: Our Common Home, presented by Sr. Linda Neil, will begin after all Masses on September 9 and 10. Members of the Public Policy Ministry will be available to assist you. Sign-up sheets will be at the side entrances of the Church and in the Gathering Hall. Registration will be ongoing.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

Offertory Collection – Vacation “Make Up” ~ We ask those families who have been away to please take a minute to determine what your contribution would have been if you were here, and consider making a donation for those weekends when you were not able to attend Mass at St. Thomas. This will help us make up for lower than average Summer collections. Please feel free to make up those contributions in any way you are financially able to manage (i.e. an additional check, add on to your regular donation over a period of time, etc.) We appreciate all you can do to help us meet our expenses. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
August 26-27, 2017**

Offertory contribution information for August 26-27 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

Mon	9/4		Diocesan Holiday - Office Closed / No Mass	
Tue - Thu	9/5 - 9/7	7 pm	RCIA Inquiry Meetings	GH
Thu	9/7	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Sat	9/9	10 am	Acolyte Training	CH
Sat-Sun	9/10-11	After All Masses	Bottle/Can Drive	GH,School Front Yard
Sat-Sun	9/10-11	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH,

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 September 4 - September 8, 2017

Mon.		Diocesan Holiday—No Mass
Tues.	7:30 am	Sister Christina Bruinsma FMSJ <i>Sister Judith FMSJ</i>
		Sister Josephine Thompson <i>Sister Judith FMSJ</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Sister Patricia Dee <i>Sister Judith FMSJ</i>
		Michael and Gail Dwyer <i>The Family</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Janet Laque <i>Her Daughter</i>
		Edward and Rosemarie Cornelius <i>The Family</i>

Next Weekend, September 9-10, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	For The People
Sun.	8:00 am	Leonard Jr. and Kevin Paul Fox <i>Mom, Dad and Sisters</i>
		Christina Harrigan Reynolds <i>Dad and Family</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	Dr. Harry W. Paige <i>His Daughters</i>
		Michael Kane <i>Friends from Quail Hollow</i>
	11:00 am	Lynn Apicelli <i>Family</i>
		George Bragle <i>John Farrell</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4: 38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:18-23
Saturday	Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20