

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, June 17-18, 2017, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

	<u>CELEBRANT</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>EM TEAM</u>
5:00 p.m.	Father Kirwin	Maureen Roberts & Denis Hurley	Ali Barron and Matthew Barron	1
8:00 a.m.	Father Leskovar	Mary Richards & David Rothfuss	Kailee Harrigan & Isabel Scisci	1
9:30 a.m.	Father Kirwin	Martha Snyder & Paul Connolly	Matthew Connolly & Michael Connolly	2
11:00 a.m.	Father Kirwin	Maureen Cahill & Bob Conway	Eileen Desharnais & Mikolaj Wloszczynski	2

Parish News

A Note from Father Berberian ~ I just want to let you know how happy I am that Bishop Scharfenberger appointed me to be the pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle parish. The times I have been there for Masses since the appointment has brought back many good memories and some useful insights. I am very grateful to Father Leskovar for his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty during this transition time. I also appreciate the help and support of the Trustees and parish staff in pointing me in the right direction. I look forward to celebrating our school's 60th anniversary this weekend. This past week some of our priests and seminarians were on retreat and one of the insights of the retreat leader was that some of the things we fuss over really aren't all that important and could sometimes prevent us from hearing the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit. Let's keep that in mind.

June Mass Schedule ~ The Diocese has assigned priests to cover our weekend Masses for the remainder of June. That information is being included in the weekly bulletin and our website. Fr. Leskovar will continue to preside at each of the 8:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday until the end of June. He will also preside at June weekday Masses on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. There is no Tuesday Mass in June.

Bishop's Appeal 2017 - "Being Ambassadors for Christ" ~ Through the end of June, we will continue to focus on our 2017 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal this year is \$205,326. To date we have received 299 gifts (outright gifts and amounts pledged), a total of \$138,288 toward our goal. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas the Apostle School eighth graders who will have their Graduation on Friday evening, June 16, in the church beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer & Worship

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

Please Remember in Prayer Lucille Loveland whose funeral was held last week at St. Thomas. May the Lord welcome her into Eternal Life.

UNIDOS EN CRISTO – UNITED IN CHRIST ~ We have a limited number of these missalettes for those whose first language is Spanish. Copies are available on the top of the organ console in the church. The new issue runs from Ordinary Time to Christ the King. They are free for the taking.

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.

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.

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.).

Most Holy Trinity

Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

Faith Formation Offices have now 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!

To register for classes beginning in September, please download a registration form from our church website {<http://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.

20 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!

Youth assistants in grades 6-12 are also 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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Elizabeth Kerins)

Catechists 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 ~

- **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 15!**
- **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 Summer binder! Check it out.

School News

(Contact: Carmel Foltan)

Celebrating 60 Years! ~ In the 1956/57 school year, St. Thomas the Apostle School opened its doors beginning a tradition of Catholic School education in Delmar. Over the span of 6 decades, a faith based education has been the foundation for academic and spiritual excellence for numerous members of our parish family and the surrounding communities. This weekend, we conclude the celebration of our 60th year. Thank you to each of the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church who have supported our mission to prepare each student to realize his or her personal destiny as a moral and social leader of men and women and as a follower of Christ. We're looking forward to continuing our journey as we grow together in faith, knowledge and service.

Limited Openings Available September ~ At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we not only help students grow in knowledge, but also in wisdom and grace. We challenge them to excellence by fostering relationships between students and God, their teachers, peers and home. We shape hearts through the development of faith. Our faith and our traditional Catholic values pervade every aspect of our school; from our classes, to the arts, to athletics, to extracurricular activities. We welcome you to learn more about St. Thomas the Apostles School's preschool-grade 8. Please call Carmel Foltan at 439-5573, email cfoltan@stthomas-school.org, or visit www.stthomas-school.org. Applications are currently being accepted for September, 2017 enrollment.

Creation Care Team

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

Caring For Our Common Home ~ Our nation and world celebrates the second anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical **Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home**. Our parish and our Catholic and ecumenical community around the world has worked to embrace this vision and to understand that God has given us our world, its people, and all of nature to protect, preserve, and care for. And so we are saddened and deeply troubled that the president of our country has disregarded what science, research, and world consensus has made clear - that global warming will destroy our planet, its people and all of nature if we do not take immediate action to reverse what we have knowingly or unknowingly made our legacy. Caring for our earth is essential to our Catholic faith – it is not an option – it is who we are.

Action steps:

- The **Catholic Climate Covenant** has responded with action to notify the president of our dismay and disappointment that our nation, through his action, has withdrawn from the Paris Climate Agreement. We recommend connecting with this organization to stay abreast of these issues and to add your voice to change this presidential action. info@catholicclimatecovenant.org
- ◆ Our Governor and the State of New York has taken a pro-active stance to reduce pollution and actions that harm our earth. Governor Cuomo has joined with the governors of California and Washington to form a **United States Climate Alliance** to take aggressive action on climate change in light of the president's decision to leave the Paris accord. You can follow this and join the alliance through info@go.ny.gov.

Community

Active Older Adults Luncheon – Faith, Fun, and Food ~ Our last luncheon before we take a two month break will be on **Friday, June 16**. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. for Mass and then enjoy lunch together. If possible, bring a personal care item for Bethlehem Senior Services. Please encourage a friend to come along with you. This is a great chance to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Reservations, cancellations or transportation arrangements can be made with Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 by **Monday, June 12**.

Parishioners - If you like to bake, please help out the seniors' luncheon this month with any type of patriotic red, white or blue dessert. Contact Steve or Christine Corson at 439-3286 to help with baked goods.

Christian Service

HOSPITALITY to be offered after Sunday Masses **THIS WEEKEND, June 10-11**. All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Hall for coffee and treats.

Thank you for your generous support of the food pantry throughout the year. We remind you that the food pantry is **OPEN THROUGHOUT THE MONTH**. Anyone in need is welcome to use the food pantry. Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

2017 Catholic Communications Campaign ~ NEXT WEEK, at the Masses of June 17/18, parishes in the Diocese of Albany will take up the Annual Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection helps the Church communicate the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through print and electronic media. **Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese to support local needs**, so please be generous in this collection. In our diocese we are able to provide television, radio, print and social media materials that spread the Good News of Christ's abiding love for each and every one of us. Let us pray as a community that the Good News of the Gospel will continue to be spread by wise use of communications technology. Please be generous!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
June 3-4, 2017**

Offertory	\$11,710.81
Offertory from E-Giving (Vanco)	\$1,735.00
Total Offertory Received	\$13,445.81
Tithe from this Offertory	\$672.29

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish!

Calendar

Sun	6/10-11	After All Masses	Hospitality	GH
Thu	6/15	10 am	Bible Study	LCR1
Fri	6/16	12:15 pm	Senior Luncheon	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 June 12 - June 16, 2017

Mon.	12:15 pm	Annie Connell <i>John and Carol Connell</i>
		Jean Geidris <i>The Papandrea Family</i>
Wed.	7:30 am	Art Roberts <i>Honor and Ron Kennedy</i>
		James Wallace <i>Colleen and Jimmy Wallace</i>
Fri.	12:15 pm	Art Roberts <i>The Steadman Family</i>
		Ida Ruzzi <i>The Family</i>

Next Weekend, June 17-18, 2017

Sat.	5:00 pm	For the People
Sun.	8:00 am	James Deragon <i>The Digeser Family</i>
		Dick Cornell <i>Jennie Moak</i>
Sun.	9:30 am	Carmelo Papa <i>Severena Papa and Family</i>
		Janes Fredericks Sr. <i>Mike and Doreen McManus</i>
	11:00 am	Frank and Ruth Downs <i>The Downs Children</i>
		Herbert Leisenfelder <i>Friends from Quall Hollow</i>

Scripture Readings: Week of June 11, 2017

Sunday	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3: 16-18
Monday	2 Cor 1:1-7 / Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	2 Cor 3:4-11, 16-17a / Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 / Mt 5:20-26
Friday	2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 5:27-32
Saturday	2 Cor 5:14-21 / Mt 5: 33-37
Sunday	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6: 51-58