



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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Church of

# Saint Thomas the Apostle



**MAY 30 - MAY 31, 2020**

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### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday Mass: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days As Announced

### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. and Fri. at 12:15 p.m., Tues. and Wed. at 7:30 a.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, following 12:15 p.m. Mass, until Benediction at 2:45 p.m.

No Eucharistic Adoration in July and August

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel or anytime by appt.

### 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.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Contact Paul Edmundson in 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 PARISHIONER

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."



**Download Our Parish App! [Myparishapp.com](http://Myparishapp.com)**

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To proclaim and celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in a community of faith, to respond to the Spirit by recognizing the gifts of each individual and by encouraging their use in Christian service to others and to spread the Word to others by the witness of our lives in order to encourage growth in our relationships with God and with one another.

## Pastor's Corner



**Our Weekday and Weekend Masses Cancelled** ~ Our Regularly Scheduled Public Masses have been cancelled according to diocesan guidelines.

**Church Seating** ~ If you are visiting church in the foreseeable future you will notice that we have closed off some of the pews. As we don't know how many people stop in for prayer and where they sit, we need to reduce the amount of space that could potentially be contaminated, therefore reducing the time and cost of cleaning the entire space. When visiting, please remember to maintain social distancing, keeping at least one pew away from others. We hope this will not inconvenience anyone and we thank you for your patience during this time.



**Parish Office** ~ Staff members are working from home but still able to respond to your questions and needs. Please contact any of us directly via email (see front page of the bulletin), by phone or [office@stthomas-church.org](mailto:office@stthomas-church.org). We will respond as quickly as possible. Form requests, including those for sacramental records (i.e. baptism, marriage, etc.), to schedule a Mass, or to be a sponsor, can all be found in the Gathering Hall. Please scan and email to [office@stthomas-church.org](mailto:office@stthomas-church.org), or mail the form to the office.

**It's May! --- No Bishop's Appeal planned at this time.** ~ Earlier in the Spring the Diocese made the decision to make some changes to our annual Bishop's Appeal, both in terms of "branding" and the process. Given the current pandemic, they subsequently made the decision to delay this annual Diocesan fund-raising program until further notice. We will keep you posted as information becomes available.



**Your Support** ~ We recognize at this very difficult time that families have serious financial decisions to make both

for today and to protect their future. With that in mind, for those of you who are able, we ask that you remember to support our parish. Please feel free to mail your offertory contribution/envelope directly to the parish office. Or, consider using our electronic giving (Vanco) program which you can access through our website. Please call the parish office if you need assistance with Vanco.

## Prayer & Worship

### Prayer Chain

Members respond to urgent prayer intentions. **Calls are confidential.** Contact Pam Seward at: 518-439-7845 for your intention to be added.

## Pastoral Care

(Contact: Maura Barrett, LMSW)

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21



Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will

be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

### Act of Spiritual Communion



Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire that You fill me with your nurturing love. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, heighten my awareness of Your presence that is already in my heart. Embrace me in Your love and let us celebrate our union for all eternity. Amen.

(Adapted from Saint Alphonsus Liguori Spiritual Communion)



**On behalf of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, we want you to know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers. May these prayers provide some comfort during these difficult times.**

# Livestream Sunday Mass - Go to the Diocesan website link,

## Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-5)

(Contact: Patti Staerker)

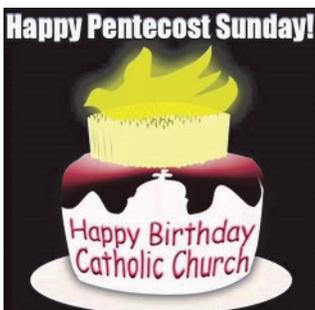
**Waiting for NYFORWARD** ~ Until things begin to reopen and we gain clarity on when and what we are able to do going forth, we continue waiting to reschedule canceled events and to plan for next year's programming. Stay tuned to the bulletin, the parish website, [stthomas-church.org](http://stthomas-church.org), and the "My Parish" App for any changes as we move forward through this crisis. May God bless you all and keep you and your families healthy!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

(Contact: Rose Ann Garry or Bridget Zigrosser)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

(Contact: Mary Ann Hospodar)



**Happy Pentecost Sunday!** **Happy Birthday everyone!** ~ Today we celebrate the Birth of our Catholic Faith! The day HIS disciples' "were all filled with the HOLY SPIRIT and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." WE remember and pray for our Confirmation Candidates who await being anointed with the holy chrism confirming the gifts of the SPIRIT. WE too pray for all of us that the HOLY SPIRIT continues to empower and rekindle our Faith to go out into our communities and continue share the Good News of Jesus Christ offering HOPE to all!

### Youth Ministry/ Faith Formation HOPE adult tee shirt!

~ Join us and show your St. Thomas spirit in our community: **HELP OTHERS PRAY ENCOURAGE!** Download HOPE order form under Facebook Stream or pick up an order form in the Gathering Hall. Orders due June 8 for a donation of \$10.00. Ordered Tee shirts will be available for pick up in the Gathering Hall the week of June 15. Questions please contact: Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org). **SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to Freshman NORAH MCCAFFREY for designing our tee shirt!**



**YM CORE Zoom Meeting** is this Sun. May 31, 6 p.m. Please contact Mary Ann at [mhospodar@stthomas-church.org](mailto:mhospodar@stthomas-church.org) if you would like to join us!



**Food Drive on Thursday, June 4, 1-2 p.m.** in the church parking lot to benefit our neighbors served at the **Sr. Maureen Joyce Food**

**Pantry.** They are most in need of canned fruits, veggies and baby wipes or anything you can spare. Thank you for your generosity!



Stay connected on our Youth Ministry Instagram Account! [Stthomasyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasyouthministry)

## School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



St. Thomas School

Visit us at [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar



**RACE FOR EDUCATION 2020**

**There's still time to donate to the 14th Annual Race for Education!**

~ This virtual benefit run on Friday, June 5 will raise funds for classroom technology, school sports

programs, and help keep tuition affordable for all students. **Now more than ever, our Race for Education will help our students and school.** To sponsor a runner or support our students, please make an online donation at <https://www.stthomas-school.org/giving/race-for-education/> or mail a check to St. Thomas the Apostle School - Race for Education, 42 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. Thank you for your support!

**Are you looking for a school with class sizes which allow for safe, personalized instruction? St. Thomas the Apostle School is now enrolling for 2020-2021!** ~ Pre-K3, Part-Day and Full-Day Pre-K4 (flexible options available) as well as Grades K-8. **At St. Thomas, we are family.** We know every child by name and we partner with parents not only by providing academic excellence, but also by reinforcing the values taught at home. Visit [www.stthomas-school.org](http://www.stthomas-school.org) to watch our **new virtual tour** or contact Jennifer Murphy at [jmurphy@stthomas-school.org](mailto:jmurphy@stthomas-school.org) for more information.

## Social Media

### **Staying Connected During These Difficult Times**

~ Follow us throughout the week on our website, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org) and Facebook, [www.facebook.com/stthomaddelmar](https://www.facebook.com/stthomaddelmar).

## Creation Care Team

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or Marie Myer: [myermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:myermarie@yahoo.com).)

### Lord Send Out Your Spirit And Renew The Face Of The Earth ...Psalm 104



How perfect a psalm for this time in our lives, as we begin our recovery from the pain and suffering caused by COVID-19. How perfect a time to begin that recovery, the Feast of Pentecost when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, giving them the courage to leave their

seclusion and go forward to preach the Word of God. As the pandemic precautions are eased, we begin to leave our seclusion and cautiously reenter our world. What lessons learned in seclusion will shape our "new normal"? For many of us we have had precious time with our family, more time to walk in the park, to take a hike, to notice the beauty of God's creation. We have donated to food banks to help our neighbors harmed by the pandemic. We have joined with Pope Francis in daily prayer for the world. We have driven less and walked more. Nature has benefitted from our PAUSE, as fewer pollutants are released into our air and water. On this Pentecost, our prayer can be for the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to renew the face of the earth by living the habits of caring for one another and God's creation that we have nurtured in our seclusion.

## Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)



Catholic  
Communication  
Campaign  
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN - SPECIAL COLLECTION ~ NEXT WEEK**, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the **ALBANY DIOCESE** to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### ELECTRONIC GIVING -- A CONVENIENT METHOD FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE PARISH ~

As many parishioners know, our electronic giving program, through Vanco, is a convenient and secure method for making contributions to the parish, whether it's offertory contributions, donations for other holy days, or even the Bishop's Appeal. You can set it up to make contributions weekly, monthly or annually and it ensures that your support to the parish is on an ongoing basis. It is a simple process, and you can make changes directly as needed. We encourage you to take advantage of this program and there are several options to get you started. You can now **go to our website**, [www.stthomas-church.org](http://www.stthomas-church.org), **click on electronic giving** on the home page which sends you to the **electronic giving** page that has a link to the Vanco site. Also, **my-Parishapp now provides that same option**, so you can contribute any time, from any where using your smartphone! And, there is still an option to complete the Vanco application form, found on the oval table near the Community bulletin board. Please contact Pat Holm in the parish office for help..

### AmazonSmile – Making Donations to St. Thomas the Apostle ~

You can now make donations to St. Thomas Parish and School using Amazon Smile! What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, pricing and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Please consider supporting our parish or school by registering with AmazonSmile. To register, enter one of the following addresses in your web browser and follow the instructions for creating an account, registering for AmazonSmile or changing your existing charitable organization:

For the parish: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1364682>

For the school: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0635100>

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR MAY 23 – MAY 24, 2020

**Offertory contribution information for May 23 – May 24 was not available at the time of publication. It will be included in a future bulletin.**

### THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

**"Advertiser of the Week" ~** This weekend we highlight one of the valued companies advertising in our bulletin:

#### **Countryman Home Improvement**

Their advertising dollars help bring this bulletin to you.

**Please see their ad in the current bulletin.**

**Be sure to patronize their business!**

*Mass Intentions*  
For the Week of June 1, 2020 - June 5, 2020

**ALL MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF  
ALBANY CANCELED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE, FAITHFUL  
URGED TO TAKE TIME TO PRAY AT  
HOME**

*Remember in Your Prayers*

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



*Scripture Readings: Week of May 31, 2020*

Pentecost	Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Pt 4:13-16 / Jn 17: 1-11a
Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Jn 19: 25-34
Tuesday	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 / Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	2 Tm 1:3, 6-12 / Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34
Friday	2 Tm 3:10-17 / Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	2 Tm 4:1-8 / Mk 12:38-44
Holy Trinity	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3: 16-18

