

Church of
Saint Thomas the Apostle



JUNE 6 - JUNE 7, 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

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. 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, or mail the form to the office.

Diocesan Appeal (formerly Bishop's Appeal)

~ 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, which historically "rolled out" in May. We are now anticipating that they will initiate the program in the coming weeks. We will keep you posted!



DONATIONS

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 3:16-18



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.



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, 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)

Last call for our HOPE adult tee shirt! All orders are due Monday June 8! Join us and show your St. Thomas spirit in our community:

HELP OTHERS PRAY ENCOURAGE! Download HOPE order form under Facebook Stream on website or pick up a form in Gathering Hall. Donation is \$10. Ordered Tee shirts will be available for pick in the Gathering Hall the week of June 15. Questions please contact: Mary Ann at mhospodar@stthomas-church.org. **SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to Freshman NORAH MCCAFFREY for designing our tee shirt!**



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES! Check out our church's window display! Your parish is holding you close in prayer!

Check out our YM CORE Teams' new "COREatine Utube Zone" located on our Parish's website under

FF Middle School /High School and YM. **Special SHOUT OUT to our YOUNG CHURCH!**



Food Drive Thursday, June 11, 1-2 p.m., in the church parking lot, will assist our neighbors served at St. Francis (St. James) Food Pantry. They are "desperate" for cereal! And would also appreciate pasta: penne and ziti noodles, tuna and canned corn and veggies. Or anything you

can spare! This week consider wearing your crazy hat to the food drive!



Prayer for Exams

Come still my heart, O Lord.

Calm my nerves and focus my mind.

Father, I lay before you everything I have studied.

May I channel all I have learned into this exam.

Please give me the faith to believe I can pass this test! And the peace to know that all is well.

Thank you for being with me no matter what the result. Thank you for your love which is everlasting! Amen.

(adopted from a modern prayer for college students from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

School News

(Contact: Thomas Kane, Principal)



St. Thomas School

Visit us at www.stthomas-school.org or on Facebook at St. Thomas the Apostle School - Delmar



Thank you to all who donated to the 14th Annual Race for Education! Donations are still being accepted ~ This virtual benefit run raises 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 help 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 to watch our **new virtual tour** or contact Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@stthomas-school.org for more information.

Creation Care Team

(Contact: Jeanne Schrempf: idschrempf6@gmail.com
or Marie Myer: myermarie@yahoo.com.)



A Prayer for Holy Trinity Sunday

O God, your creative Love brought forth our world,
Once a Garden where humans could taste and see beauty and goodness.

But our eyes do not always see the sacredness of Creation.

We do always remember that it is a gift
Given so that all humans may live and flourish.
Inattention can change the world.
Even the mighty glaciers weep now.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we ask you to
Call us to renewal and to stewardship.
Call us to solidarity with the earth and all its creatures.
Give us new vision to see the fragile beauty that remains with us.
Give us new spiritual energy to become active in loving the world.
Give us new voices to speak out for environmental solidarity.
Bless us with a love of your Creation
So that we may glimpse your Eden once again.

(Adapted from Education for Justice) .

Administration

(Contact: Pat Holm)

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, **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..

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

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$8,876.00
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$2,505.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$9,381.00
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$469.05
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	130
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$00.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – FOR MAY 30 – MAY 31, 2020

OFFERTORY RECEIVED FROM WEEKLY COLLECTION **	\$7,750.89
OFFERTORY RECEIVED VIA E-GIVING (VANCO)	\$1,605.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY RECEIVED	\$9,355.89
WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET EXPENSES	\$14,500.00
TITHE (5% OF TOTAL OFFERTORY)	\$467.79
TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS	105
** INCLUDES LOOSE CASH GIFTS	\$00.00
Fiscal YTD (7/1/19–3/31/20) collection total	\$536,368
Fiscal YTD (7/1/19-3/31/20) budget	\$554,625

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



Catholic
Communication
Campaign
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN - SPECIAL COLLECTION ~ THIS 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. A letter from the Bishop is available in the documents section on the home page of the St. Thomas website.

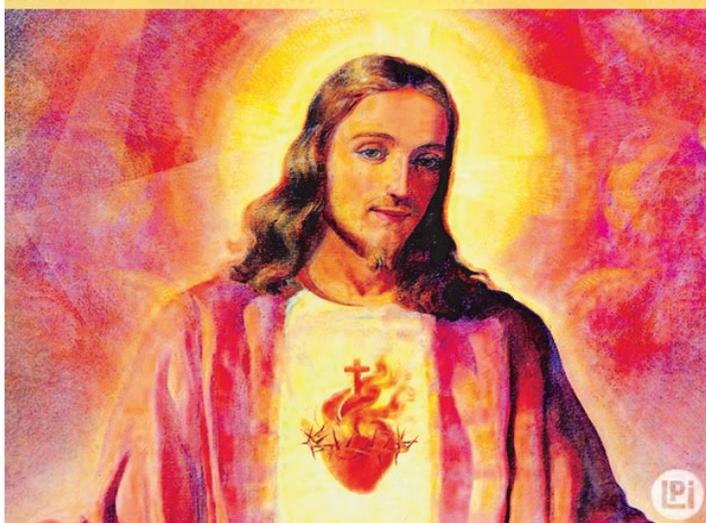
"Advertiser of the Week" ~ This weekend we highlight one of the valued companies advertising in our bulletin:
Crisafulli Bros.
Their advertising dollars help bring this bulletin to you.
Please see their ad in the current bulletin.
Be sure to patronize their business!

Mass Intentions
For the Week of June 8, 2020 - June 12, 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 June 7, 2020

Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 /
Jn 3: 16-18

Monday 1 Kgs 17:1-6 / Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 1 Kgs 17:7-16 / Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Mt 5:20-26

Friday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 / Mt 5:27-32

Saturday 1 Kgs 19:19-21 / Mt 5: 33-37

Corpus Christi Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 /
Jn 6: 51-58

