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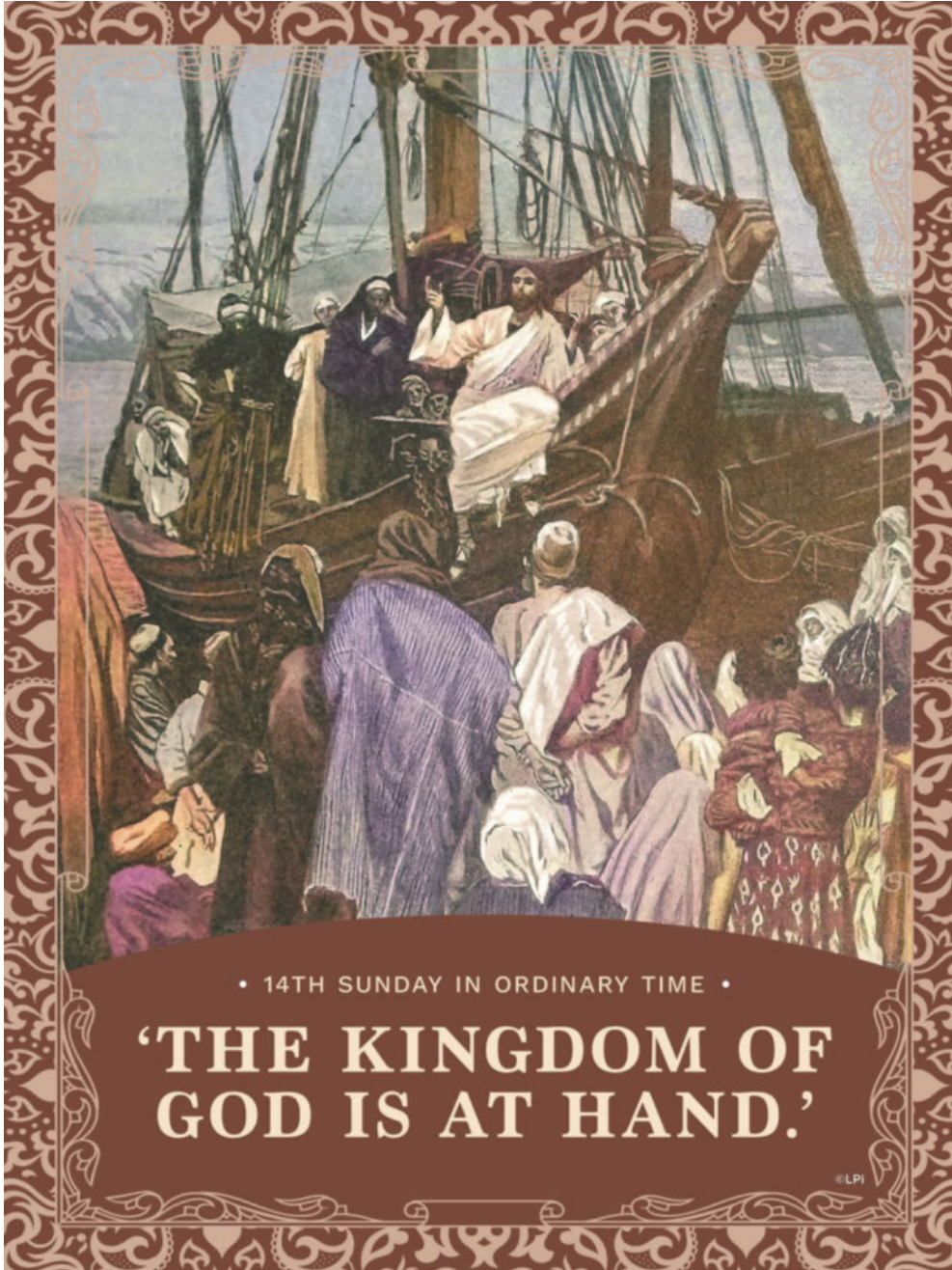
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# St. Thomas the Apostle Church



• 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**'THE KINGDOM OF  
GOD IS AT HAND.'**

## SERVED BY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:30 am  
Tuesday: 12:15 pm with  
11:30 am Reconciliation  
Thursday: 7:30 am  
Friday: 12:15 pm with  
1:00 pm Adoration  
Saturday: 5:00 pm with  
4:00 pm Reconciliation  
Sunday: 7:30 am | 10:30 am | 5:00 pm

† Reconciliation also by appointment.

† Baptisms, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), and Matrimony please contact the Parish Office for info.

† Anointing of the Sick offered the first Tues. of the month after 12:15 pm Mass or by request.

† Please call the parish office to notify of persons who would like a visit or home Communion.

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## 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.

## PARISH TRUSTEES

Joseph V. DiStefano and Robert Ricchiuti

**JULY 6, 2025**

# PARISH MINISTRIES

St. Thomas Parish,

We've made it to July, now into green for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time after a series of white and red vestments over the past few weeks.

This weekend's Gospel gives us a powerful image of the Church on mission. Jesus appoints 72 disciples and sends them out in pairs to every place he intends to visit himself. They go carrying his peace, his message, and his authority.

The passage also includes a line that is commonly used to promote vocations to the priesthood and the religious life: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." How true that is! We look around our world, our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and parishes, and see how much work there is to be done to bring healing, reconciliation, and faith.

It also teaches us that the mission of the Church is not just for a select few, in other words it's not just for people who are ordained or consecrated. It's for everyone! We are included in the 72! As we continue to grow as a parish and a school community, may we be courageous enough to go where Jesus is sending us, humble enough to rely on his strength, and joyful enough to remember that our true home is with him. The harvest is still abundant, and we are still being sent.

During the summer as people are traveling for visits and vacations, I'd encourage a couple things:

1. Make Mass a priority on vacation! A nice Sunday visit to a church near the beach is a great thing to keep in mind as you put your travel plans together. [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) is a very helpful resource to find local parishes and times.
2. St. Thomas counts on your regular financial support even if you're away for a weekend or two. Our Flocknote donation platform offers an easy way to setup recurring donations through a credit card or bank account. Our website has some simple instruction to help: [www.stthomas-church.org/giving](http://www.stthomas-church.org/giving). Thank you!

A reminder to all families to register your children for Discipleship Formation classes in the fall. Here's the best place for that: [www.stthomas-church.org/formation](http://www.stthomas-church.org/formation)

This is the first weekend with our new Mass schedule on Sunday mornings of 7:30am and 10:30am. I'm very grateful for this adjustment to accommodate the Mass schedule of two parishes!

Peace to you,

**FR. MATT**

## 518 FRASSATI (AGES 21-39)

### NEW MEETING DAY

518 Frassati (St. Thomas YA) young adult ministry is switching their weekly lectio divina Bible study meetings from Thursdays to Tuesdays at 7pm in the Gathering Hall.

### LINE DANCING WITH CHRIST THE KING

On July 15, 6:30pm instead of our regularly scheduled meeting, we will be joining our friends from Christ the King for Line Dancing at Frog Alley Brewery in Schenectady. Ages 21-39, \$10 cash-only cover.

## TUESDAY DRIVES

### SUMMER BREAK

Tuesday Drives are on summer break till August 12! We invite you to continue to share HOPE with neighbors by stopping by our HOPE tree in the Gathering Hall! Choose a light-house or add a lighthouse of HOPE! God bless you for being His beacon of hope!

## PARISH PICNIC

### SAVE THE DATE

The annual St. Thomas Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 21 at the Elm Avenue Park. The attractions planned include outdoor Mass followed by food, soda, water, beer, wine, baked goods sale, cotton candy, popcorn, raffles (50/50 and prizes), DJ, petting zoo, pony rides, bounce house, games, Karaoke, Line Dancing, and a rock-climbing wall. Be sure to put it in your calendar. You won't want to miss this extravaganza! For more information on joining the planning committee, please contact Paul Supple at [paulmsupple@gmail.com](mailto:paulmsupple@gmail.com).

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# PARISH MINISTRIES

## DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026!



Please take time to register this week! Our Confirmation Prep Program is a two year program. Please share

the "Good News" with your neighbors and friends! Reserve your spot using the link on our parish homepage or QR code. We look forward to walking in Faith and Hope with your family! Register here! [stthomas-church.org/formation](http://stthomas-church.org/formation)

### SPECIAL THANKS

to all of our Discipleship Bakers in our Middle School & High School Program for providing desserts for our Senior Luncheons throughout the year! Thank you for the yummy cookies, brownies, pies and cakes! You made a delicious difference!

## PARISH OFFICE

### JOIN OUR PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY!

We are in need of parishioners to help capture special moments at our liturgies and events! Contact Sarah for more information [sguerra@stthomas-church.org](mailto:sguerra@stthomas-church.org)

### PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE

Our next Parish Picnic Committee meeting will be on Monday, July 7 at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Hall.

## PASTORAL CARE

### FUNERAL ACOLYTES NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to assist at Funeral Masses as Acolytes. This is a meaningful way to support grieving families. Training is provided, and scheduling is flexible. Interested? Contact Julie Bablin at 518-439-4951.

### COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED FOR REILLY HOUSE

We are seeking a volunteer to bring Holy Communion to the residents of Reilly House on a weekday morning before 8am. This is a meaningful opportunity to serve our community & ensure that those who are unable to attend Mass can still receive the Eucharist. If you are a trained Eucharistic Minister and are available to help, please call Julie Bablin at 518-439-4951 at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this ministry.

## CREATION CARE

### SOMETIMES IT RAINS

Summer. . . Creation is calling us to experience its beauty, but sometimes it rains. . . You can still revel in our world's wonder and learn a little more about how to protect this planet for future generations by tuning in to one of the many documentaries found on television and streaming on the internet about our Earth, the Universe, the people, animals and plants. Host family and friends for a Movie Afternoon or Night. Take a few moments to talk about what you have

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory numbers for June 28-29 will be available in the next bulletin.

learned or what you plan to do after watching one of the documentaries. Together we can be Hope – even when it's raining.

## PEACE AND PUBLIC POLICY

### UPDATES AS OF JUNE 10

Thank you for your advocacy. Updates have been placed on our website, please visit [stthomas-church.org/pax-christi](http://stthomas-church.org/pax-christi) or contact Marie Copeland [mariecopeland62@gmail.com](mailto:mariecopeland62@gmail.com)

### PRAYER CHAIN

Members of our Prayer Chain Ministry pray on an ongoing basis for those referred to them, regardless of need. Please contact Pam Seward, 518-439-7845, to add someone to the prayer chain.

## "ST. THOMAS READS" BOOK CLUB

**A GRAND SLAM FOR GOD BY FR. BURKE MASTERS. MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 7PM IN THE GATHERING HALL**

Burke Masters had the perfect game plan for his life: he was going to become a Major League Baseball player. But amid severe doubt and personal loss, he learned to embrace his fundamental identity—not as an athlete, but as a beloved son of God and a spiritual father to God's people.

## EDUCATIONAL, SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday Hospitality: July 6, 11:30 am

Bereavement Group: July 7, 4:00 pm | Conference Room

Picnic Planning Meeting: July 7, 7:00 pm | Gathering Hall

Young Adult Group: July 8, 7:00 pm | Ages 21 — 39 welcome!

Men's Group: July 8, 7:30 pm | Gathering Hall

Rosary: July 9, 11 am | Mary Chapel

Sunday Scripture Reflection Group: July 11, 10:30 am | Conference Room

Eucharistic Adoration: July 11, 1 pm | Church

School Cantor Club: July 11, 2:45 pm | Church

For more information visit our website!



## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JULY 7 | 7:30 AM**

For the Intentions of Emmanuel

Ogunfolaji

requested by Janet Obanife

Duncan Barry

requested by his wife, Diana Barry

**TUESDAY, JULY 8 | 12:15 PM**

Duncan Barry

requested by his wife, Diana Barry

Phyllis Talbot

requested by Joan & Paul Strait

**THURSDAY, JULY 10 | 7:30 AM**

Duncan Barry

requested by his wife, Diana Barry

Colleen Rod

requested by Fulvia Pizzitola

**FRIDAY, JULY 11 | 12:15 PM**

Herbert Leisenfelder

requested by his family

Patricia Spandaro

requested by Nancy & Bob Bielawa

**SATURDAY, JULY 12 | 5:00 PM**

The Greaghan Family (living and deceased)

Felicia R Giddens (32nd Anniversary)

requested by the family

**SUNDAY, JULY 13 | 7:30 AM**

Madeline Porcello

requested by Robert & Patricia

Ricchiuti

Richard Mahlstedt

requested by McVeigh & Parente

Families

**SUNDAY, JULY 13 | 10:30 AM**

For the People

Donald Christensen

requested by the Callens & Sears

Families

**SUNDAY, JULY 13 | 5:00 PM**

Mary Laicha

requested by St. Thomas Staff

Donald Fitzgerald

requested by Mary Jo

## COMMUNITY GOOD NEWS

### **NPM ON THE ROAD (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS)**

NPM Albany Chapter Officers & Board Members are planning to attend NPM On the Road in Philadelphia, August 6-7, 2025. Registration is open now. Click the link for details, pricing and to register. <https://npm.org/2024/10/10/npm-on-the-road-2025/>

### **STEP UP MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, August 9 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park. Details are available at <https://www.rcda.org/evangelization/step-conference>

### **UNLEASHING LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Save the Date: October 18 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park.

### **NEW LIFE MATERNITY SLICE FOR LIFE GOLF OUTING**

Like to play golf? Here's a chance to play golf and help a good cause at the same time. Join us for our Slice for Life Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at The Sycamore Golf Club in Ravenna. You can find all the details at and sign up at: <https://newlifematernity.org/events>

### **"WALKING IN HOPE. RESTING IN HOPE - RETURN TO THE LAND OF YOUR SOUL"**

Retreat at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Joan Horgan, who coordinated the spiritual life office at the College of Saint Rose, will lead this opportunity for women of all ages to take time to restore their souls and reflect on the meaning of hope in their lives. This retreat is a "Silent Preached Retreat," each day will include two talks, an

extended time for prayer and quiet reflection; and in the evening, participants may opt for conversations & group reflections after dinner or remain in a space of silence and quiet prayer. You are welcome to sign up "per diem," for one or more days and virtual options are available. For more info <https://www.dslcny.org/> or call: 518-393-4169

### **4TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY'S YOUNG ADULT ADORATION, BBQ, & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

When: Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 PM  
Where: St. Clement's Church: 231 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs  
Adoration & Reconciliation: 5:30PM  
BBQ Dinner: 6:30PM Corn Hole Tournament & Ice Cream Social Attendee's Must Register: <https://forms.gle/EFQ624xK2ndkNnTy8>

### **SALT**

The Diocese of Albany Youth Ministry is hosting their annual: Service Action Learning Team - S.A.L.T. for High School age young people. July 14-17 from 8am-5pm. Christ Our Light Parish will be the host parish for these days of service. Most service activities will be completed off campus at various agencies. For more information see flyers in Gathering Hall or contact Dave Stagliano at: [david.stagliano@rcda.org](mailto:david.stagliano@rcda.org). Here is the link to register. <https://shorturl.at/V6AoS>

### **ROSA MYSITCA SHRINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Scharfenberger and Fr. Chris Alar will be present for a holy day of prayer and exploration of the grounds on July 12 from 10 am to 4 pm. Music by Anna Nuzzo. Free entry! <https://shorturl.at/XAfuj>

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### YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR OPEN HOUSE!

Join us on July 15 from 11:00am-1:00pm or 4:00-6:00pm to see firsthand the difference small class sizes and individualized learning can make. Tour our classrooms, meet our dedicated staff, and discover how we create a learning environment where every student thrives. We can't wait to welcome you!

## GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C



### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



### GOSPEL

Jesus told his apostles, "If the people of a town welcome you, eat whatever they offer. They may give you bread and water. They may share fish, meats, fruits, and vegetables with you. Heal their sick." The apostles were given the power to heal others. Many scientists search for new medicines to cure diseases. When you pray for others, God hears your prayers. God's love and forgiveness can heal the body, mind, and soul of the sick.



### PRAYER

Lord, help me heal others with kind words.



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# REFLECTION & CATECHESIS

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Isaiah speaks of God's love and care for Jerusalem as a loving mother who feeds and comforts her child. What are some favorite memories or images you have of your mother?

### SECOND READING

Paul ends his letter to the Galatians emphasizing that believers are part of God's "new creation," no longer defined by circumcision and uncircumcision. How does your faith community encourage or energize you to think differently?

### GOSPEL

The 72 followers of Jesus succeeded in their work to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick and demon possessed. What does a successful parish look like today?

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday,** Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

## CATHOLIC CULTURE

### Q&A

#### WHAT IS LECTIO DIVINA, AND HOW IS IT ASSOCIATED WITH THE BENEDICTINE MONASTIC TRADITION, WHOSE FOUNDER, ST. BENEDICT, WE HONOR ON JULY 11?

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

### PRAYER FOR EVANGELIZATION

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands!

As You answer those crying, send us. Let us be Your people, answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the afflicted.

May we be laborers in Your harvest. Amen. ©LPI



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