



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Delmar, New York

May 24, 2026 | Pentecost Sunday

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- Masses** Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm  
Monday: 7:30am  
Tuesday: 12:15pm  
Thursday: 7:30am  
Friday: 12:15pm
- Reconciliation** Tuesday: 11:30am-12:10pm  
Friday: 1:00-1:50pm  
Saturday: 4:00-4:50pm
- Adoration** Friday: 1:00-2:00pm  
Last Monday of Each Month:  
7:30-8:30pm (not during May)
- Baptism** Contact the Office for  
information about Preparation  
Sessions and scheduling baptisms  
during Mass or privately
- Anointing of  
the Sick** Offered the first Tuesday of the  
month following the 12:15pm  
Mass, or by request
- Matrimony** Contact the office for  
information about the  
preparation sessions
- Holy Orders** Contact Fr. Matt, or visit  
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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." Acts 2:2-3

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# MEMORIAL DAY

## A Message from Fr. Matt

St. Thomas Parish,

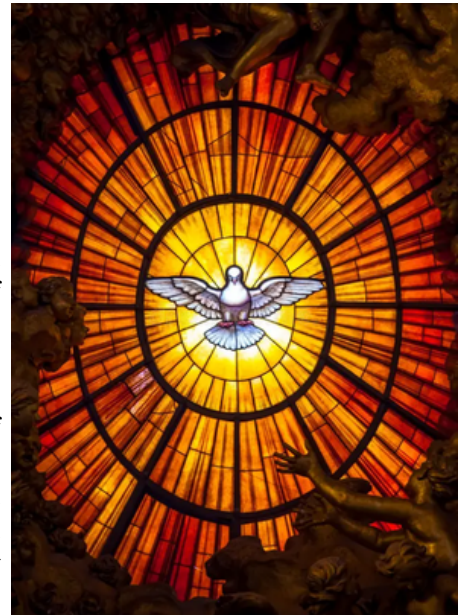
*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Finally, we have reached Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Church was born in power and mission. What began as a room full of fearful disciples was transformed into a bold community, speaking new languages, proclaiming Christ, and setting the world ablaze with the fire of God's love. And this continues to be our mission today! The Holy Spirit still moves, still speaks, and still sends us out!

One of the most familiar images of the Holy Spirit is the dove. My mind goes right to the beautiful stained glass window of the Holy Spirit above the altar at St. Peter's Basilica. At Jesus' baptism, the Spirit descended "like a dove," and ever since, this image has reminded us that the Spirit comes not to overwhelm, but to rest upon us, to dwell within us.

How is the Holy Spirit active in our church and school? Too many ways to count! The school year is winding down with many end-of-the-year celebrations. The band and choir concert a few days ago, inching towards graduation for our 8th graders, lots of good things on the horizon. We still have several slots open in 1st and 4th grade classes, as well as our middle school.

As I mentioned last weekend, we have made great progress toward our goal of \$111,676 for this year's Diocesan Appeal. Allow me to express my sincere thanks to all who have contributed so far! Through your generosity, we support the ministries and offices at the Pastoral Center that directly support our parishes and schools. If you haven't donated yet, or you haven't donated to the Appeal in the past, I would kindly ask for your support. The easiest way is through the website: [thediocesanappeal.org](http://thediocesanappeal.org). With about 40-50 more individuals or families donated, we'll easily reach the goal.



This week, as we celebrate Memorial Day, we pause as a nation to remember the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice reminds us that freedom is truly never free. Behind every flag placed at a gravesite and every name etched on a memorial is a story of courage, love, and selfless dedication. We also honor the families who continue to carry the weight of that loss with quiet strength and dignity.

For us as Christians, Memorial Day is also an opportunity for prayer and gratitude. We pray for the eternal rest of those who have died in service to others, and we ask God to comfort their loved ones. At every Mass we proclaim the victory of Christ over death, and so we entrust these heroes to the mercy and peace of the Lord. May their example inspire us to live with greater generosity, to work for peace in our world, and to never take for granted the blessings we enjoy each day.

Finally, I would like to thank Julie Bablin for her years of service to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in her role as Pastoral Associate. She has faithfully served countless families who have come here for funerals, she has cared for our parishioners at home and in the hospitals and nursing homes, she has supported those in the stages of grief, and she has overseen many initiatives focused on reaching out to those in our parish community and beyond. Her last day was this past Friday, so please join me in prayer for her as she enters into the next chapter. Thank you, Julie!

Peace to you,

*Fr. Matt*

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## Weekly Calendar

|                   |         |                                                        |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, May 23  | 4:00pm  | Confessions                                            |
|                   | 5:00pm  | Vigil Mass                                             |
| Sunday, May 24    | 7:30am  | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 9:45am  | Choir Warm-Up (Mary Chapel)                            |
|                   | 10:30am | Mass (with Children's Liturgy)                         |
|                   | 11:30am | Hospitality                                            |
|                   | 5:00pm  | Mass                                                   |
| Monday, May 25    | 7:30am  | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 8:00am  | Rosary                                                 |
| Tuesday, May 26   | 11:30am | Confessions                                            |
|                   | 12:15pm | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 7:00pm  | Ordination Anniversary Planning, Gathering Hall        |
| Wednesday, May 27 | 11:00am | Rosary (Mary Chapel)                                   |
|                   | 7:00pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Church)                               |
|                   | 7:00pm  | 518 Frassati Young Adult Group, Gathering Hall         |
| Thursday, May 28  | 7:30am  | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 8:00am  | Rosary                                                 |
|                   | 7:00pm  | Men's Group, Lower Lounge                              |
| Friday, May 29    | 10:30am | Reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures                    |
|                   | 12:15pm | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 1:00pm  | Adoration, Confessions                                 |
| Saturday, May 30  | 10:00am | Funeral for Alice Hamill                               |
|                   | 4:00pm  | Confessions                                            |
|                   | 5:00pm  | Vigil Mass                                             |
| Sunday, May 31    | 7:30am  | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 9:45am  | Choir Rehearsal (Mary Chapel)                          |
|                   | 10:30am | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 11:30am | Hospitality                                            |
|                   | 5:00pm  | Mass                                                   |
|                   | 6:00pm  | High School Class of 2026 Celebration, Conference Room |

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The last Children's Liturgy of the Word session will be on Sunday, May 24 before a break for the summer. Our sincere thanks to all of our teachers, volunteers, and parents who assist!

## Bulletin Submissions

With Carter joining the staff at the church and school as Director of Marketing and Communications, he will be coordinating submissions for the weekly bulletin. Please email submissions to [bulletin@stthomas-church.org](mailto:bulletin@stthomas-church.org). The deadline is the Thursday of the week before publication.

## 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 an intention or to become a volunteer.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 23, 5:00pm

Phyllis Talbot, req. by the Edmundson Family.  
Edna Kahlert, req. by Jean Abatto.

### Sunday, May 24, 7:30am

Ruth DePaoli, requested by her family.  
Fr. James A. McManus, Sister Elizabeth McManus, CSJ, and  
Fr. James Lefebvre, req. by Mike and Dorine McManus.

### Sunday, May 24, 10:30am

For the People

### Sunday, May 24, 5:00pm

John L. Rose III, Emerson Rose, req. by the Rose Family.  
Edward A. Greenwood, req. by Jim and Mary Santarini.

### Monday, May 25, 7:30am

Mario Ravelo (Living Intention), req. by Patricia Coraizaca  
Jerome Quennville, req. by Vera Bordi

### Tuesday, May 26, 12:15pm

Kathleen Lawlor, req. by Friends at H&R Block  
Matthew Finn, req. by his parents

### Thursday, May 28, 7:30am

Deceased remembered in the Memorial Fund

### Friday, May 29, 12:15pm

Mary Jane McGraw, req. by the Pedlow Family  
Michael A. Skowronek, req. by the Potenza Family

### Saturday, May 30, 5:00pm

For the People

### Sunday, May 31, 7:30am

Pat Kelly, req. by Catherine Daley  
Dorothy Hogan (3rd Anniversary), req. by her family

### Sunday, May 31, 10:30am

Rocco Russo, Sr., req. by Arlene and Paul Rappoccio  
Russell Pinkel, req. by the Ricchiuti Family

### Sunday, May 31, 5:00pm

Marlene Elacqua, req. by Rose, Angela, and Nick Elacqua  
Shauneen McNally, req. by Julianna Glassanos

## Welcome!

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners: Nancy Bohl; Carmela Cooper; Isabella and Alan Candelario, and their son, Dante; Ria and Thomas Chattathil, and their children, Sarah, Kurian, and Jacob

## Stewardship

### Weekly Offering, May 16-17

Total Received: \$13,497.77  
Includes E-Giving: \$3,967.00  
Includes Loose Cash Donations: \$2,395.27  
Total Number of Gifts: 307

Ascension Thursday: \$3,373.00

**Thank you for your generosity to the parish!**

Setting up a recurring donation for the regular offertory collection is secure. Info: [www.stthomas-church.org/giving](http://www.stthomas-church.org/giving)

# Parish Ministries

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## Fr. Matt's 5<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm in the Gathering Hall for anyone interested in helping plan Father Matt's anniversary celebration, which will be held later this summer. We will also discuss other ways in which we can support Fr. Matt. For more information, please contact Linda LeClair at [boisclairlin@yahoo.com](mailto:boisclairlin@yahoo.com).

## Thank You: Discipleship Formation Ministry

Catechists, Catechist Assistants, Substitutes, Gatekeepers, Youth Ministry Chaperones and you our St. Thomas family for your continued support of our young church! If you are being called to join us in sharing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with our young church as a catechist, gatekeeper or YM Chaperone please reach out to Colleen Harrigan our Discipleship secretary at [charrigan@stthomas-church.org](mailto:charrigan@stthomas-church.org)! Preparation for the Fall is under way! Please consider joining us! God bless!

## Tuesday Drive

Thank you so much for your support of our neighbors during our Easter Drives! You made a difference in the lives of neighbors throughout our diocese! Gentle reminder: NO Tuesday Drive May 26. Consider doing a random act of kindness and remember our neighbors in your prayers. Our next drive is Tuesday June 2.

## Discipleship Formation Registration for Fall 2026-Spring 2027

Registration for all grades 1-12 is now being accepted. Registration includes those new to our Discipleship Formation Program and our Sacramental Prep for: First Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation which are two year prep programs. Confirmed young people are encouraged to register for Confirmed in the Spirit to remain active in our parish and serve as Confirmed Catholics. Registration for Confirmed in the Spirit is free! Questions or concerns reach out to Colleen Harrigan our Discipleship Formation Secretary at [charrigan@stthomas-church.org](mailto:charrigan@stthomas-church.org) or call our parish office 518-439-4951 Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-2:00pm. We look forward to accompanying you on your faith journey.

## High School Class of 2026

High School Class of 2026 is invited to a Graduation Celebration on Sunday May 31, 6:00pm -7:15pm in the Large Conference Room. Join your fellow classmates along with a panel of College students who will share their college experience thus far. Fun, prizes, pizza and faith! Best wishes to all of our graduates! Sign up on our Youth Ministry Discipleship Page

## First Eucharist & First Reconciliation Sacramental Prep

Sacramental preparation for Middle School and High School students will be offered by our MS/HS Discipleship Formation Program starting this Wednesday May 13 6pm-7pm in the Mary Chapel in the Church. Please complete the Discipleship Formation Registration for 2026-2027. Participants will receive assignments to complete and commit to participating in 3 more sessions (May 20 and two more tba.). Please email us at [HOPE@stthomas-church.org](mailto:HOPE@stthomas-church.org) with any questions. We look forward to walking with you as you prepare to receive our Lord's compassion and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Eucharist for the first time. God Bless!





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TOMORROW'S LEADERS,  
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We are so excited to invite you to the  
St. Thomas the Apostle School  
Community Block Party!

We'd love to see all of our families there  
—so bring the kids, invite your friends,  
and don't forget grandparents,  
neighbors, and anyone else who would  
enjoy a great afternoon with us.

It's a perfect way to share what makes  
St. Thomas School and Parish so  
special.

We can't wait to see you there!

### Block Party Bakers Needed!

With our upcoming Block Party on June 6, to  
benefit the school, we are encouraging all  
bakers to contribute to the bake sale at the  
event! We need your help! Please make  
your most creative cakes, cookies, pies,  
breads and other favorites! To participate,  
please contact Colleen Harrigan at the  
parish office, 518-439-4951, x108 or sign up  
on the table in the Gathering Hall. It's all  
about raising money for the school! We  
really appreciate your donations!



Limited Openings for 2026-27  
School Year:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Contact Lisa Maestro to arrange a tour!  
[lmaestro@stthomas-school.org](mailto:lmaestro@stthomas-school.org)

## Community News

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

Right now in the Capital Region there are over 200 youth looking for adult mentors in their lives, and they wait on average over a year to be matched with one. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region will be holding an informational meeting on Monday, June 1st at 6:00pm in the Gathering Space for parishioners interested in becoming a mentor. The need is especially great for male mentors. For more information, please see the St. Thomas men's group tab on the church web site at [www.stthomas-church.org/mens-group](http://www.stthomas-church.org/mens-group)

### Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is offering you an easy opportunity to participate in protecting our environment. The Conservancy is asking for public input via a short survey as it structures a strategic plan for use of the lands it stewards in the Mohawk and Hudson River Valleys. This organization manages 23 preserves opened to the public in Albany, Schenectady, and Montgomery Counties. Follow this link to the survey to learn more about how you can enjoy and explore the Conservancy's preserves and contribute to the plan for the future of our environment [www.mohawkhudson.org/](http://www.mohawkhudson.org/)

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 29-31 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna. Discussions, spiritual exercises, Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential. \$195 and financial assistance available. For more info or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or e-mail [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

## Parish Ministries (con't)

### Altar Server Training

There are two opportunities on the calendar for people who are interested in training to be Altar Servers (any age welcome!) and for those who would like a refresher on what to do:

Sunday, May 31 at 11:30am (after the 10:30am Mass)  
Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00pm

We especially encourage those who received First Communion this year! Thank you!

### Thank You!

Thank you St. Thomas for supporting Catholic Charities Personal Care Closet the past two weeks! Look for Michelle Quentin Coordinator, graduate of St Thomas School at our Block Party on Sat, June 6 weekend! She is also a water color artist! Thanks for making a difference!



### Catholic School & HS Students: Confirmation

Our Confirmation Prep program is a 2 year Program. Please register with our Discipleship Formation Program and contact us at [HOPE@stthomas-church.org](mailto:HOPE@stthomas-church.org) to set up a time to meet with our Discipleship Coordinators to review our program & discuss any questions the candidate and or family may have. We look forward to meeting with all of you! Thank you for making the decision to become a Confirmed Catholic.

### Photos of Your Loved Ones

Each November we invite you to bring in a picture of a loved one to display on our "Day of the Dead" altar. We still have some photos which have not been claimed. If you would like yours, please call the office by the end of June. After that we will donate the frames. Thank you.



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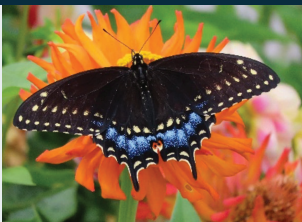
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