

Bible Study -

Tuesday at 7:00pm

Contact: STAYspiritual@gmail.com

Wednesday evening 7:00pm

Contact: 202-362-1466

Brothers of the Little Oratory - A men's group for those interested in learning more about and developing themselves in the spirituality of St. Philip Neri and the Oratory.

Contact Jeff Bedia at: jeff.bedia@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word - parent-led program for children ages 4 to 12 during Sunday 10:30 am Mass.

Coordinator: Deirdre Bishop,

Deirdre.bishop@gmail.com, 202-248-3476.

Children's Religious Education -

Sundays 11:45 am -1:00 pm

Director: Andrea Miano,

Andrea.miano@gmail.com

Choirs -

Traditional Choir sings at 10:30 am Mass.

Hispanic Choir sings at 12:00 Noon Mass.

Director: Efrain Anaya, 301-933-0221.

Young Adult Choir sings at 7:30 pm Mass.

Director: Karen Clement, STAYchoir@gmail.com

Finance Council - advises pastor on matters of parish finance.

Chair: Patrick Guarnieri, Contact Rectory.

Gardening Committee - Saturdays, in season.

Contact: Valerie Caracelli, 202-262-3095,

CaracelliV@gmail.com

Hispanic Community - promotes religious, educational, pastoral, and social activities among Spanish-speaking parishioners. Contact Rectory.

Knights of Columbus - we are seeking to form a new Council. For information on joining contact Otto Heck, otto.heck@gmail.com, 202-670-6886

Liturgy Committee - plans and coordinates liturgical services.

Chair: Deacon William Boesman, 202-362-1466.

Pastoral Council - fosters parish welfare and mission by discussion, advice to pastor and service.

Chair: Andrea Miano, andrea.miano@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - spiritual & doctrinal formation for those interested in the Catholic faith and for Catholics not fully initiated. Meets Sunday after 10:30 am Mass in Rectory. Directors: Deacon William and Mary Boesman, 202-362-1466.

Samaritans - help fellow parishioners with physical needs. For help or to volunteer, contact Mary Boesman, 202-362-1466.

STAY - STAY - promotes spiritual, service, and fellowship activities for young adults in their 20s and 30s. www.stayyoungadult.org

Chair: Shannon Hayes, staydc@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society - assists needy through Poor Box donations.

Chair Peter Brusoe. Contact Rectory.

Social Concerns Committee - education and advocacy for social justice.

Contact: Deacon William Boesman, 202-362-1466.

Sodality of Our Lady - Marian group that sponsors spiritual, social and service activities. Meets the first Sunday of the month after 8:30 am Mass. Contact: Rosemarie Neuner, 202-363- 8831, Rosemarie.Neuner@fda.hhs.gov

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Reverend Richard A. Mullins, Pastor

Monsignor Andrew R. Wadsworth

Deacon William C. Boesman

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am,

12 Noon (Spanish) & 7:30 pm

Vespers and Benediction - 4:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon. - Fri. - 8:00 am

Saturday - 12:00 noon

Holy Days of Obligation:

As Announced

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:50 pm

Sunday - 7:00-7:25 pm

Infant Baptisms:

Contact Deacon William Boesman, 202-362-1466 for parents' class and date of baptism.

Marriage:

Contact priest at least 6 months before desired date of wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick and Visits to Sick:

Please inform priest when parish members are hospitalized or are sick at home.

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Saturday: After Noon Mass

Funerals:

Consult with priests as soon as possible after death of your loved one before finalizing funeral plans.

*You became a believer because you saw me.
Blest are they who have not seen and have believed. - Jn 20, 29*

THE ST. THOMAS APOSTLE BULLETIN

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

July 29, 2018
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

Sometimes we will hear people tell us to "keep the Faith." This is a beautiful sentiment but really shouldn't we be sharing the Faith instead of simply keeping it? Saint Paul tells us that, "The gift we receive we must give as a gift." He said this is regard to our Faith and it is a gift that is meant to be shared so that many more may come to be blessed with this powerful gift. When a parent or friend passes along our Catholic belief, they give a great gift which ultimately leads to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Soon, we will begin our parish's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA as we call it for short. These classes are for people who wish to become members of our Roman Catholic Faith. The classes will run from early Fall until the Easter Vigil when the new converts are formally received into the Church. If you know of anyone locally who is considering becoming a Catholic please invite them to contact us here at the St. Thomas Apostle rectory [(202) 234-1488] or see Deacon Boesman after the 5pm and 10:30am Masses and we will be happy to encourage them and sign them up for the class.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - A collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten-somebody-or-other had printed it. "Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector.

"Yes, that was it!"

"You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anything close to that much," replied the man. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Thomas More."

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others."

— *St. Clare of Assisi*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 30 -

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor —
8:00 am Neil Mulkern RIP

Tuesday, July 31 -

St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest —
8:00 am Matthew Burdette RIP

Wednesday, August 1 -

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor —
8:00 am Justin Scanlon

Thursday, August 2 -

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest —
8:00 am Matthew Burdette RIP

Friday, August 3 -

First Friday —
8:00 am Brandon Scanlon

Saturday, August 4 -

St. John Vianney, Priest —
Noon Stephanie Shea
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, August 5 -

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time —
8:30 am Michael Mansfield RIP
10:30 am Pro Populo
Noon Pro Populo
7:30 pm Anne Mansfield RIP

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, living or dead please contact the Rectory at 202-234-1488. Suggested Offering is \$10.00.

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(stthomasapostleedc.churchgiving.com) for your weekly or monthly offertory to St. Thomas Apostle Church. Some of the benefits using this service include better record keeping for tax deductions, the option to make an offertory through a credit card (which one may also receive frequent flier miles or reward points), and to reduce administrative burden on St. Thomas' volunteers and staff. For more info, please contact the Rectory.

NEW? If you are new to our Parish Family, welcome! Please fill out a Parish registration form from the back of the Church. Parishioners may opt either for "WeShare" or envelopes. If you're leaving the Parish please notify the Rectory.



Bulletin Board



SECOND COLLECTION – There will be a second collection next weekend (August 4th and 5th) for Catholic Communications & Human Development. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) welcomes non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, as well as Catholics who have been away from the faith for a while. The classes meet on Sundays at 11:50 am. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact Deacon Bill or Mary Boesman at 202-362-1466 or at boes02@verizon.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Several Parishioners have been working with the Oratorians to increase Eucharistic adoration at St. Thomas the Apostle beginning this fall. They have created an interest form that asks for contact info and the best times for individuals to participate. At this point, it looks like Thursday might work best for most people, but your help completing the interest form found at: <https://tinyurl.com/STAdoration> will help them get a better sense of interest and availability. This survey will be open until the end of July. Please take a few minutes to participate. Thank you and God bless!

LIBRARY: Don't forget to stop by the Carolyn Hawley Library next to the Church Hall after Mass. Pick up some of our recently acquired volumes which make for excellent summer reading.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets in the library at 7:00 pm. For information call [202-362-1466](tel:202-362-1466). **Please note, there will be NO Bible Study in the month of July, 2018.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS NEEDED
Please consider volunteering to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday, 10:30 am mass. This is a spiritually rewarding opportunity for all adults in our Parish. Please contact Deirdre Bishop at: Deirdre.bishop@gmail.com, 202-248-3476, if you have any questions or to volunteer.

St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults — STAY

Go to www.STAyoungadult.org to connect with us and learn more about our upcoming events!

Bible Study Every Tuesday from 7:00-8:15 PM

This is where the Word meets life! All are welcome. STAY Bible study meets downstairs in the parish library. +Contact stayspirituality@gmail.com for more information.

Popsicle Sunday Sunday, August 5 at 8:30 PM

Yum! Join us downstairs in the church hall after STAY Mass for sweet treats and fellowship.

Holy Hour Thursday, August 9 at 7:00 PM

STAY Holy hour is back! Join us at the church for meditative prayer and reflection. After, we'll get together for food and fellowship.

Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

*Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.*



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