

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 Lord gave them bread from Heaven.

August 5, 2018
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

We combat sin and darkness in our church and in the world with things that lead us to holiness, especially truth, beauty and goodness. We can find ourselves disappointed and often horrified because of the effects of human actions in leadership. Yet, we go on. We go on with the sacraments and with prayer, we go on knowing that Christ founded the Church and stays with it even as it can be hurt so much from within.

As a seminarian in philosophy class, I remember studying the necessity of three things for human beings: Truth, beauty and goodness. We find the essence of each of those elements in our Catholic Faith. When we look around us we see a world which is desperate for these three things. We crave Truth in an era of 'fake news' which is meant to play upon our emotions rather than inform us with accuracy. We need beauty around us, the natural and the man-made, which reflects the awesome power of the Creator and overshadows all the ugliness that is out there which is often wrought by hatred and anger. Man is made for goodness and only that goodness which comes from God and is given to us can conquer darkness and evil. Our goodness, displayed in our actions, is a reflection of the Truth that we receive. The words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (4:8) come to mind, "*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*"

May we follow St. Paul's encouraging words and "think about these things" so we can make them more readily present to world. May we be missionaries of that God-given Truth, goodness and beauty, reflecting the way of Jesus Christ.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - A Sunday School teacher asked her children, as they were getting ready to go into Mass, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

"You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat."

— *St Josemaria Escriva*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 6 -

The Transfiguration of the Lord —

8:00 am Faith Webb RIP

Tuesday, August 7 -

Saint Cajetan, Priest —

8:00 am Maureen Mansfield RIP

Wednesday, August 8 -

Saint Dominic, Priest —

8:00 am Graciela Cantinet RIP

Thursday, August 9 -

St. Edith Stein, Virgin and Martyr —

8:00 am Robin Marris RIP

Friday, August 10 -

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr —

8:00 am Ricardo Hernandez RIP

Saturday, August 11 -

St. Claire Virgin and Martyr —

8:00 am Alice Roberts RIP

5:00 pm Betty Huelsman RIP

Sunday, August 12 -

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am Karen Laub Novak RIP

10:30 am Pro Populo

Noon Pro Populo

7:30 pm Michael 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.

PLEASE CONSIDER USING WeShare

(stthomasapostledc.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 this weekend 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 silent prayer and optional confession. After, we'll get together for food and fellowship at Nando's Peri-Peri in Woodley Park.

Rescheduled Annual Tube Float: We'll issue you a refund directly if you were unable to attend the new date for annual tube float event in the Shenandoah Valley. We rescheduled this event for Saturday, August 4 (originally Saturday, July 21) due to weather conditions. Contact staydc@gmail.com for more information.

Powerful Prayer to St. Clare of Assisi

O glorious Saint Clare!
God has given you the power of working miracles continually, and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke your assistance in misfortune, anxiety, and distress; we beseech you, obtain for us from Jesus, through Mary, His Blessed Mother, what we beg of you so fervently and hopefully, if it be for the greater honor and glory of God and for the good of our souls.
Saint Clare Pray For Us
Amen.



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