

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

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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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

August 12, 2018
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

On Wednesday, August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. This Solemnity is a reminder to us, not only of the powerful maternal presence of the Mother of God, but also recalls for us the fact that God has prepared a place for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. On this day we commemorate the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

St. John Damascene had this to say about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin:

It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped when giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God.

See you at Mass on Tuesday and, someday, may we all meet in the Heaven prepared for us.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the Mass?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God whose plan upsets that of the proud, pulls down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the humble, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich empty away (cf. Lk 1:51-53)." -- *Pope John Paul II, Homily, August 15, 1999, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 13 -

St. Pontian Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs —

8:00 am Maureen Mansfield RIP

Tuesday, August 14 -

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr —

8:00 am John Feerick RIP

Wednesday, August 15 -

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary —

8:00 am Anne Mansfield RIP

Thursday, August 16 -

St. Stephen of Hungary —

8:00 am Robin Marris RIP

Friday, August 17 -

Weekday —

8:00 am Nancy Theis

Saturday, August 18 -

Weekday —

Noon Bill Straus RIP

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, August 19 -

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am Virginia Straus RIP

10:30 am Pro Populo

Noon Pro Populo

7:30 pm Alfred and Marion Haen 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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(stthomasapostlecdc.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



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION: August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on the 14th at 6:30pm. Masses on the 15th will be at 7:00am (in Latin), 8:00am, Noon, and 6:30pm. (bi-lingual, English and Spanish)

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.

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.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of Your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with Him in heaven.
May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless life and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

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.

Theology on Tap Tuesday, August 14 from 6:00-8:00 PM

You're invited to DCCatholic's Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle. This month's speaker is Msgr. Robert Panke who will present "Finding God on the Metro: Prayer in Daily Life." All are welcome, Catholic or not! *Must have valid 21+ ID to enter. +Learn more at <http://adw.org/tot/>.

Potluck Dinner & Game Night Saturday, August 18 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Join us downstairs in the parish hall for a deliciously fun night! We kindly ask that you bring a dish to share. We welcome extra board games too. Have fun, be social, and BYOB!

The Visit of the World Youth Day Cross Saturday, August 25 at 9:00 AM

Come take part in this once-in-a-generation celebration of the WYD Cross as it makes its first pilgrimage across the U.S in 25 years! Youth, young adults, and families of all ages are invited to take part in this historic event. +This event is FREE and starts at 9:00 AM at the Lincoln Memorial. Register at <https://www.wydunite.com>.



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