

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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

August 19, 2018
Twentieth 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] and we will be happy to encourage them and sign them up for the class.

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."

"Saints are ordinary people who do what they do for the love of Jesus, say what they must say without fear, love their neighbor even when they are cursed by him, and live without regret over yesterday or fear of tomorrow."
--*Mother Angelica*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 20 -

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor —

8:00 am Bishop Robert Barron and his ministry

Tuesday, August 21 -

St. Pius X, Pope —

8:00 am Calire Grove RIP

Wednesday, August 22 -

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary —

8:00 am Father Arne Panula RIP

Thursday, August 23 -

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin —

8:00 am Joseph C. Neuner RIP

Friday, August 24 -

St. Bartholomew, Apostle —

8:00 am Pope Francis

Saturday, August 25 -

St. Louis, King —

Noon Fr. Winthrop Brainerd RIP
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, August 26 -

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am Fr. Winthrop Brainerd RIP

10:30 am Pro Populo

Noon Pro Populo

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



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 awhile. The classes meet on Sundays at 11:50am. **Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9th.** 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).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2018-2019 Please contact Andrea Miano at andrea.miano@gmail.com if you are interested in enrolling your child in either a class to prepare for First Communion or Confirmation. Class calendar and start dates for the new calendar year will be dependent on interest and will be announced in September. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

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.

Flower of Sanctity

O St. Rose,
first flower of sanctity in the New World,
let the fragrance of thy virtues diffuse itself in our lives.
Grant that we may imitate thy holy purity;
obtain for us courage in the practice of penance.
Teach us, O St. Rose, to love Christ Crucified and Mary
His Mother.
Beseech Thy Divine Spouse,
to bless all the Americas,
which give thanks for thy glory to him, the Giver of all
good gifts. Amen.

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.

Iona Senior Services Saturday, August 25 at 9:45 AM

Volunteer with STAY! Iona supports people as they experience the challenges and opportunities of aging. We deliver meals to homebound older adults in Northwest Washington who are unable to prepare their own meals. +Contact pwbrusoe@gmail.com to sign up for Iona. We carpool to Iona from the church.

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>.

A Prayer to Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, for Grace

O Glorious Saint Bartholomew, Jesus called you a person without guile and you saw in this word a sign that he was the Son of God and King of Israel. Obtain for us the grace to be ever guileless and innocent as doves. At the same time, help us to have your gift of faith to see the Divine hand in the events of daily life. May we discern the signs of the times that lead to Jesus on earth and will eventually unite us to him forever in heaven. Amen.



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