

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 26, 2018
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

I wish to share a portion of an article recently authored by Cardinal Wuerl on the recent crisis. The full article can be found at www.adw.org:

What we are now facing, in the media and from many of our people, is the question: "Has anything changed?"

The answer, I believe, is, "Yes." We are encouraged by our Holy Father's determination to hold accountable those who violate the obligations of their ordination, who go so far as to abuse the young and vulnerable among us, or to use their power and influence in a harmful way.

In his strong and decisive response to the allegations, Pope Francis is leading the way in calling bishops to greater accountability. The Pope has demonstrated a keen awareness of the feelings of betrayal, the disappointment, the not-unreasonable anger felt by so many of our faithful people as these accusations come to light.

Just as our Holy Father has provided us with an example of how to begin to heal these deep wounds, we, the bishops of our country, are presented with an opportunity to reflect on what has come to light, to minister to the pain and to respond as best we can to questions that have been raised by this scandal, while moving forward to address in practical ways the very real and legitimate concerns for accountability.

Let us pray for the victims of abuse and continue to support and strengthen one another as well.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - A Sunday School teacher, was telling his class the story of the Prodigal Son. Wishing to emphasize the resentful attitude of the elder brother, he laid stress on this part of the parable. After describing the rejoicing of the household over the return of the wayward son, the teacher spoke of one who, in the midst of the festivities, failed to share in the jubilant spirit of the occasion. "Can anybody in the class," he asked, "tell me who this was?" Nine year old Olivia had been listening sympathetically to the story. She waved her hand in the air. "I know!" she said beamingly. "It was the fatted calf."

Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist.

--Pope St. Pius X

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 27 -

Saint Monica —

8:00 am Margaret Heckler RIP

Tuesday, August 28 -

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor —

8:00 am Pope Francis

Wednesday, August 29 -

The Passion of St. John the Baptist —

8:00 am Jerry Coniker RIP

Thursday, August 30 -

Weekday —

8:00 am Nicholas Babyak RIP

Friday, August 31 -

Weekday —

8:00 am Pope Francis

Saturday, September 1 -

First Saturday —

Noon Lee and Hart Francis

5:00 pm Maria Rota RIP and Bill Lovasz

Sunday, September 2 -

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am Phyllis Maris RIP

10:30 am Violet Ann & Michela Grace

Bartholomew RIP

Noon Augusto De Leon 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

(stthomasapostlecdchurchgiving.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



THANK YOU to all who participated in our "Summer in the City" food drive to benefit food pantries in areas of need throughout the Archdiocese of Washington.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON is committed to keeping children safe and to bringing healing to those harmed. Here you can learn more about our child protection policy; sign up for background checks and training if you are seeking to work or volunteer with young people in the archdiocese; and, perhaps most importantly, if you have been a victim of child sexual abuse, please contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection & Safe Environment at 301-853-5328, so you may receive the assistance you need.

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. Check out some of our recently acquired volumes which make for excellent 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.

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>.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



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