

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

The one who does justice
will live in the presence of the Lord.

September 2, 2018
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

This Monday, Labor Day is upon us. We give thanks for the ability to work and the contributions of workers whose labor adds to the common good and the necessary development and productivity to which God has called us. In these challenging economic times especially, we would do well to remember in our prayers all those who are unemployed or underemployed.

In our culture, sadly, Labor Day has become more about sales and shopping than about celebrating our national productivity and those who nurture it by their toil. We would do well to remember Pope John Paul II's document, *Laborem Exercens*, which underscored the dignity of labor and its role in the world: "Created in God's image, we were given the mandate to transform the earth. By their work people share in God's creating activity....Awareness that our work is a sharing in God's work ought to permeate even the most ordinary daily activities. By our labor we are unfolding the Creator's work and contributing to the realization of God's plan on earth. The Christian message does not stop us from building the world or make us neglect our fellow human beings. On the contrary it binds us more firmly to do just that."

May you have a peaceful, restful Labor Day.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - The child was a typical four-year-old girl -- cute, inquisitive, bright as a new penny. When she expressed difficulty in grasping the concept of marriage, her father decided to pull out his wedding photo album, thinking visual images would help. One page after another, he pointed out the bride arriving at the church, the entrance, the wedding ceremony, the recessional, the reception, etc. "Now do you understand?" he asked. "I think so," she said, "is that when mommy came to work for us?"

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes people as angels.
--Saint Augustine

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 3 -

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor —
8:00 am Charles and Joan Bond RIP

Tuesday, September 4 -

Weekday —
8:00 am Michael Mansfield RIP

Wednesday, September 5 -

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious —
8:00 am Maureen Mansfield RIP

Thursday, September 6 -

Weekday —
8:00 am Francis Dearing RIP

Friday, September 7 -

First Friday —
8:00 am Anne Mansfield

Saturday, September 8 -

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary —
Noon Robin Marris RIP
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, September 9 -

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time —
8:30 am Irene Novak RIP
10:30 am Pro Populo
Noon Pro Populo
7:30 pm 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

(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



THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION next weekend to benefit the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEKEND'S ALTAR FLOWERS are donated in memory of Violet Ann and Michaela Grace Bartholomew.

SODALITY MEMBERS will meet on Sunday, September 9th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Carolyn Hawley Library, Parish Hall. Please bring your ideas for the Church year ahead.

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.

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 on September 5 and 12.**

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.

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.

Pizza Sunday Sunday, Sep 9 at 8:30 PM

Yum! Join us in the parish hall after Mass for food and fellowship. +If able, we kindly ask that you contribute a few dollars to help support this get-together.

Into the Deep: A Young Adult Retreat Friday, Sep 28 & Saturday, Sep 29

How do I hear God speak? How do I discern a job, relationship, or big decision? "Into the Deep" is a retreat for young adults (college-age through 30s) that will provide practical lessons on prayer, discernment, and how to listen to the voice of God in your heart. You're invited to join DCCatholic on this two-day retreat that features talks by Fr. Mark Ivan, Dir of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, and others. +Registration is \$20. Go to DCCatholic.eventbrite.com to sign-up.

My Novena Rose Prayer

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands .
(mention in silence here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen.



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