

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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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

Praise the Lord, my soul!

September 9, 2018
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

I wish to share with you all an excerpt from a letter from Cardinal Wuerl to the priests who serve in the Archdiocese.

I ask you, for prayers for me, for forgiveness for my errors in judgment, for my inadequacies, and also for your acceptance of my contrition for any suffering I have caused, as well as the grace to find, with you, ways of healing, ways of offering food for guidance in this darkness.

This Sunday in our churches and all across this great Archdiocese, I ask you please to let your people, the men, women and children we love and minister to and hold in our pastoral care know that I do recognize and share their pain. Let them know I wish I could wipe it away even though that is simply not possible. I would give anything, as with all of us, to turn the clock around and have the church do everything right. But I do join them and sorrow for all that has happened. I plead for their prayerful support as I with you and them try to do whatever I can to help move this church closer to the pathway that leads us from this darkness.

May our good and gentle Jesus lead us to a place of hope and of healing.

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Richard

Heavenly Humor - A nun was having trouble teaching arithmetic to one little boy. So she said, "if you reached in your right pocket and found five dollars, and you reached in your left pocket and found another five dollars, what would you have?" "Somebody else's pants."

Every Christian must be convinced of his fundamental and vital duty of bearing witness to the truth in which he believes and the grace that has transformed him. --
Pope John XXIII

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 10 -
Weekday —

8:00 am Sarah Marris

Tuesday, September 11 -
Weekday —

8:00 am Ruby Moss

Wednesday, September 12 -
Most Holy Name of Mary —

8:00 am Toby Marris

Thursday, September 13 -
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor —

8:00 am Margaret Heckler

Friday, September 14 -
The Exaltation of the Cross —

8:00 am Jerry Coniker RIP

Saturday, September 15 -
Our Lady of Sorrows —

Noon Hayes Shea

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, September 16 -
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am Fr. Winthrop Brainerd RIP

10:30 am Pro Populo

Noon Pro Populo

7:30 pm Ali Seraj 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 (stthomasapostleldechurchgiving.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 IS A SECOND COLLECTION this weekend to benefit the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 this 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 in Sep from 7:00-8:15 PM

This is where the Word meets life! STAY Bible study meets 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.*

STAY Holy Hour

Thursday, Sep 13 at 7:00 PM

Holy hour is back! Join us at the church for silent prayer and optional confession. This month, we offer prayers for survivors of clergy abuse and the renewal of the Church. After Holy hour, we'll get together for food and fellowship. +Contact stayspirituality@gmail.com for more information.

Charity Fundraiser Pub Crawl

Friday, Sep 14 from 6:30-9:30 PM

You're invited to our biannual charity fundraiser pub crawl around Dupont. All proceeds go to Catholic Charities. *+Must be 21 to enter. Ticket is \$15 online or \$20 at the door. Go to STAyoungadult.org to sign up.*

So Others Might Eat (SOME)

Saturday, Sep 15 at 10:30 AM

SOME is an interfaith, community-based organization that helps the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. We need your help to prepare meals and serve them to hungry guests at SOME's Dining Rooms for the Homeless in Shaw. +Contact jsequus@yahoo.com to sign up for SOME.

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.*



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