

#### **Bible Study -**

Tuesday at 7:00pm

Contact: [STAYspiritual@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stayyoungadult.org)

Chair: Shannon Hayes, [staydc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Rosemarie.Neuner@fda.hhs.gov)

# St. Thomas Apostle Church

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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.

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*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

I will walk before the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

September 16, 2018  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

These are days which require many prayers from us: Prayers for our Church, prayers for our nation, prayers for victims of abuse, prayers for those afflicted by natural disasters.

Perhaps at some time in your life you have studied a foreign language. With reading, comprehension and practice we can become proficient in another language, yet when we fail to use it that language can be easily lost. Prayer is very much like learning a foreign language as it is a means of communication with God. When we fail to pray with regularity we lose the ability to pray well. When we pray often, especially multiple times a day, our prayer becomes easy and our conversation with the Lord is so much more fluid. We would do well to open our hearts to the Lord with more prayer and so become fluent in the "language" of God. As we are often told, "practice makes perfect!"

Your servant in Christ,  
Father Richard

## Heavenly Humor

Sam shows up at a Mass, seeking help.

"I need you to pray for my hearing," he tells the priest.

The priest puts his fingers on Sam's ears and prays and prays. When he's done, he asks, "How's your hearing now?"

"I don't know," says Sam. "I don't go to court till next Tuesday."

"No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger."

- *St. John Chrysostom*

**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 so we may update our records.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, September 17 -**  
*Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor* —  
8:00 am Caroline Marris

**Tuesday, September 18 -**  
*Weekday* —  
8:00 am Carmen Mullins

**Wednesday, September 19 -**  
*Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr* —  
8:00 am

**Thursday, September 20 -**  
*St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Companions, Priest and Martyr* —  
8:00 am Marie Krig

**Friday, September 21 -**  
*St. Matthew, Apostle* —  
8:00 am Pope Francis

**Saturday, September 22 -**  
*Weekday* —  
Noon Eloise Marris  
5:00 pm Marge De Santo RIP

**Sunday, September 23 -**  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* —  
8:30 am Marie Krig  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
Noon Pro Populo  
7:30 pm The Cardinal Family 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** ([stthomasapostledc.churchgiving.com](http://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.



# Bulletin Board



**INVITING ALL PARISH PETS:** Come join Bella the Black Lab and all parish pets for the Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 30th at 1:30 pm on the rectory lawn.

**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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 at the end of 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](mailto:Deirdre.bishop@gmail.com), 202-248-3476, if you have any questions or to volunteer.

## St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults — STAY

Go to [www.STAYyoungadult.org](http://www.STAYyoungadult.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](mailto:stayspirituality@gmail.com) for more information

### So Others Might Eat (SOME) Saturday, Sep 15 at 10:30 AM

Volunteer with STAY! 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](mailto:jsequus@yahoo.com) to sign up for SOME.

### Iona Senior Services Saturday, Sep 22 & Sep 29 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](mailto:pwbrusoe@gmail.com) to sign up for Iona. We carpool to Iona from the church.

### 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](http://DCCatholic.eventbrite.com) to sign up.



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