

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 precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

September 30, 2018
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

Last week Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina and South Carolina, and affected residents in Virginia, as well. While our neighbors to the south were fortunate that the storm did not develop to the full extent it was expected to reach, thousands of people have been left homeless, with tens of thousands more facing severe property damage and challenges to livelihood and their families from flooding.

Our Church of Washington has many ties to the dioceses of North Carolina and South Carolina, not the least of which are surely many Archdiocese of Washington parishioners with family and friends in areas that have been hard hit by the storm. In response to the need anticipated due to Hurricane Florence, parishes are being asked to support efforts through a special collection this weekend, September 29th and September 30th. The funds will be sent directly to those dioceses affected by the storm for disaster relief. Please keep the people affected by this recent tragedy in your prayers,

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - The elevator in the hospital malfunctioned one day, leaving several people stranded. Seeing a sign that listed two emergency phone numbers, The hospital chaplain dialed the first and explained the situation. After what seemed to be a very long silence, the voice on the other end said, "I don't know what you expect me to do for you; I'm a psychologist." "A psychologist?" the chaplain replied. "Your phone is listed here as an emergency number. Can't you help us?" "Well," he finally responded in a measured tone. "How do you feel about being stuck in an elevator?"

"Faith is illuminative, not operative; it does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility; it heightens guilt, but it does not prevent sin. The will is the source of action."
- *Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman*

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, October 1 -

St. Therese of Liseux, Virgin and Doctor —
8:00 am Christine Konzen RIP

Tuesday, October 2 -

Holy Guardian Angels —
8:00 am Jack and Marion Bind

Wednesday, October 3 -

Weekday —
8:00 am Sarah Marris

Thursday, October 4 -

St. Francis of Assisi —
8:00 am Veronica Marris

Friday, October 5 -

First Friday/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest —
8:00 am Toby Marris

Saturday, October 6 -

First Saturday/Saint Bruno, Priest —
Noon Joan Lawler
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, October 7 -

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time —
8:30 am Maureen Phillibon
10:30 am Amy Bersch-Burke RIP
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

(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 this Sunday, September 30th at 1:30 pm on the rectory lawn.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2018-2019 Classes for children receiving the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation will begin Sunday, October 14th at 11:45 am. If you have not done so already, please contact Andrea Miano at andrea.miano@gmail.com to enroll your child in a class. We look forward to a wonderful year.

THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY will be joining Sodalists across the Archdiocese to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Sodality Union on October 6th. The October Sodality meeting will be delayed until Sunday, October 14th. We will meet 9:15 to 10:15 in the Carolyn Hawley Library in the Parish Hall. We invite parishioners to join us in prayer and joyful fellowship as we plan parish activities for this coming year.

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets in the library at 7:00 pm. For information call [202-362-1466](tel:202-362-1466).

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.

St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults — STAY

Go to www.STAyoungadult.org to connect with us and learn more about our upcoming events!

STAY Bible Study Every Tuesday 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.

Theology on Tap Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM

DCCatholic invites all young professionals (21 to late 30s) to their monthly Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle to explore the role of faith in our daily lives. The speaker is Deacon Anthony Frederico for "Wild Ride: From ESPN to the Seminary." Happy hour is from 6:00-7:00 PM with the talk and discussion to follow. *+All are welcome, Catholic or not! Must have valid 21+ ID to enter. Learn more at <http://adw.org/tot/>.*

Holy Hour Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:00 PM

STAY Holy hour is back! Join us at the church for Taizé prayer and optional confession. After, we'll get together for food and fellowship at Nando's PERi-PERi in Woodley Park.
+Contact stayspirituality@gmail.com to ask for more information.

STAY Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 20 from 6:00-10:00 PM

You don't want to miss this event! Join STAY for our annual Oktoberfest as we bring the biergarten to Woodley Park for the 17th year in a row. *+Sign up to volunteer and receive discounted admission and a t-shirt. Learn more at www.STAyoungadult.org.*



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