

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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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

Fill us with your love,
O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

October 14, 2018
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

There is so much tension at the moment in our culture and society and it seems that our nation is very polarized. We would do well to turn to St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrated last week, as we pray for peace in our nation and in the world.

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - St. Peter and Satan were having an argument one day about baseball. Satan proposed a game to be played on neutral grounds between a select team from the heavenly host and his own hand-picked boys. "Very well," said the gatekeeper of Heaven. "But you realize, I hope, that we've got all the good players and the best coaches." "I know, and that's all right," Satan answered unperturbed. "We've got all the umpires."

Social justice cannot be attained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create.
- *Saint John Paul II*

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 15 -

St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor and Virgin —
8:00 am Sarah Marris

Tuesday, October 16 -

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin —
8:00 am Veronica Marris

Wednesday, October 17 -

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr —
8:00 am Irene Decarpio RIP

Thursday, October 18 -

St. Luke, Evangelist —
8:00 am Margaret Morrissey, John and Brian
Konzen RIP

Friday, October 19 -

St. Issac Jogues and Companions, Martyrs —
8:00 am Eric Moreno and Fernando Carpio

Saturday, October 20 -

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest —
Noon Bessie Philliban RIP
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, October 21 -

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time —
8:30 am Pro Populo
10:30 am Pro Populo
Noon Pro Populo
7:30 pm Dora Marris 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) 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



HURRICANE FLORENCE: Thank you to all who contributed to the special second collection for the victims of Hurricane Florence. The funds collected will be sent to the Archdiocese of Washington and will be sent on to the Dioceses of Raleigh and Charleston to aid those most affected. God bless your kindness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH — Classes for children receiving the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation will begin this Sunday at 11:45 am in the Parish Hall. 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.

OUR MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP embarks on a new book this coming week with the study of Second Isaiah (Chapters 40-66). Fr Andrew will offer an overview and introduction to this important Messianic text this coming Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. This is a very good opportunity for those who are looking to begin a more disciplined study of Sacred Scripture. For information call [202-362-1466](tel:202-362-1466).

THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY, fresh from its celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Sodality Union, will meet this Sunday, October 14th at 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.

St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults — STAY

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

STAY Pizza Sunday Sunday, Oct. 14 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 Pillars of the Faith: The Christian Moral Life

Monday, Oct. 15 from 7:00-8:30 PM

Join fellow young adults for part three of STAY's Pillars of the Faith—a dinner and discussion series. In this round, we'll focus on the third pillar: the Christian Moral Life. Dinner is provided! *+If able, we kindly ask that you contribute a few dollars to help support this get-together. This series sponsored by the Sisters of Bon Secours.*

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.*

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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