

St. Thomas Apostle Church

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 Drew Hall through the Rectory

Children's Liturgy of the Word - parent-led program for children ages 4 to 12 during Sunday 10:30 am Mass.

Contact the Coordinator, Deirdre Bishop, through the Rectory

Children's Religious Education -

Sundays 11:45 am -1:00 pm

Contact the Director, Andrea Miano, through the Rectory

Choirs -

Traditional Choir sings at 10:30 am Mass.

Hispanic Choir sings at 12:00 Noon Mass.

Director: Efrain Anaya

Young Adult Choir sings at 7:30 pm Mass.

Director: Karen Clement

Finance Council - advises pastor on matters of parish finance.

Chair: Patrick Guarnieri, Contact the Rectory.

Gardening Committee - Saturdays, in season.

Contact Valerie Caracelli through the Rectory.

Hispanic Community - promotes religious, educational, pastoral, and social activities among Spanish-speaking parishioners. Contact the Rectory for more information.

Knights of Columbus - we are seeking to form a new Council. For information on joining contact Otto Heck through the Rectory

Liturgy Committee - plans and coordinates liturgical services. Contact the Chair, Deacon William Boesman, through the Rectory.

Pastoral Council - fosters parish welfare and mission by discussion, advice to pastor and service. Contact the chair, Andrea Miano, through the Rectory

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.

Contact the Rectory.

Samaritans - help fellow parishioners with physical needs. For help or to volunteer, contact Mary Boesman through the Rectory

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 through the Rectory

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 through the Rectory.

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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.

*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.

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

Dear Parish Family,

The time has come to renew some of our beloved Lenten traditions like fasting, abstinence, prayer, and repentance. Pope Francis recently spoke about fasting:

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God's gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

May we have the courage to fast from all the things that pull us away from Him and all that weighs us down in this Lenten season.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

HEAVENLY HUMOR – A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in an Ohio Farm County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began – "Lord, I hate butter-milk." The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the Priest was overly worried. However, without missing a beat the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour." Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued. "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen."

Beware of greed and remain pure and just. Restrain yourself from every vice. He who cannot restrain himself, how will he teach others restraint? -*St. Polycarp of Smyrna*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 1 -

Lenten Weekday —

8:00 am - Bernardo Balderas RIP

Tuesday, March 2 -

Lenten Weekday —

8:00 am - Michael J. Novak RIP

Wednesday, March 3 -

Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin —

8:00 am - Hilda Farmer Rogerson

Thursday, March 4 -

Saint Casimir —

8:00 am - Monty Mauldin

Friday, March 5 -

Lenten Weekday —

8:00 am - James Overend

Saturday, March 6 -

Lenten Weekday —

12:00 noon - Msgr. Joseph G. Rauschen RIP

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, March 7 -

Third Sunday of Lent —

8:30 am - Joseph Coletta

10:30 am - Carlota Mendoza RIP

12:00 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 GIVING ONLINE THROUGH PARISHGIVING. To get started, visit

<http://www.stthomasapostle.org> Parish Giving logo, and follow the registration steps. If you prefer manual enrollment, use the enrollment form in the pew, complete it and drop it in the offertory basket during mass. Contact the Rectory if you have any questions. 202-234-1488

NEW TO PARISH FAMILY? Welcome! Please complete a registration form from the back of the Church. You may opt either for online donations or envelopes. If you're leaving the Parish please notify the Rectory so we may update our records.



Bulletin Board



DURING LENT

- * Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- * Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- * On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- * Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday in Lent at 7:00pm Bilingually English and Spanish. Please make this a part of your Lenten devotions. Social distancing will be observed.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: Confessions in every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese are offered on Wednesday nights in Lent. At St. Thomas Apostle confessions will be heard every Wednesday from 7-8pm. Due to COVID, there is a special anti-microbial screen that has been placed between the priest and the penitent.

THE 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL is here! This year's theme is *Seeking Christ* to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Please consider making a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Your gift will be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: The inclement weather of Winter is very firmly upon us. Please know that with Mass and confessions, the parish does not close; the priests live right next door and so all the Masses go on as scheduled. PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION, however, if the weather is bad and especially if there is ice. Each parishioner should assess their own abilities to navigate the weather. The canceling of meetings is up to each parish organization. You are precious to us so please keep safe.

THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR MASKS IN CHURCH. This is a requirement of the District of Columbia by virtue of Mayor's Order 2020-080: Wearing Masks in the District of Columbia to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19.

POOR BOX: Please be mindful of those in need in these difficult times. The poor boxes are located next to the front doors of the Church. Thank you for your kindness.

St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY)
STAY Mass is on Sunday at 7:30 PM.
Go to www.STAyoungadult.org for more info.
Contact us at STAYdc@gmail.com

No Announcements this Week

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us.
Amen.



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