

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

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Dear Parish Family.

As we continue on our Lenten Journey, We give thank for Pope Francis' successful and healing visit to the war-torn nation of Iraq. I wish to share with you some thoughts from Cardinal Gregory on this historic occasion: "This year I suggest for your consideration that you offer your acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East and Africa who continue to face their own Passion and hardship as they struggle to recover from the genocidal violence of recent years and, in some places, are still being persecuted and even martyred for their fidelity to Christ and to the Church.

While on the surface, the desire to return to our heavenly Father through a period of more intense prayer and fasting may seem to be highly personal and individual, the practice of the disciplines of Lent is meant to bear fruit for the whole community. Any type of Christian penance can be a spiritual homecoming when those efforts move one toward "reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for salvation of one's neighbor, the intercession of the saints and the practice of charity" (CCC, 1434).

All acts of penance are part of that total conversion called for by Baptism, a whole inner renewal leading one to think, judge, and arrange one's entire life under the impulse of the charity revealed to us in Christ. Acts of penance without this inner spirit are lifeless. Moreover, the inner spirit ought to be embodied in deeds. In this vein, keeping persecuted Christians close in our minds and hearts draws attention to three essential dimensions of Lent."

"In keeping in mind the suffering of the people of God and our own suffering, we come to understand more deeply the meaning of Saint Paul's cry that "if, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him" (Romans 6:8). In our own suffering, because of the Paschal Mystery we become "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

Your Servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - Father Reilly is walking through a graveyard when he comes across a headstone with the inscription "Here lies a politician and an honest man." "Goodness me," exclaims Father Reilly, "I wonder how they got the two of them in one grave.

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.

--St Teresa of Calcutta

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 22 -

Lenten Weekday —

8:00 am - Lori Regner RIP

Tuesday, March 23 -

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop —

8:00 am - Barbara Hill

Wednesday, March 24 -

Lenten Weekday —

8:00 am - Rev. Dominic Marmmarella RIP

Thursday, March 25 -

The Annunciation of the Lord —

8:00 am - Priscilla Buckley RIP

Friday, March 26 -

Lenten Weekday —

8:00 am - Rev. Hugh O'Neill RIP

Saturday, March 27 -

Lenten Weekday —

12:00 noon - Rush Limbaugh RIP

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, March 28 -

Palm Sunday —

8:30 am - Tom Bethell RIP

10:30 am - Mr. Marion Sanchez CSB RIP

12:00 noon & 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



CONGRATULATIONS to Br. Bartholomew, OP who was ordained to the transitional diaconate on March 20th. Please join us in congratulating him after the 10:30 Mass on March 21h for light and socially-distanced refreshments in the Parish Hall.

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL: Looking for a great school that is committed to developing confident, engaged scholars of strong character in a school rooted deeply in the Catholic faith? We would love to hear from you. Our next Open House will be held virtually on March 21, 2021. Register today by clicking the link provided <https://annunciationschool.net/virtual-open-house/> or contact Annunciation Catholic School at 202-362-1408

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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