

# St. Thomas Apostle Church

## 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 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](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 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.

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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 praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people.

May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parish Family,

St. John Henry Newman was once asked why May is chosen as the month in which we exercise a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin. He responded:

*The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter, and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold.*

*A man may say, "True; but in this climate we have sometimes a bleak, inclement May." This cannot be denied; but still, so much is true that at least it is the month of promise and of hope. Even though the weather happen to be bad, it is the month that begins and heralds in the summer. We know, for all that may be unpleasant in it, that fine weather is coming, sooner or later. "Brightness and beautiful shall," in the Prophet's words, "appear at the end, and shall not lie: if it make delay, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and shall not be slack."*

*May then is the month, if not of fulfilment, at least of promise; and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated?*

*The Prophet says, "There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise out of his root. Who is the flower but our Blessed Lord? Who is the rod, or beautiful stalk or stem or plant out of which the flower grows, but Mary, Mother of our Lord, Mary, Mother of God?"*

*It was prophesied that God should come upon earth. When the time was now full, how was it announced? It was announced by the Angel coming to Mary. "Hail, full of grace," said Gabriel, "the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." She then was the sure promise of the coming Saviour, and therefore May is by a special title her month.*

May this May be for us a time of promise, a time of hope, and a time of healing. Next weekend we honor our mothers in a special way and so may we entrust our mothers, those who are with us still on earth and those who have got ahead to the Kingdom, to the loving arms of Mary.

Your servant in Christ,  
Fr Richard

"Remember that God is eternal and work courageously in order every day to be united with him forever."  
-St. Damien of Molokai

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, May 3 -**

*Sts. Philip and James, Apostles —*  
8:00 am - Leo Schmidt RIP

**Tuesday, May 4 -**

*Weekday —*  
8:00 am - George Herndon RIP

**Wednesday, May 5 -**

*Weekday —*  
8:00 am - Janet Yellen

**Thursday, May 6 -**

*Weekday —*  
8:00 am - Grande Family, Living and Deceased

**Friday, May 7 -**

*First Friday —*  
8:00 am - Lionel Hough RIP

**Saturday, May 8 -**

*First Saturday —*  
12:00 noon - Sr. Mary Amata PCC  
5:00 pm - Pro Populo

**Sunday, May 9 -**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter —*  
8:30 am - Aura Egilsrud RIP  
10:30 am - Monica Rudroff 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.stthomasapostledc.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



**SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING** at St. Thomas with Parish Giving. You can take a picture or view this with your phone to get directed!



**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS:** If you are Catholic and have received your other sacraments of initiation, but have not been confirmed and would like to be, please contact Fr. Richard after any of the Masses or call the parish office. We will be offering a one-class opportunity for Confirmation in the coming weeks.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to help sort change and perform other counting tasks. See Fr. Richard.

**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.

**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](http://appeal.adw.org).

**Heavenly Humor** - The devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a donkey walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the donkey's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the donkey. "Your name is written inside the cover."

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### St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY)

STAY Mass is on Sunday at 7:30 PM.  
Go to [www.STAyoungadult.org](http://www.STAyoungadult.org) for more info.  
Contact us at [STAYdc@gmail.com](mailto:STAYdc@gmail.com)

No Announcements at this time

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### 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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