

# 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

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

May 16, 2021  
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Dear Parish Family,

The *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord* (colloquially known as Ascension Thursday or Ascension Day) is one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. However, some Roman Catholic provinces, such as the Archdiocese of Washington, have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The Ascension reminds us of our own place in the heavenly homeland and how we hope to be there someday. Saint John Henry Newman, stated about the ascension,

*"Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. He is on the right hand of God. He is hidden in the brightness of the radiance which issues from the everlasting throne. He is in the very abyss of peace, where there is no voice of tumult or distress, but a deep stillness--stillness, that greatest and most awful of all goods which we can fancy; that most perfect of joys, the utter profound, ineffable tranquility of the Divine Essence. He has entered into His rest. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared."*

Your Servant in Christ,  
Father Richard

**Heavenly Humor** - A young man had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it." After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!" The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...." To which his father replied...."Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"

Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all "fulness of blessing," both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment. - *Saint Basil*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 17 -  
*Weekday* —

8:00 am - Maria Kupstas

Tuesday, May 18 -

*St. John I, Pope and Martyr* —

8:00 am - The Orange Family

Wednesday, May 19 -

*Weekday* —

8:00 am - William Dziobko RIP

Thursday, May 20 -

*St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest* —

8:00 am - Fr. Richard Mullins

Friday, May 21 -

*St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Priest and Martyrs* —

8:00 am - Jesse Sellers RIP

Saturday, May 22 -

*St. Rita of Cascia, Religious* —

12:00 noon - Basil Damukaitis

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, May 23 -

*Pentecost Sunday* —

8:30 am - Anunciation Balois RIP

10:30 am - Silveria Bueno 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



# 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 count the weekly collection. Call Mary Boesman 202-362-1466 or [boes02@verizon.net](mailto:boes02@verizon.net)

**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).

## 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)

## May Pentecost Holy Hour Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM

Join us for an hour of Eucharistic adoration as we prepare for Pentecost. Br. Bartholomew Calvano, O.P. will be preaching on Mary and Pentecost. Confessions will also be available during the hour.  
*Email [STAYspirituality@gmail.com](mailto:STAYspirituality@gmail.com) for more info.*

## STAY Weekly Bible Study Tuesday, May 18 from 7:00-8:15 PM

Bible Study is meeting in-person in the parish hall and all are welcome to join. We are currently reading through the book of Jonah. Masks and social distancing will be required.  
*Email [STAYspirituality@gmail.com](mailto:STAYspirituality@gmail.com) for more info.*

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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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