

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 at: halld446@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

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

O God, let all the nations praise you!

August 16, 2020
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

On Saturday, August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but as it falls on a Saturday, is not a day of obligation to attend Mass. This Solemnity is a reminder to us, not only of the powerful maternal presence of the Mother of God, but also recalls for us the fact that God has prepared a place for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. On this day we commemorate the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

St. John Damascene had this to say about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin:

It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped when giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and someday, may we all meet in the Heaven prepared for us.

Your Servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - "Sr. Mary," announced little Joey, "there's somethin' I can't figureout." "What's that Joey?" asked Sr. Mary. "Well according to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?" "Right." "And the Children of Israel beat up the Phillistines, right?" "Er--right." "An' the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "Again you're right." "And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, an' the Children of Israel fought the Romans, an' the Children of Israel were always doin' something important, right?" "All that is right, too," agreed Sr. Mary. "So what's your question?" "What I wanna know is this," demanded Joey. "What were all the grown-ups doing?"

Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth. Be devout and obedient to our mother the Church of Rome and the Supreme Pontiff as your spiritual father.

- Saint Louis IX

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 17 -
Weekday —

8:00 am - Mildred Davis

Tuesday, August 18 -
Weekday —

8:00 am - Timothy Pitzen

Wednesday, August 19 -
Saint John Eudes, Priest —

8:00 am - Isaac Scharbach RIP

Thursday, August 20 -
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor —

8:00 am - Laura Mako RIP

Friday, August 21 -
Saint Pius X Pope —

8:00 am - Jacques Mapes RIP

Saturday, August 22 -
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary —

12:00 noon - Evan Leahy RIP

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, August 23 -
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am - Alan McMannama RIP

10:30 am - Gary Lauwers 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? 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 online donations or envelopes. If you're leaving the Parish please notify the Rectory so we may update our records.



Bulletin Board



CONFIRMATION: We look forward to welcoming Bishop Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, who is coming to confirm our young people on September 24th at 7:00pm.

FRENCH TEACHER available. In Woodley Park. I am a freelance tutor and I love teaching my native language: French. I adapt my teaching to each student's needs and preferences in a friendly yet professional environment. I can also do translations and I am available for baby sitting. I live across for St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church on Woodley Road. Contact drivoir@gmail.com

LAWYERS: Catholic Charities is looking for pro-bono attorneys. If you are a barred attorney, become a volunteer for Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Service or Catholic Charities Legal Network. Immigration Legal Services (ILS) focuses on the provision of direct legal immigration services to foreign-born individuals and their families. ILS also focuses on training lawyers to provide pro bono services and educating community groups on the latest immigration issues. The CCLN provides legal services for civil cases on a wide range of issues including the following: child custody and visitation, consumer and bankruptcy cases, employment and discrimination cases, landlord-tenant and home foreclosure cases, public entitlement cases, wills, estate and advanced medical directives. Volunteers must be in good standing with the DC and/or MD Bar Association. **Get information and sign up here:** <http://bttr.im/udfxs>

How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, using a set of rosary beads:

1. Begin with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed
2. On the large beads: Eternal Father, I offer You the body, blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the small beads: For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
4. At the end, say three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

MASS AT ST. THOMAS APOSTLE: Just a reminder that reservations are no longer needed for Mass. We continue to socially distance and to require the use of masks. In addition, there are hand sanitizer dispensers located at the doors. The Church is disinfected often and we are making every effort to offer a sanitary environment.

POOR BOX: Please be mindful of those in need here in our own parish and city. The poor boxes are located next to the front doors of the Church. Thank you for your kindness.

THE ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE in response to the coronavirus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, for the Faithful available at adw.org/coronavirus, which includes a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers available at adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/. The *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregoner* newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.

Online Resources:

www.adw.org

This is the website for the Archdiocese of Washington

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcieWwQVnqV1tuamqO5Yelg>

This is the youtube channel we are using for recording the daily St. Thomas Apostle parish Masses each morning at 8:00am.

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasapostleparish>

On Facebook, you can find the Masses live-streamed from St. Thomas Apostle every morning at 8:00am Seven days a week.

If you need to reach us via email, you can reach out at stthomasapostle.dc@adw.org or you can reach me at MullinsR@adw.org.

<http://stthomasapostleadc.org>

Our own website. If anyone wishes to participate in online giving or see what we are doing, you can go to our site.

www.usccb.org

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