

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

The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

September 13, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

Maybe you've never heard about Padre Pio, or as he is known now, St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968). A Capuchin Franciscan monk, Padre Pio show us that holiness is possible even in our own time. He lived most of his life in the 20th century and was a personally great inspiration to Saint John Paul II, who would later canonize him. Padre Pio Comes to mind not only because he is a great mystical saint of our own time whose Feast falls next Tuesday, September 22. Further, he had a famous quote, often borrowed, "Pray, hope and don't worry." We ought to take all the precautions doctors tell us to follow, and be careful in every way to not put ourselves in harm's path, but mental health professionals consistently remind us that worrying solves nothing. After the problems we have seen over the past couple of months, we should all take his words to heart and pray, hope and don't worry! A big thank you to all who continue to give either on line, by mailing in your contributions, or by bringing your offerings to church. Because of the pandemic, we no longer pass a basket, rather, we have a basket positioned by each door. For those who come to Mass, thank you for wearing your masks and for maintaining social distancing. 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 Pregonero* newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.

Please continue to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stthomasapostleparish/>. We livestream Masses every day at 8:00am, 7 days a week and Sundays also at 10:30am. Let us continue to pray for and with each other in these difficult times.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor - A little child in church noticed the ushers pass the collection basket. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

"Just as bread from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, made up of two elements, one earthly and one heavenly, so also our bodies, in receiving the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, for they have the hope of resurrection."

-St. Irenaeus

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 14 -

Exaltation of the Cross —

8:00 am - George Helow RIP

Tuesday, September 15 -

Our Lady of Sorrows —

8:00 am - Mildred Davis RIP

Wednesday, September 16 -

Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs —

8:00 am - Patrick McLaughlin

Thursday, September 17 -

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor —

8:00 am - Lincoln Creed

Friday, September 18 -

Weekday —

8:00 am - Carmen Mullins

Saturday, September 19 -

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr —

12:00 noon - Dolores Hope RIP

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, September 20 -

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am - John Hogan

10:30 am - Frank Clarke 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.stthomasapostleledc.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



CATECHESIS: It is that time of the year when we begin preparation for those who are going to receive Sacraments for the first time next year (2021). So we can organize sessions and catechists, please let us know if your son or daughter wishes to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, or if you are an adult who wishes to be confirmed or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. If you are an adult who wishes to be baptized, we will be able to organize your preparation for the RCIA either individually or with others. Please speak to a member of the Oratorian community or ring the rectory and leave a message with your phone number.

If you have a student who was expecting to receive First Communion this year (2020), but whose classes were interrupted by the COVID shut-down, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Andrea Miano at andrea.miano@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW more about the Catholic Faith or becoming a Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory to speak with one of the priests. We look forward to hearing from you.

ORATORIAN COMMUNITY: On the Feast of Blessed Juvenal Ancina of the Oratory, Benjamin Schulte received the habit of St Philip as a novice in our Oratorian community. Brother Benjamin will be around in the parish and involved with a number of activities, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome him to St Thomas, Apostle.

**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.

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE follows all guidelines issued by the Archdiocese of Washington in regard to COVID - 19. The guidelines are found here: <https://adw.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/05/ADW-Worship-Reopening-Plan-Master-final.pdf>

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.

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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://stthomasapostle.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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