

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

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

November 8, 2020
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

As I write these words on Tuesday morning, the election has not yet been decided. May we always keep in our hearts the intention of our democracy. Archbishop John Carroll wrote the following prayer in 1791:

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 9 -

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica —

8:00 am - Novena for the Holy Souls

Tuesday, November 10 -

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor —

8:00 am - The Holy souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 11 -

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop —

8:00 am - Betty Gerham RIP

Thursday, November 12 -

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr —

8:00 am - Doris Batten RIP

Friday, November 13 -

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin —

8:00 am - Thomas Gugliermo RIP

Saturday, November 14 -

Weekday —

12:00 noon - Andre Nunn

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, November 15 -

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time —

8:30 am - Judy Potter RIP

10:30 am - Michael Uhlmann 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 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



COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD: November is a time that we set aside to pray for the Faithful Departed. There are envelopes available for the All Souls Novena and there is a Book of Remembrance placed at the Sacred Heart Altar where names of those who have died may be added. We will pray for all the names listed in the book.

VETERANS DAY: We remember all of our veterans in our prayers on Veterans Day! Thank you for your service.

CATECHESIS: It is that time of the year when we begin preparation for those who are going to receive Sacraments for the first time. If your child wishes to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Andrea Miano at andrea.miano@gmail.com. If you are an adult who wishes to be confirmed or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, please speak to a member of the Oratorian community or ring the rectory and leave a message with your phone number. We will organize your preparation for the RCIA either individually or with others.

Heavenly Humor - A little girl went to a large parish for the first time. She was surprised to see the parish choir members in church robes all processing into the sanctuary. She whispered in dismay to her mother, "they're not all going to preach, are they?"

If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can.

-St. Charles Borromeo

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.

St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY)
STAY Mass is on Sunday at 7:30 PM.
Go to www.STAYyoungadult.org for more info.
Contact us at STAYdc@gmail.com.

Pillars of the Faith: Living the Good Life Thursdays, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19 at 7:00 PM

Save the dates for the next installment of our dinner and discussion series, Pillars of the Faith. We will explore how our Catholic faith can help us live the good life even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Masks and social distancing and required. Email STAYspirituality@gmail.com for more info.

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.

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.

You can reach us via email

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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