

St. Thomas Apostle Church

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

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Dear Parish Family,

It is so hard to believe that Advent is already here! The color purple reminds us that this is a time of reflection and joyful preparation. I wish to offer a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Pastor who perished in a concentration camp in WWII:

"...And then, just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives."

— **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas**

In this pandemic time, Advent will be different for us as we are separated from family and friends. As a season of joyful hope, however, it reminds us that God is still in charge and a better day awaits us. May this be a time of hope and joy for us as we make our hearts ready for the coming of the Infant Jesus! God bless you at Advent and always.

Your servant in Christ,
Father Richard

Heavenly Humor (Thanksgiving Edition):

After Thanksgiving dinner was finished, Mort saw his little brother Sid in the backyard, poking holes in the dirt and filling them in with birdseed.

"Why are you planting birdseed?" Mort asked.

"I'm growing next year's turkey," Sid replied.

"Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence."

—*St. John Paul II*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30 -

Saint Andrew, Apostle —

8:00 am - Linora Saccomandi RIP

Tuesday, December 1 -

Weekday —

8:00 am - Jane Clarke RIP

Wednesday, December 2 -

Weekday —

8:00 am - Raymond Wadsworth RIP

Thursday, December 3 -

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest —

8:00 am - Marinela Ariano Family

Friday, December 4 -

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor —

8:00 am - Gathi Abraham Family

Saturday, December 5 -

First Saturday —

12:00 noon - Patrick J Hannan RIP

5:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday, December 6 -

Second Sunday of Advent —

8:30 am - Marta Diaz

10:30 am - Pro Populo

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



GIVING TREE: Due to COVID, the Giving Tree for the children at Martha's Table will not be placed with tags in the foyer as we do every year. Rather, we are asking for people to bring new toys or items for children aged 1-5 that are unwrapped. Please place your gifts in the bin at the St. Anthony statue before December 13th. Thank you so much.

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.

FOUNDER'S DAY: Due to COVID, our annual parish Founder's Day Celebration has been postponed. We look forward to a time when we can come together again as a parish family to celebrate our faith and our history.

YOUR PRIESTS PRAY TOGETHER silently every morning from 7:40am until the 8:00am Mass. All are welcome to join us.

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.

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.

No announcements at this time

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://stthomasapostledc.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

For daily Mass readings.



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