



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is great to be back after a wonderful pilgrimage to Medjugorje!! I prayed for you all and your intentions. I am glad that everything seemed to go well under the careful watch of Fr Scordo. This past Wednesday we had one of our largest groups for Confirmation. Bishop DiLorenzo confirmed 56 of our young people and 42 others from various parishes in the area! It is wonderful to see that faith is alive and young. I would like to express special thanks to Michael Balazs and his crew of catechists who worked tirelessly with our young people to prepare them to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in this sacrament.

I wish a wonderful summer break to all of our university students who begin their summer vacation this week. Please know that you remain in our prayers this summer and we look forward to seeing you well rested for the next academic year. As some of you may have heard our own Fr Augustine Thompson, OP, has accepted a teaching position in Oakland, CA, with his province's studium. Fr Augustine has been a wonderful member of our Dominican community and a faculty member at UVA for the last 11 years. Fr Augustine will be sorely missed.

God bless,  
Fr Luke, OP

**Parking Notice**  
***UVA graduation is on Sunday, May 17th. There will be no parking at Zehmer Hall or on Midmont Road that day. Towing will be enforced by the University.***

**Baptism**

We welcome Lance Michael Geismar and Cy Sebastian Keesecker who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Alice Desmond's granddaughter Randi-Kay, Anita Donlon, Oscar Rondon Sr, Francis Quinn, Victoria Amparo Villar, Paula and Will Hamilton, Joe DiBlasi, Baby Landan Marker, Rosemary Firer, Patricia Adele Cuadros, John Gallo, Bob Sweeney, Patrick Howell, Linda Weinhardt, Peggy Lee, and Larry Brannon — If you or someone you know is ill and would like the prayers of our parish family please call the office. To keep the list current, names will be periodically removed.

**Readings for the Week of May 10, 2009**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: *Our Lady of Fatima*  
 Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: *Saint Matthias, apostle*  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/  
 Jn 15:9-17

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 9**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Dominican Laity †  
 5:15 PM Ronald Reap †

**Sunday, May 10**

7:30 AM Special Intention  
 9:00 AM Helen Cooper †  
 11:30 AM Bertha Almandos †  
 5:15 PM For the People

**Monday, May 11**

8:00 AM Vito Perriello †  
 5:15 PM John Kean

**Tuesday, May 12**

8:00 AM Charles O'Rourke  
 5:15 PM Hilda Klein †

**Wednesday, May 13**

8:00 AM Kenneth Schoner, Sr †  
 5:15 PM Carmine Lobo †

**Thursday, May 14**

8:00 AM Nancy Drake †  
 5:15 PM Amelia Ryals †

**Friday, May 15**

8:00 AM James O'Connor  
 5:15 PM John Teehan †

**Saturday, May 16**

8:30 AM Deceased of the Nguyen Family †  
 5:15 PM *Baccalaureate Mass*  
 For the People

**Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!**

Next week's collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Use the envelope provided in your packet. Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the collection from our diocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in next week's collection to help spread the Good News. For info about CCC, please visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

**Thank You St Thomas Aquinas Parishioners**

Charlottesville Catholic School extends its most sincere gratitude to all parishioners who contributed to the St Thomas Aquinas Tuition Assistance Fund. The special collection raised over \$6,000 that will be offered by St Thomas Aquinas to member families in need of additional tuition assistance. Thank you for helping your fellow families to fulfill their dreams of a Catholic education for their children.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**May 3, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory .....	18,716.49
Parish Charities .....	2,971.02
Other Income.....	820.00
Building Fund.....	9,584.07

**PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION**

**As of April 21, 2009**

Previous Mortgage Balance .....	\$350,114.00
Mortgage Reduction .....	20,800.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated .....	329,314.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marta Brannon • 293-8081 x18 • marta@stauva.org

**Dominican Rite: Missa Cantata**

May 17, 10:15AM in the CSM room (to solve the problem of a shortage of seats in the OLPH chapel). This will be the last time that Fr Augustine celebrates Mass and preaches at St Thomas before he leaves permanently to take up a new teaching post in California.

**New Extended Hours of Adoration:  
Wednesdays 8:00AM to Thursdays 5:00PM**

Please avail of the extra hours of Adoration. Accept the invitation to be with the Lord for at least an hour each week. To sign up drop a note in the box outside the Chapel or contact Sylvia Lobo at 434-244-5619 or srmlobo@hotmail.com. **If you will not be here in the summer or if you are leaving Charlottesville kindly inform Sylvia in good time. Thank you.**

**St Thomas Aquinas Choir**

Sun 9AM & Holy Days. Join us at one of our two weekly rehearsals, Thurs 6PM or Sun 2PM in the Music Room. There is no commitment. Choose the time that best fits your schedule. Contact BrianDeanSousa@Gmail.Com.



**St Thomas Folk Choir**

Sun 11:30AM. The Folk Choir is in need of some additional singers and musicians. With the end of the semester coming soon, we'll be losing some of our students and will be short-handed during the summer months. Please consider joining us for our rehearsals at 10:45AM Sunday mornings and see if you would like to be part of our music ministry. We need your help to continue praising God with our music!



*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” — Jn 15:1-2*

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ADULT EDUCATION

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**Catholicism 101 Special Lamb's Supper Series**

This is a compelling video presentation on the Book of Revelation and the Liturgy of the Mass based on Dr Scott Hahn's book "The Lamb's Supper." Each presentation is a stand alone session. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 10AM in the Community Room. The next meeting is on the 16th of May. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net

**Grace and Truth — Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 PM**

Community Room (downstairs). A new topics-based series open to all ages explores the depths of our Catholic faith and its relevance to our daily lives. Join us in exploring the beauty of our Catholic tradition as Chris Gilbert and Tom Reagan expound upon the mysteries of our faith. *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.* —John 1:14

**Men's Prayer & Fellowship Group**

If you are seeking a group to help you with your faith as you live Monday-Saturday, join us. All men are welcome to join. We meet the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at 7AM in Room 2 next to the kitchen. We will have a time for fellowship, prayer and discussion around the book *Wild at Heart* by John Aldridge. Join us 7-8 AM. Contact Bill Wilson, wdwilson@mindspring.com or 882-4178.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

**St Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the Fraternity of St Dominic**

Begins formation in June for new Inquirers. The Fraternity welcomes all those who feel a call to deepen their spiritual life in the Dominican manner. Those interested, please contact Robbie Gibson at 963-7952 or robbie\_oc\_gibson@yahoo.com or Lori Donlon at 293-3873 or lorianned@gmail.com.

**Baccalaureate Mass  
Saturday, May 16, 5:15PM**

All UVA Faculty are invited to process in full academic regalia. A reception will follow the Mass. Please contact the parish office if you plan on participating in the procession.

**Knights of Columbus**

Our council's monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month second floor, Chapel side, last classroom on the left. Rosary at 6:45PM and meeting at 7:00PM. All Catholic men interested in joining the Knights are invited to attend. Please see our council's newsletter and brochures on the Chapel side of the Link.

**50th Anniversary**

This fall we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Dominican Friars' arrival in Charlottesville. Please help us prepare for this celebration by sending in photos of Friars who have been assigned here. We are hoping to obtain pictures of all past Friars. Any stories or anecdotes would be appreciated as well. Send items to marta@stauva.org. You may also mail them or drop them by the office at your convenience.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreK-5 • Chris Gilbert 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org  
Grades 6-12 • Tom Reagan 293 8081x16 • youth@stauva.org

### "1:17 Retreat" for High School Guys

Rising 10th grade thru graduating 12th grade. June 12-14. During his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Those who have hope must live different lives!" Here's a retreat opportunity designed to help high school guys deepen their faith and live a different kind of life - the Gospel life! This weekend retreat will provide a chance to grow in faith, to listen in prayer, and to discern how God is calling each person to a vocation of service. The retreat team includes priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Richmond. Location: Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Cost: Only \$30 per person. For additional information, contact the Office of Vocations: amcnulty@richmonddiocese.org. Reserve your place today, and then come and listen as Jesus says, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)

### Charlottesville/Albemarle Relay for Life

Is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to raise awareness about cancer and raise money to help find a cure. The event is Sat, May 30, until Sun, May 31, at Monticello High School. If you are a high school student, please consider joining the St Thomas Aquinas Youth Team. Parents, we are also in need of some help for this event. For more information or directions on how to register, please contact Kristin Krebbel at kristinkrebbel@gmail.com or 410-236-2003.

### Vacation Bible School — July 27-31

We are in need of volunteers (adults and high school students) to help with a variety of things including leading activities, being group guides, preparing snacks, helping with sign-in and sign-out, and transforming classrooms into fun environments. Please contact Kristin Krebbel at kristinkrebbel@gmail.com if interested.

## Why Is It ???

Honoring your mother is a good thing, in fact, it is a commandment! Regardless, everyone can agree that moms deserve a special day of recognition. Have you ever thought about how Mother's Day comes in the Month of May, the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary? This Mom is the greatest Mother because by her *faith*, she gave flesh to the invisible God. By her *hope*, Jesus is born for us so that He could die for us. Mary *pondered* the mysteries of the Incarnation deep in her heart. She stood at the foot of the Cross, *loving and suffering in her heart*, as Jesus died. She *prayed* with the Apostles as they gathered on Pentecost. Jesus gave us Mary, not only as our model, guide, helper and advocate, but to be our very own Mother.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Denise Linn • dkl3w@virginia.edu  
Fr Greg Maturi • frgregop@stauva.org

### Are You in Need of a Babysitter?

Catholic Student Ministry will provide a responsible student. For more information contact Kristina Wolf at kmw8z@virginia.edu.

### See Our Website!

For info and calendar of all our upcoming events contact <http://www.student.virginia.edu/~catholic/>.

### Graduation Mass

For our University of Virginia students will be Saturday, May 16, at 5:15 PM. All are invited to join us in bidding our graduates a fond farewell.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For young professionals and graduate students ages 21-35  
Danny Wasserman • diw7b@virginia.edu

### Attention Grad Students and Young Adults

YAM is a ministry at St Thomas Aquinas geared toward all people ages 21-35. Our goal is to create and cater to the needs of a network of young adult Catholics in Charlottesville through fellowship in social & spiritual activities and community service. If interested in being more involved with YAM contact Danny Wasserman at diw7b@virginia.edu. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, contact Stephanie Coberly at coberly@virginia.edu.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

*St Thomas Parish—Twinned with St Michel Parish, Saltdère, Haiti.*

**Support for St Michel School:** The arrival of a generator to provide electricity at the school site will make possible later afternoon class for grades 7 and 8. One goal for the next school year is the addition of the 9th grade (third year of secondary school). As well, the school may now consider the addition of a computer lab. Another goal for the future is to hold adult education classes in the evening. Remember our brothers and sisters in Saltadère in your prayers and, if possible, with your financial support. (see next item) **Mother's Day Gift Idea:** Photo Donation Cards, in support of the children of St Michel School, are now available at the Haiti Table. The cards show the school children in their uniforms as they arrive for the school day. These cards are great for Mother's Day giving. Donations will provide food for the students. The photos on the cards were taken on the recent February trip. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee next meets Sunday, May 17. The meeting will be a potluck/Cook-Out and will be held at Tom & Joan McDonald's home in Nellysford at 1:30PM. For directions, contact Joan [jctcmcd@verizon.net](mailto:jctcmcd@verizon.net). **Contact:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Food Collection**

Thank you for your donations during Lent to the Emergency Food Bank, 184 bags of food were collected and delivered! We are now collecting items for the Holy Comforter pantry. Needed items: **canned fruits, beans, fish, vegetables and soups, peanut butter, and toiletries (soaps, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.)** No glass containers please.

**Books for Prisoners**

We are continuing to collect magazines, religious, self-help and good books of fiction for our local, state and national prisons. Please leave donations in the CSM room. Thank you!

**IMPACT**

Has begun their Member Support Drive. Currently IMPACT is partially funded by a grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and is working toward fiscal self-sufficiency with contributions from individuals in member congregations. Please consider a contribution and help us meet our goal of raising \$750 from St Thomas Aquinas parishioners. Contributions can be sent to IMPACT, 100 Alderman Road, Charlottesville 22903. Please write St Thomas Aquinas in the memo line.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Charlottesville Catholic School**

Limited seats remain available for the 2009-2010 school year in Pre K and grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. If you are interested in learning more about CCS and the opportunity it provides to educate your children within a faith community, please contact Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at 964-0400, ext. 307. We would be happy to provide you with a tour of our school and answer any questions you may have.

**The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**

Invites you, your family and friends to visit this national historic landmark and center of diocesan worship and outreach - throughout the Easter Season and during the summer. You can now view the results of extensive preservation of the original seat of the Virginia Diocese (now Richmond Diocese), and the newly installed Museum of Virginia Catholic History. More than 1,800 donors have given to The Centennial Preservation Campaign for your Cathedral since the Campaign was launched diocesan-wide. Funds secured to date total \$4.2 million in gifts, pledges and historic preservation tax reimbursements. The goal is \$6.0 million. Bishop DiLorenzo announced a \$500,000 Challenge Gift to inspire all to participate as you can. Contact info: 804/359-5651, ext 118; [kkremer@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:kkremer@richmondcathedral.org)

**Eighth Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference**

June 12 (9AM-9PM) and June 13 (9AM- 4:30PM), Dulles Expo & Conference Center - North Hall. Speakers include: Mr. Raymond Arroyo, Fr Andrew Apostoli, Fr Phillip Chavez, Fr Thomas Euteneuer, Fr Robert Levis, Fr Stephen McGraw, Fr Matthew Zuberbueler, Dr Ray Guarendi, Dr Mary Kay Clark, Mr Dale Ahlquist, Mrs Laura Berquist, Mrs Rebecca Dussault, Prof Joseph Pearce, Mrs Virginia Seuffert, Mr James Stenson and many others. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking. Many Catholic vendors and curriculum providers will be participating. For more info: [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or 540-636-1946.

**25th St Anthony's Lebanese Food Festival**

Hosted by St Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church will be held Fri-Sun, May 15-17, on the church grounds next to Innsbrook at 4611 Sadler Rd, Glen Allen. Hours are 10AM-10PM on Fri and Sat, and 10AM-8PM on Sun. Rain or shine. Free admission and free parking. Food, desserts, music and folk dancing. More information is available at [www.stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://www.stanthonymaronitechurch.org).

**Centering Prayer Retreat — May 29-31**

"Be Still and Know I am Your God." Directed by Fr Bill Sheehan, OMI. Info: call Dominican Retreat in McLean at 703-356-4243 or check [www.dominicanretreat.org](http://www.dominicanretreat.org).

## Congratulations First Communion Class of 2009

Alexandra Allen  
Lucas Allen  
Andrew Ayers  
Jordano Bakalain  
Rachel Beling  
Sophie Bisset  
Gabriella Bock  
Madison Boyster  
Lauren Brostek  
Lily Brown

Andrew Burns  
Evan Burns  
Brandon Caramanis  
Enea Cominelli  
Kevin Cooper  
Clare Davis  
Will Davis  
Christian DiCesare  
Lawrence Dupont  
Christopher Dukes

Brigid Edgerton  
Conor Farrell  
Sariel Fernandez  
Sean Patrick Floyd  
Ryan Foresman  
Abigail Fulop  
Jillian Mae Gallardo  
Evelyn Garey  
Samuel Gerdeman  
Erin Gould

Sophia Greenhoe  
Grace Hollowell  
Sarah Inman  
Jeremiah Jordan  
Paul Jordan  
Claire Kallen  
Rose Karasinski  
Lena Keesecker  
Emma Keppel  
Samantha Kelly

Alby Koolipurackal  
Natalya Koppenhoefer  
Caleigh Kosierowski  
Benjamin Krasner  
Cady Kupfner  
Peyton Kuznar  
Charlotte Lannon  
Samuel Livingood  
Mary Lothamer  
Caroline McGahren

Ann Katherine Meenan  
Malie Kate Messer  
Claire Mitchel  
Paul Mullen  
Timothy Murphy  
Margaret Nemergut  
Clare O'Connell  
Olivia Phelps  
Jaume (James) E. Plumb-Planas  
Connor Quigley

Natalie Raymond  
Bryce Reid  
Kelly Ritenour  
Mary Katherine Scott  
Chris Shaffrey  
Isabel Shaffrey  
Julia Shreve  
Helena Somerday  
Patrick Sukovich  
Clara Stelow

Claire Szeptyki  
Chloe Whaley  
Michael Wilcox  
Caroline Wilder  
Abigail Woods  
Luke Wilson



May the grace of this Holy Sacrament  
be powerful in your lives!