



On behalf of the Dominicans and the Parish Staff, congratulations to all of the students graduating from the University of Virginia. May God bless you as you move on to your next endeavors.

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Raymond Dembeck, 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.

Baptism

We welcome Liam Ashton McNees-Kelley who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of May 17, 2009

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13
or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk16:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16

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

Sunday, May 17

7:30 AM Poor Souls †
9:00 AM Vito Perriello †
11:30 AM Brian Lee †
5:15 PM Henry Frank McKinnell †

Monday, May 18

8:00 AM William Drake †
5:15 PM Felix Santos †

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM Hugh Mulloy
5:15 PM E. Stephen Walsh †

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 AM Beth Mulloy
5:15 PM Keith Mearns †

Thursday, May 21

8:00 AM Ann O'Connor
5:15 PM Vito Perriello †

Friday, May 22

8:00 AM Mark Haugerud
5:15 PM Deceased of the Nguyen Family †

Saturday, May 23

8:30 AM Poor Souls †
5:15 PM Our Twin Parish, St Michel's in Haiti

Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!

If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message? The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) believes Jesus would use every means available, so it makes use of media outlets to evangelize and promote gospel values. You can truly make a difference right here in our diocese through your donation. Half of all funds collected are used for local communications projects such as our diocesan newspaper and televised Mass for homebound persons. To learn more about CCC, visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org. Please give generously as you use the envelopes provided in your packets.

PARISH FINANCES

May 10, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory	18,420.88
Parish Charities	5,208.86
Other Income.....	328.97
Building Fund.....	1,375.00

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

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. Now that the UVA school year has ended, we have lost some of our students and are short-handed for 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!



Crowning of the Blessed Mother

You are invited by the Filipino-American Rosary Group to attend a Procession and Crowning of Mary at 6:30PM in the church on Saturday, May 30. There will be a potluck dinner at 7PM and piñata and games at 8PM. Questions? Contact Helen Antonio 984-1098 or Pining Cruz 979-9526.

Ave
Regina

ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org

First Neophyte Gathering

We invite all neophytes (those who have joined the church this past Easter) to pray, share a meal, and learn more about the Catholic way of life at St Thomas. Join us on **Thurs, May 21**, for 5:15PM daily Mass, then from 6:00-7:30PM for pizza in the Community Room and a discussion with guest parishioners, Bill Wilson, Coordinator of Men's Prayer and Fellowship Group and Will Kurtz, active in 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration ministry. Feel free to bring your sponsor, your spouse or significant other. **RSVP** to Patty at 973-6802 or gazewood@embarqmail.com by Tues, May 19 for the dinner count. All future gatherings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (next is June 18th).

Grace and Truth

In the Community Room (downstairs) on Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 PM. A new topics-based series open to all ages, exploring the depth of our faith and its relevance to our lives. 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

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.

Knights of Columbus

Joe and Diane Baltz received the Family of the Year Award from the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus. They were recognized for their work as our parish's pro-life couple and for organizing our parish's mailings to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). We are blessed to have Joe and Diane in our parish, and they are very deserving of this award.

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

For rising 10th grade thru graduating 12th graders on June 12-14. During his visit to the USA, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Those who have hope must live different lives!" Here's an 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, listen in prayer, and 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/>.

The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought

Thanks to all faculty, students, parents, and friends of the Institute who participated in and supported our activities at the University this past year. We look forward to renewing our activities in the fall, including our annual faculty-student dinner in September and our popular public lecture series and Doctors of the Church lunches in October. If you haven't yet heard about the Institute, please visit our website (www.stanselm.institute.org) or write us at P.O. Box 6432, Charlottesville, VA 22906. We hope to hear from you.

Go Hoos!

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 Saltdère in your prayers and, if possible, with your financial support. **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 **Contact:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.



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.

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

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 or 540-636-1946.

Centering Prayer Retreat

The weekend of 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.

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.

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2009

*Anthony Baranik
Mary Barnes
Aileen Beringer
Neil Branch
Erica Bressler
Nathan Burns
Julia Case
Grace Chiarella
Lydia Cushman
Courtney Elliott*

*Nicholas Matherne
Connor McCollough
Christopher McConnell
Alex McGinnis
Benjamin Michaels
Gabriella Mirabelli
Elizabeth Morgan
Jessica Noel
Austin O'Shea
Nicholas Pilipowskyj*

*Thomas Estepa
Virginia Gazewood
David Gray
Nicole Harding
Joshua Hasenfus
Claire Heider
Thomas Herlihy
Elizabeth Hylton
Joseph Hylton
Evan Karweik*

*Alison Kennedy
Rebecca Knicely
Catherine Kromkowski
Nicholas Kuzjak
Samantha Lin*

*Adrienne Lowry
Sean Lynch
Josef Manilla*



*Anthony Ragosta
Laura Reed
Samantha Rucinski
Anna Russell
Natalie Salsini
Rachel Sinclair
Malcolm Strickland
Carl Stukenborg
Carrick Sweeney
Erin Sweeney*

*Michael Terribile
Lindsay Thomas
Kylie Thorpe
Michael Trotta
Alexis Valente
Andrew Valente
Wesley Verell
Kelly Watson*

*Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord.*