



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Monday our nation celebrates Memorial Day. We are grateful to God for those service members who laid down their lives in the service of our country for the cause of freedom. May the Lord grant them all eternal rest!

This coming Friday, May 29th the Dominicans will be ordaining five of our student brothers. Included in this year's group are two brothers who spent a summer here, the soon to be Frs. Gregory Schnakenberg, OP and Bruno Shah, OP. In addition, the soon to be, Fr. Jonah Pollock, OP will spend some time this summer assisting here at our very own parish. We are grateful to God for these soon to be priests. We pray for our brothers as they prepare for this life-altering event and we look forward to welcoming Fr. Jonah. While we're at it our prayers for vocations have been very efficacious! Two of our own parishioners will be joining the novitiate this July, Huy Hoang and Tom Reagan. We pray for their perseverance in following God's call!

God Bless,  
Fr. Luke, OP

### 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, Patricia Adele Cuadros, John Gallo, 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 **Roberto Maximo Armengol**, **Victoria Ileana McNeff** and **Elizabeth Pray Meh**, who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

### Readings for the week of May 24, 2009

Sunday: *Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13  
or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 23

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

### Sunday, May 24

7:30 AM For the People  
9:00 AM Special Intention  
11:30 AM Ellwood Kelley †  
5:15 PM Hedwig & Anton Esterbauer †

### Monday, May 25

9:00 AM Michael Ware †  
Cathy Smith

### Tuesday, May 26

8:00 AM Frank Stroud †  
5:15 PM Lauryn Mathena Armstrong

### Wednesday, May 27

8:00 AM Lily Grimes  
5:15 PM Bob Kadner †

### Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM Sr Michaela de Loia  
5:15 PM Mark Ciamaricone †

### Friday, May 29

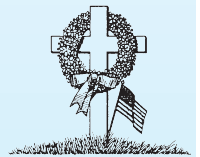
8:00 AM K Clarke  
5:15 PM Kimberly Hammond

### Saturday, May 30

8:30 AM Charles Butler  
5:15 PM Jane Sanders †

### Connecting the World with God's Word!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Communication Campaign! Programs funded by CCC keep the world connected to the Word through Web sites, downloadable podcasts, daily readings, radio shows, televised Masses and so much more. To learn more about how your money is making a difference please visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).



### Memorial Day, May 25th

The Parish Offices will be closed for the National Holiday this Monday. There will only be one daily Mass at 9:00 AM.

## PARISH FINANCES

### May 17, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertery .....	12,467.51
Parish Charities .....	2,727.00
Other Income.....	1,485.00
Building Fund.....	750.00

## 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](mailto:marta@stauva.org)

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

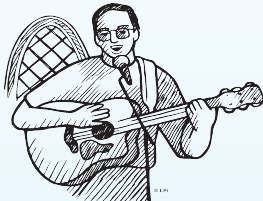
Please avail of the extra hours of Adoration. Accept the invitation to be with the Lord for at least an hour each week. To sign up drop a note in the box outside the Chapel or contact Sylvia Lobo, [srmlobo@hotmail.com](mailto:srmlobo@hotmail.com) or 244-5619. -- Thank you Jesus: for helping me succeed with a job during this difficult time; for the courage to accept my cross and trust in Jesus; for my return to health and for all your many blessings.

### 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](mailto: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!



MUSICIANS

### 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.



"Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up at the skies?"

## ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • [dre@stauva.org](mailto:dre@stauva.org)

### Senior Ministry Coffee Break

Please join other members of the St. Thomas Senior Ministry group on Wed., June 10 for coffee (and tea), cake and conversation in the Community Room. The "Coffee Break" will begin at 10AM and go until Noon. There is no cost to attend, and the main purpose is for St. Thomas' seniors to get together and become better acquainted. We plan to have these gatherings each month on the second Wednesday morning, so mark your calendars now, and plan to join us regularly!

### Larger Print Bulletins

We have made a few copies of the bulletin in larger print available in the Coordinators Room for those of you, Seniors and others, who have trouble reading the smaller print fonts.

### 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

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation? Contact Chris Gilbert at [dre@stauva.org](mailto:dre@stauva.org) or 293-8081 x15.

## 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](mailto:robbie_oc_gibson@yahoo.com) or Lori Donlon at 293-3873 or [lorianned@gmail.com](mailto:lorianned@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto: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

### Vacation Bible School & Middle School Camp

July 27- July 31. VBS is from 9 am – Noon and Middle School Camp is from 9 am – 4 pm. Camp registration going on now. VBS registration forms were emailed home. Middle School Camp registration forms were sent home in our summer mailing. Additional forms are available on the Religious Education bulletin board in the link. Please register by June 1. For questions regarding VBS contact kristin@stauva.org. For questions regarding Middle School Camp contact edge@stauva.org.

### Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

We are still in need of some help with this year's Vacation Bible School. We are looking for some Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Group Guides and some people to assist with decorations and snacks. If you are interested please contact Kristin Krebbel at kristin@stauva.org or 410-236-2003.

### Summer Program

All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a variety of fun activities over the summer. A calendar and event details should have arrived in the mail. A calendar is also posted on the Religious Education bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact us at summer@stauva.org.

## Why Is It ???

The **Ascension** completes the Pascal Mystery: the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. Jesus told the Apostles that he must go so that the Holy Spirit would come, Whose coming we celebrate next Sunday, Pentecost. St. Thomas Aquinas explains that apart from the Ascension, we have no salvation because by it, our souls are lifted up to Him who sits at the right hand of the Father. Further, the Ascension fosters faith, hope, and charity in us. *Faith* is in Him who we do not see because He has Ascended. *Hope* is in the assurance that our place has been prepared by Christ. *Charity* is directly to the heavenly things as we "seek the things that are above" (Col. 3:1).

## 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/>.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

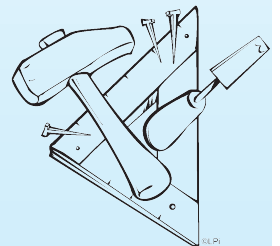
For young professionals and graduate students ages 21-35  
Danny Wasserman • diw7b@virginia.edu

### 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.



We need shelves for our Sunday Nursery. We are looking for someone who can build shelves to keep the nursery organized and safe for our children. If you can help, please call the office at 293-8081.



## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

In June, Richard Joseph, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hinche, will be visiting in Richmond and Charlottesville. The Bi-parish committee plans to hold a reception for him. Additionally, Mr. Joseph has indicated he could lead a 1-week mini-course in Haitian Kreyol for interested persons in our area. If you are interested in these classes, please contact Terri Powers or Paul Harnois (see below).



**“Sketches of Saltadere” note cards** are available for purchase at the Haiti Table on the lower level. Remember your contribution/purchase supports St. Michel School in Saltadere.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** meets Sun., June 21. Details to follow. To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Food Collection**

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.

**K of C Salvation Army Dinner**

On the 4th Wednesday of each month our council is responsible for preparing dinner at the Salvation Army kitchen in Ch'ville. This is organized by our Brother Knight Mike Fitzgerald, who welcomes new volunteers. The next dinner will be May 27. Contact Mike for information, [mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com](mailto:mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com). Please take a copy of our council newsletter and information brochures from the Knights parish bulletin board space and watch for announcements of further council information and upcoming events.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

CCS currently has limited openings. If you are seeking an excellent education rooted in the Catholic Church for your child, now is the time to apply. To learn more about CCS, please contact Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at 964-0400, ext. 307.

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

Would like to thank all parishioners who have supported them during this 2008-2009 school year. They are always grateful for the prayers and donations received from the supporters throughout the students' many parishes. Donations are still accepted as they are less than \$10,000 from reaching a matching pledge of \$40,000 this spring! ([www.cvillecatholic.org/giving.html](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/giving.html)) Please continue to pray for CCS as they strive to meet this goal and prepare to celebrate another class of CCS graduates.

**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)

**Parish/School Financial Auditor**

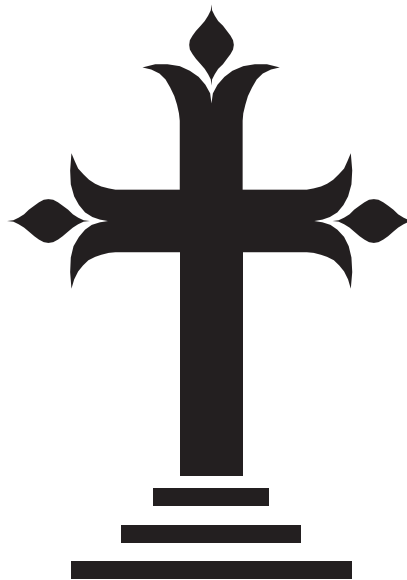
Sought by Diocesan Finance Office to be a chief contact with locations for compliance with established diocesan financial policies, procedures, and practices. Responsibilities include auditing, detailed reports on findings and making appropriate recommendations. A minimum of a B.S. in Accounting, Finance, or a related field and a CPA certificate required. Experience with a CPA firm preferred. Three years experience in accounting and auditing is required with thorough knowledge of accounting and tax reporting procedures. Go to [www.richmonddiocese.org](http://www.richmonddiocese.org) for more information. Closing date June 12. Interested people should e-mail their cover letter and application to [dmahanes@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:dmahanes@richmonddiocese.org), or mail to D. G. Mahanes, Diocese of Richmond, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA 23294.

**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](http://www.dominicanretreat.org).

## Prayers Answered!!

We are thrilled to announce that God has answered your many prayers for religious vocations! **Two** of St. Thomas' parishioners will be entering the Dominican novitiate on July 1<sup>st</sup> to begin formation for the Priesthood! This is a beautiful answer to your petitions. We thank you for these prayers and we ask that you continue to lift up intercessions that God may provide His Church with more vocations to the religious life. One excellent way to do this is to take the *Vocations Crucifix* into your home for a week and unite your prayers to Christ our High Priest, as He offers Himself to Our Almighty Father.



## What is the Vocations Crucifix?

Each week a family or individual takes home the Vocations Crucifix and prayers. The Celebrant gives out the Crucifix at the end of the Mass it is signed up for. We ask you to place the Crucifix at a prominent, visible place in your home (i.e., mantel, counter, table, etc.) Please pray the provided prayers with your family at a convenient time each day during the week (right before or after dinner, or before bed, etc.) and return the Crucifix and prayers to the table outside the sacristy 15 minutes prior to the beginning of same Mass the following week. Please take special care of the Crucifix out of respect for our Lord Jesus. The Church needs your prayers!