



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What a wonderful couple of weeks...not because Fr Luke is away...but because we get to celebrate some wonderful feasts in our Church Calendar.

Last Sunday we had the wonderful Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord wherein we commemorated the Lord's triumphal return to His Father's right hand in Heaven. This week we celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, descended upon the infant Church filling them all with the presence of God and giving them power to follow the Lord's command to preach the Good News to all the world and to Baptize them. Next week we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the Mystery of Three Persons in One God. Finally, in two weeks we will enjoy the celebration of Corpus Christi, the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ given to us under the appearances of bread and wine.

While many people might feel a certain sense of "letdown" with graduations now over with and Mother's Day come and gone, we in the Church still have a lot of celebrating to do. There's no lack of joy and variety in our liturgical calendar affording us the opportunity to "rejoice in the Lord" as St Paul reminds us. Don't let these next few weeks go by without savoring the joy and wonder of the feasts that the Church offers to us.

God Bless you!
Father Scordo

P.S. Father's Day is coming in our calendar; don't forget that wonderful day!

**Celebrating 40 years of Priesthood:
Please join us in St Thomas Hall immediately
following the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, June 7th, to
celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ordination of
Fr. Joseph Scordo, O.P.**

Readings for the week of May 31, 2009

- 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 15:26-27;16:12-15
- Monday: St. Justin, Tb1:3,2:1a-8 / Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: St. Peter of Verona, OP, Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17,8:4-9a / Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: St. Boniface, Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1,5-15,20 / Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 30

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

Sunday, May 31

- 7:30 AM Special Intention
- 9:00 AM For the People
- 11:30 AM Sarah Louise Miller †
- 5:15 PM Leodegario Balasta †

Monday, June 1

- 8:00 AM Ronald Manganello †
- 5:15 PM Souls in Purgatory †

Tuesday, June 2

- 8:00 AM Rosario Durand †
- 5:15 PM Fr Luke Clark, OP

Wednesday, June 3

- 8:00 AM John Ellerbe †
- 5:15 PM Francis Brodie †

Thursday, June 4

- 8:00 AM Samuel DiLorenzo †
- 5:15 PM Alfonso Canales †

Friday, June 5

- 8:00 AM Charlotte Marie Klis †
- 5:15 PM Mary Schwartz †

Saturday, June 6

- 8:30 AM Respect Life
- 5:15 PM Leona Phillips †

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, and Peggy Lee — 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 Ashlee Ann Bazydlo and Thomas Gabriel Mierzejewski who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

Altar Flowers

This week are in memory of Jane Sanders.



PARISH FINANCES

May 24, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offeratory	15,414.64
Parish Charities	1,500.06
Other Income.....	515.43
Building Fund.....	725.00

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of May 26, 2009

Previous Mortgage Balance	\$329,314.00
Mortgage Reduction	13,200.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated	316,114.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

New Time for Light the Fire Within Prayer Group

We will begin meeting on Tuesdays at 7:30PM in St Thomas Hall. This is a time of adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, praise, worship and prayer. Please join us. The first meeting at the new time is June 2nd.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 8:00AM to Thursdays 5:00PM. We are looking for people to join Eucharistic Adoration, in particular, we need people for the night hours. If you are interested please contact Sylvia Lobo, srmlobo@hotmail.com or 244-5619. Thanksgivings for blessings received: Thank you Lord, for my sister's conversion; Thank you, Jesus, for answering a special intention of mine; Thank you, Lord, for your love, mercy, and blessings upon me, my family, and friends.

St Thomas Aquinas Choir Summer Schedule

During the summer months the 9AM Choir welcomes anyone who would like to join us. Just come when you can; regular attendance is not necessary. All are welcome! Just show up before the 9AM Mass in the music room at around 8:15AM to go over the music. No commitment is needed. We hope to see you soon. For more information contact Brian Dean Sousa at: music@stauva.org.

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!



ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • 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!

Catholicism 101

Special Lamb's Supper Series: 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. Our study group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 10AM in the Community Room. The next meeting is June 6. Contact: sackandpam@comcast.net

Grace and Truth

In the Community Room (downstairs) on Tues, 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. Presenters are Chris Gilbert and Tom Reagan.

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 a deeper spiritual life in the Dominican manner. Those interested, please contact Marta Brannon at 293-8081 or marta@stauva.org

"What is the Dominican Laity?"

To find out consider joining us for breakfast and our meeting on Sat, June 6, immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary and Morning Prayer. Please RSVP (to ensure that we have enough food to share) Lori Donlon 293-3873 or lorianned@gamil.com.

Knights of Columbus

Will next meet on Wed, June 3, in classroom 12. Rosary at 6:45PM, meeting at 7:00PM. We will plan our activities for the summer and fall for which many volunteers are needed. All interested men are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and consider becoming a Knight.

50th Anniversary

Please help us prepare for this celebration by sending in photos of Friars who have been assigned here the last 50 years. 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

Vacation Bible School & Middle School Camp

July 27- July 31. VBS is from 9AM – Noon and Middle School Camp is from 9AM – 4PM. Camp registration is 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 4th and 5th 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 6th graders through graduating 12th 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 ???

Some say that the Church is too “formal,” that we should be more flexible, spontaneous, and free with how we worship God at Church. The problem with this notion is that it is impossible to lack *form*. That which we may call “informal” still has an order and structure. The only question is, “Which form is most appropriate to worship God?” At the birth of the Church the first Christians answered this question for us. Acts 2:42 witnesses to the order of worship, or *liturgy*, showing that the Christian community focused on four essential elements: the **Apostle's teaching**, **fellowship**, the **breaking of bread**, and the **prayers**. Our liturgy of the Apostles is the guardian of truth and freedom.

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

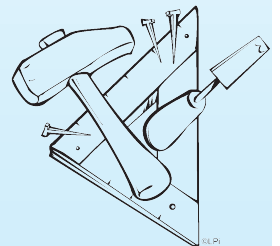
For young professionals and graduate students ages 21-35
Danny Wasserman • diw7b@virginia.edu

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

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee meets Sun, June 21. Details to follow. All are welcome to attend. To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at 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.

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 Chville. This is organized by our Brother Knight Mike Fitzgerald, who welcomes new volunteers. Contact Mike for information, 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) 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

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 for more information. Closing date June 12. Interested people should e-mail their cover letter and application to dmahanes@richmonddiocese.org, or mail to D. G. Mahanes, Diocese of Richmond, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA 23294.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sep 26-Oct 2. Spiritual Director: Fr Joseph Barranger, OP, from St Mary's Parish in New Haven, CT. For details contact Fr Barranger: Email: jbarranger@yahoo.com or Catholic Travel Office 1-877-276-7279, Email: catholictravel@comcast.net

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 14th
9:00 am

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself." John 12:32

We invite you and your family to join us as we process with the Blessed Sacrament around the Church property in honor of Our Lord, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The procession will take place at the conclusion of the 9:00 am Mass, and will end with Benediction.