



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As much as I groused about having to read that announcement about the party that they're giving for the "fat, old guy", I do appreciate the sentiment. I am grateful that God gave me the priestly vocation, and that I have been able to carry it out for 40 years.

Religious vocations have been on my mind a lot recently. We just had five young Dominicans ordained to the priesthood. We also have two young men from the parish entering the Dominican Novitiate this summer, and soon a young woman from our parish will take the Dominican habit as a nun in our Order. How fortunate we are!

That being said, there is still an urgent need for prayer in our Church for more vocations. Priests, deacons, and sisters are desperately needed. This is why we instituted the Vocations Crucifix Program whereby a parish family or individual takes home the crucifix for one week only and prays the vocation prayers each day for that week. Imagine if vocations to the priesthood, for example, dried up. There would be no priest to offer Mass for you, to hear your confession and bring God's mercy to you, to anoint you with holy oil to pray for your healing, no priest to Baptize your children, and on and on. I know that this sounds like I'm trying to "guilt you" into praying....perhaps I am....but prayers are seriously needed. Won't you consider doing your small part by taking home the vocations crucifix and praying for one week? Just think of how some young man or woman might be moved to a religious vocation with the help of your prayers.

OK. Let's party!
Father Scordo

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

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2009

- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20
- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: *St Barnabas*
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: *St Anthony of Padua*
2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 7

- 7:30 AM St Michel's, Saltadère, Haiti
- 9:00 AM Kayla Hammond
- 11:30 AM For the People
- 5:15 PM Charles Conley †

Monday, June 8

- 8:00 AM Catherine Hildreth †
- 5:15 PM The Garcias

Tuesday, June 9

- 8:00 AM Diana A. Rhoads †
- 5:15 PM Diana A. Rhoads †

Wednesday, June 10

- 8:00 AM Frank Veraart †
- 5:15 PM Francis Walthall †

Thursday, June 11

- 8:00 AM Catherine Hildreth †
- 5:15 PM Mary Smentek †

Friday, June 12

- 8:00 AM Catherine Hildreth †
- 5:15 PM Barbara Nolan †

Saturday, June 13

- 8:30 AM Deceased of the Dominican Laity †
- 5:15 PM Mimi & Charles Inhulsen †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Mary Lou Gough, Raymond Dembeck, Alice Desmond's granddaughter Randi-Kay, Oscar Rondon, Sr, Francis Quinn, Victoria Amparo Villar, Paula and Will Hamilton, Joe DiBlasi, Patricia Adele Cuadros, 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 Alexander Richard Jeffery, Beatrice Anne Mitchell, Brayden Daniel Sanusi, and Nicholas Gregory Welsch who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

PARISH FINANCES

May 31, 2009

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| Budgeted Weekly Expenses..... | \$18,289.78 |
| Offertory | 15,456.98 |
| Parish Charities | 2,037.00 |
| Other Income..... | 634.00 |
| Building Fund..... | 295.00 |

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of May 26, 2009

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| 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 now meet 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.

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: 1. Thank you, Jesus, for bringing some happiness to my daughter. 2. Thank you, Jesus, for answering prayers and Your Mercy on us! 3. Thank you, Lord, for all your blessings bestowed on us.

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!

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” — Mt 28:19-20

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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

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 Catholicism 101 study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room of St Thomas Aquinas Church. The next meetings are the 27th of June and the 18th of July. For info 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.

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 or 293-8081 x15.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Picnic Planning

The first meeting to plan the annual parish picnic will be this Tues, June 9, at 12:00 in the Community Room. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have questions contact Pam at 245-8827 or sackandpam@comcast.net



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.

Child Care Providers Needed

Interested in a permanent job sitting in the nursery on Sundays for the 9:00,11:30 and back again for the 5:15 Mass? We are looking to make some great changes to our nursery and make it a rewarding ministry! For more info please contact Julie Balik at edge@stauva.org.



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 Registration

There is still space in our Summer Vacation Bible School Program. It will be held the week of July 27-31, 9AM – Noon. Registration forms are available in the link by the Religious Education bulletin board. Please register by July 1. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Krebbel at kristin@stauva.org. We are still in need of help with our Pre-K group and decorations (no artistic talent required), so please consider lending us a hand.

Virtus Training at St Thomas Aquinas on June 22

The session will be held on Mon, June 22, 6 – 9PM in Saint Thomas Hall. Anyone who wants to volunteer with our youth programs should attend this session. Some examples include Antioch Sleep homes, catechists, and chaperones of trips and events. You can register at www.virtus.org. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Middle School Camp

There is still time for Middle School Youth to sign up for our Middle School Camp. It will be held July 27-31, 9AM – 4PM. This year the theme is SURVIVOR and we will have a ton of fun while learning about Catholic Apologetics. Registration forms can be found in the link. Please return them by July 1. Contact Julie Balik at edge@stauva.org if you have any questions.

Middle and High School Youth Summer Program

Join us this weekend (June 7) after the 5:15PM LifeTeen Mass for a cookout in the courtyard and to celebrate the start of summer. Please check out our calendar for events this summer. Questions and RSVPs can be directed to summer@stauva.org. To guarantee a space please RSVP by given dates, remaining spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis.

This Week:

Tuesday, June 9: Disney/Pixar's UP. Meet at Carmike 6 Theater at 7:15PM for the 7:30PM showing. Pick-up time is at 9:10PM. Please bring \$10.

Wednesday, June 10: 7 – 8:30PM. All high school youth are invited to join us in the youth room for Overflow, time for friends, fun, fellowship, and prayer.

Thursday, June 11: Laser Tag and Mass at the Cathedral in Richmond. Meet at Saint Thomas at 10AM and return at 5PM. RSVP required. The cost is \$25.

Reminder to RSVP for Glory at the Gardens and Middle School Lock-In.

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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

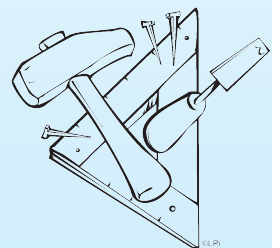
For young professionals and graduate students ages 21-35
Danny Wasserman • diw7b@virginia.edu

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

This month, Richard Joseph, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hinche in Haiti, will be offering a one week course in Creole for parishioners from Incarnation, Holy Comforter, Sts Peter and Paul, and St Thomas Aquinas from June 22 – 26 at St Thomas Aquinas Parish. The class will meet from 9:00 – 11:00 each morning. This is a great opportunity for those interested in visiting Haiti. To enroll, please contact Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com or Terri Powers at terripowers@gmail.com.



“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 will meet 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.

Knights of Columbus

Our council's primary fund-raising is accomplished through working at the Wild Wings concession stand at UVA football and basketball games. We are planning the staffing for this season's 7 home football games, the first of which is September 5th. For each game we need 10-15 volunteers. Please consider helping with this important activity so that we can maximize the funds we earn that are donated to many charities.

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.

Food Collection

We are having a Summer Break Food Collection for Holy Comforter. Please see page 5 for details.

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

Adoption Orientation

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) will host a free orientation regarding domestic infant and international adoption, Tues, June 23, 7:00PM until 8:30PM at the CCC Richmond office, 1512 Willow Lawn Drive. To register for the orientation, contact Barbara Smith at 804-285-5900 or e-mail Barbara.Smith@cccova.org.

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.

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: jbarrnger@yahoo.com or Catholic Travel Office 1-877-276-7279, Email: catholictravel@comcast.net

Summer Break Food Collection... Because Hunger Takes No Break

**June 13/14 - Pick up grocery bags in the link with
suggested shopping list attached.**

June 20/21 or June 27/28 - Return bags filled with food!

***Please place your donations in the collection baskets
downstairs or upstairs.***

During this time of year, food donations typically decrease but
the need does not.

Below are statistics illustrating the increase in need.

| Months: Jan - Apr | Number of Pantry Bags Distributed |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2008 | 1061 |
| 2009 | 1344 |

**Your donations will be taken to the Food Pantry at Holy
Comforter Catholic Church. Food is distributed to local
individuals and families on Tues, Wed and Fri mornings.**

Thank You!