



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Father Luke was home for just a day last week before he had to leave again for conferences, so I'm taking the liberty of writing this letter once again.

First off, let me thank all of you for your kindness and generosity as we celebrated my 40th Anniversary last week. Your outpouring of love and charity convinces me more and more that I made a "wise" choice in asking to be assigned full-time to Saint Thomas Aquinas! I am blessed to be here.

Today we observe the Church's celebration of Corpus Christi. How blessed are we that Jesus chose to remain with us in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine. What god is as great as our God?!

Today we also celebrate Flag Day. Please remember in your prayers all the service members, living and deceased, that serve/served our country under "Old Glory".

Finally, next Sunday is Father's Day. If you're fortunate enough to have your dad still alive, give him a call and/or send a card. Even though he may not say it, he'll be pleased to be remembered.

Blessings to all,  
Father Scordo

**A Note from Father Scordo**

I just want to send out a heartfelt thanks to all the people of the parish who helped make the celebration of my 40th Anniversary of Ordination such a wonderful event for me. Your kind greetings, gifts and well wishes are so deeply appreciated. Thank you so much. A special thank you to all who planned, set up and cleaned up for that wonderful party you gave me.

I am so fortunate to be assigned here at Saint Thomas Aquinas. This is one vibrant and hopping place. I'm sure God is very pleased with all of you.

God Bless you all!  
Father Scordo

**Readings for the Week of June 14, 2009**

- Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/  
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/  
Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday: *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
2 Cor 12:1-10/Lk 2:41-51
- Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, June 13**

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

**Sunday, June 14**

- 7:30 AM Walter Odum †
- 9:00 AM Jennie Maffeo †
- 11:30 AM Jack Blackburn †
- 5:15 PM For the People

**Monday, June 15**

- 8:00 AM Loretta O'Connor
- 5:15 PM Ann Kelley †

**Tuesday, June 16**

- 8:00 AM Loretta O'Connor
- 5:15 PM Margaret Sullivan †

**Wednesday, June 17**

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †
- 5:15 PM Jean Wojciechowski †

**Thursday, June 18**

- 8:00 AM Victoria Andrews
- 5:15 PM Theresa Stawski †

**Friday, June 19**

- 8:00 AM Peter Lavadia
- 5:15 PM Brad Lamb

**Saturday, June 20**

- 8:30 AM Pedro Celestino Lavadia
- 5:15 PM For the People

**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 Daleah TreVon Addison Matthews who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**June 7, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory .....	17,981.59
Parish Charities .....	2,186.00
Other Income.....	330.00
Building Fund.....	8,797.00

**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 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. Please think about spending some time with the Lord. **We need someone to cover the hour on Wednesday from 11:00PM to midnight and 1:00PM to 2:00PM on Thursday.** If you can give some of your time to be with Our Lord, please do so. To sign up or to get more information please contact Sylvia Lobo, srmlobo@hotmail.com or 244-5619.

### 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!

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." — Mk 14:22-24*

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## ADULT EDUCATION

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### Neophyte Gathering

We invite all Neophytes to join us on Thursday, June 18, for 5:15PM Daily Mass; 6:00PM Pot Luck Supper in the Community Room; and 6:30PM - 7:30PM Discussion. Our guest Parishioners will be: Christina Hampton and Erin Greenley with Young Adult Ministry; Barbara Brodie with Senior Ministry; and TBD from Social Justice Ministry. Hear how their ministries bring life to our parish and our baptismal call. **RSVP by Tuesday, June 16th** to Patty at gazewood@embarqmail.com or call 973-6802.

### 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. We meet select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room. The next meetings are June 27 and July 18. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

### 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 our group. We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 7-8AM 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 Eldredge. Questions? Bill Wilson at cell phone 434-882-4178 or email at wdwilson@mindspring.com.

### Grace and Truth

In the Community Room (downstairs) on Tues, 7:15-8:15 PM. A 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

### 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

### Middle School Lock-In: June 17- 18

All middle school youth (rising 6-9th graders) are invited to join us for a fun filled lock-in at the Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS). Drop off time is 4:00PM on June 17 at CCS and pick up time is at 11:00AM on June 18. There will be bowling, capture the flag, Rock Band, and many more fun Activities. The cost is \$20. Please RSVP to summer@stauva.org by June 15.

### Sunday Fun Day: June 21 from 6:30 – 8:00PM

This is a weekly event for all middle school youth (rising 6-9th graders). Each week we will have some fun activities planned. Since June 21st is Father's Day, we will be having father child activities like 3 Legged races, dodge ball, and trivia. So make sure to bring Dad with you for pizza and fun.

### Humpback Rock Hike: June 25 from 1:30 – 6PM

All high school youth (rising 9th – graduating 12th graders) are invited to join us for a hike up Humpback Rock. It is one of the best views around. Please make sure to wear tennis shoes or hiking boots and a hat, as this is a true hike. The event is free, but please RSVP to summer@stauva.org by June 18 if you would like to go.

### Virtus Training at St Thomas Aquinas on June 22

The session will be held on Monday, 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.

### 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 from 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 additional group guides. We need some people to help with decorations (no artistic talent required), so please consider lending us a hand.

### 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 from 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.

## 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 aged 21-35  
Stephanie Zilora • smz5c@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 or if you would like to be added to the e-mail list, contact Stephanie Zilora at smz5c@virginia.edu.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 60 and older  
Barbara Brodie • bb9w@virginia.edu

The St Thomas Aquinas Senior Ministry annual business meeting will be held in Classroom 2, on Monday, June 22, at 1:30PM. We will vote on the organization's new By-Laws, elect a Vice-Chair, review the year's activities, and plan for the ministry's activities for 2009-2010. We look forward to having as many members possible join the group so that we can hear your ideas and plan programs and activities that meet the spiritual and social needs of the senior members of the St Thomas Aquinas community.

## Why Is It ????

In the *Praise of the Eucharist* we sing, "What he did at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated, His memorial ne'er to cease: And his rule for guidance taking, Bread and wine we hallow, making, Thus our sacrifice of peace." When we think of sacrifice, we probably think of "giving up" something. Destruction is not the summation of sacrifice, though it a necessary part. In a sacrifice, one thing is given up so that something greater can be gained. Sacrifice is also a **gift**. In Christ, life is laid down that *eternal life* may be given. Jesus *gives* us his perfect sacrifice of his body and blood in the Eucharist, that **peace** may abide in our bodies and souls. It was necessary that Christ suffer that he may be gloriously raised. The Lord invites us into his eternal offering to the Father in the Holy Spirit, that we may truly know his peace.

## 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](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com) or Terri Powers at [terripowers@gmail.com](mailto:terripowers@gmail.com).



**Father'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 Father'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** will meet Sun, June 21. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**The Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting**

First Wednesday of each month in classroom number 12. We say the Rosary at 6:30PM followed by the general meeting at 7PM. All of the funds we raise are donated to charitable organizations that promote and perpetuate our Catholic faith and the principles of our religion. We are a non-profit organization. Membership is not limited to students and is open to all Catholic men, 18 years of age or older. Please contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight at [rmsavino@comcast.net](mailto:rmsavino@comcast.net) for further information.

**Summer Food Collection for Holy Comforter**

Pick up a grocery bag in the link with a suggested shopping list attached this weekend. Return filled bags June 20/21 or June 27/28 in the baskets upstairs or downstairs. During the summer months, food donations typically decrease but the need does not. Thank You!

**Sandwiches**

With the beginning of summer vacation, consider making and donating sandwiches to the soup kitchen at Holy Comforter on Thursdays. The sandwiches are given to diners following the lunch meal for an afternoon snack or light dinner. Sandwiches can be dropped off at STA or at Holy Comforter. For more information contact Bridget Davis at [slainte@embarqmail.com](mailto:slainte@embarqmail.com) or 964-1127.

**IMPACT**

Because of your support, our parish reached our \$750 goal in IMPACT's Member Support Drive. Contributions still can be made and sent to IMPACT, 100 Alderman Road, Charlottesville 22903. Thank You!!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty**

June 29 thru July 2. The annual fast and vigil at the US Supreme Court commemorates the Fuhрман vs Georgia and Gregg vs. Georgia decisions. We are in a unique position to participate in this national event being in driving distance from DC. We hope to have a large group of VADP supporters participate. The registration fee for "Starvin' for Justice" is only \$20, it is a liquids-only fast (optional) so meals need not cost too much and very inexpensive housing is available. To learn more and register go to [www.abolition.org](http://www.abolition.org), click "to learn more..." and then click "Register + Participate".

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kkremer@richmondcathedral.org)

**Divorced and Separated Catholics**

The tri-parish support group meets at The Church Of The Incarnation on the first and third Mondays of each month. Our meetings are held in room 21 from 7:00-9:00PM. If you would like more information, please contact Lauryn Mathena, the Incarnation Outreach Ministry coordinator at 973-4381. All inquiries are confidential.

**Dominican Retreat in McLean, VA**

There are many programs offered at Dominican Retreat. For information, check the Area Events and Info section of the bulletin board in the Link, the website [www.dominicanretreat.org](http://www.dominicanretreat.org) or call Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243.

**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, [jbarrnger@yahoo.com](mailto:jbarrnger@yahoo.com) or Catholic Travel Office, 1-877-276-7279 or [catholictravel@comcast.net](mailto:catholictravel@comcast.net).

