



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Poor Father Luke; he has so many conferences and meetings to attend for the parish; I don't envy him at all. But anyway, it gives me a chance to talk to all of you again.

I have been thinking about the beautiful Saint Thomas Aquinas Church complex recently, and more especially, the wonderful and vibrant parish community we are blessed to have. As you know, we outgrew our small chapel for weekday Masses, the number of people attending grew to be so large. Then there are so many weddings, Baptisms, Confessions, and other religious activities. And among the many spiritual exercises are the special times we have each week for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays and Thursdays and for Holy Hour on Fridays. Then there was the beautiful Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benedictions for the Corpus Christi celebration. I'm convinced that our active parish life, anchored in Eucharistic Adoration, will continue to grow and prosper because of it. And along with that, the persevering prayer for vocations has certainly borne fruit--3 in one year!

So what's the point? It's that we are particularly blessed by God here at Saint Thomas Aquinas. Tell God "Thank You," and keep up the wonderful devotion that all of you have so generously practiced.

Blessings on all,
Father Scordo

P.S. Happy Father's Day from one "Father" to all Dads out there!

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the publisher's upcoming holiday schedule, items for the July 5th bulletin must be submitted by noon on Monday, June 29th.

Readings for the Week of June 21, 2009

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: *The Nativity of St John the Baptist*
 Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20

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

Sunday, June 21

7:30 AM Catherine Brodie †
 9:00 AM Dante Maffeo †
 11:30 AM Susan Sandra Ilao
 5:15 PM Norman Phillips

Monday, June 22

8:00 AM Dr Paul Matherne
 5:15 PM Virginia & Eugene MacWright †

Tuesday, June 23

8:00 AM Bernadine Gannon †
 5:15 PM Dave Nice's Father †

Wednesday, June 24

8:00 AM Edgar Hammond
 5:15 PM Madeline O'Donnell †

Thursday, June 25

8:00 AM Kevin Daly †
 5:15 PM Souls in Purgatory †

Friday, June 26

8:00 AM Ron & Kim Gorman
 5:15 PM George Kessler †

Saturday, June 27

8:30 AM Dominic Sacco †
 5:15 PM Anna De Mello †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Ann Savino, Vanessa Thoms-Sprogis, 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 Reagan Mae Brady and Magdalen Marie McDermott who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

PARISH FINANCES

June 14, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertery	13,811.05
Parish Charities	250.76
Other Income.....	183.00
Building Fund.....	536.00

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 of spending some time with the Lord. We urgently need to cover the following time slots.

Wednesdays

8:30 to 9:30AM,
10:00 to 11:00AM.

Thursdays

2:00 to 3:00AM,
4:00 to 5:00AM
1:00 to 2:00PM

To sign up or to get more information please contact Sylvia Lobo, srmlobo@hotmail.com or 244-5619. **Please note the change in schedule for Wednesday/Thursday July 1/2. We will begin Adoration at 8:30AM as usual but will end on Wednesday at 5:00PM.**

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!

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
"Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great
calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?"

Do you not yet have faith?" — Mk 4:39-40

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ADULT EDUCATION

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Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes

The next series of SymptoThermal NFP classes will be held on July 7 and 21, from 7-9PM. To register, please email chvillenfp@yahoo.com. Also, for NFP users and those curious about it, check out our new Facebook group!! Search for Charlottesville VA NFP group. You'll find links to useful NFP sites, updates on class schedules, and a place to get support and advice.

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

Two Spanish Students in Need of Host Homes

15-year old exchange students Cristina and Pedro will be attending local public schools in 2009-2010. Their families are eager for them to stay in Catholic homes. If you are interested in being a host for either Cristina or Pedro contact Jo-elle Johnson at j.johnson@sefys.es or Michele Harrell at info@sefys.es.

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

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.

Putt Putt: June 23 from 7 – 8:30PM

Are you the next Tiger Woods? Meet at Putt-Putt on Rio Road to show us your putting skills. Even if you are not a master golfer, it is sure to be a fun night! All middle school youth are invited to join us at the Putt Putt on Rio Road. Cost is \$8 for two games.

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

All high school youth (rising 9th– graduating 12th graders) are invited to hike up Humpback Rock. It is one of the best views around. Please be 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 to see if there is still space available.

Rock Climbing: June 30 from 3 – 5:30 PM

Enjoy the challenge of rock climbing in an indoor environment after receiving instructions on how to safely rock climb. Please RSVP by June 23 as space is limited. Rocky Top Gym is located at 1729 Allied Street. This event is open to all high school youth. The cost is \$10.

Virtus Training at St Thomas Aquinas on June 22

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 as 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.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Haitian Station

Richard Joseph, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hinche in Haiti, will be offering a 1-week course in Creole for parishioners from Incarnation, Holy Comforter, Sts Peter & Paul, and St Thomas Aquinas from June 22–26, here at St Thomas Aquinas. The class will meet from 9–11AM. 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.

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: Sun, June 21, 1PM, at Holy Comforter Church (208 E. Jefferson St.) with a reception for Richard Joseph prior to the business meeting. Come to the lower level of the church, entering through the side door off 3rd Street NE. All are welcome to attend the committee meetings. 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 that are donated to many charities.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

July 1, room #12. Rosary at 6:30PM followed by the general meeting at 7PM. All the funds we raise are donated to charitable organizations that promote and perpetuate our Catholic faith and principles. 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 for further info.

Summer Food Collection for Holy Comforter

This weekend, pick up a grocery bag in the link with a suggested shopping list attached. Return filled bags 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 by 9:30AM. Contact Bridget Davis at 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. Being in driving distance from DC, we are in a unique position to participate in this national event. 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, click "to learn more..." and then click "Register + Participate."

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Invites you to visit this national historic landmark and center of diocesan worship and outreach. You can view the results of extensive preservation of the original seat of the VA Diocese (now Richmond Diocese), and the newly installed Museum of VA 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. Info: 804/359-5651x 118; kkremer@richmondcathedral.org

Divorced and Separated Catholics

The tri-parish support group meets at The Church Of The Incarnation on the 1st & 3rd Mon of each month 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.

Position: Campus Minister, University of Richmond

Closing Date: July 1, 2009. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond and St Bridget Catholic Church are seeking a campus minister (25-30 hours/week, 10 months/year) to serve the Catholic students, faculty & administration. *Qualifications:* Master's degree in pastoral ministry, theology or a closely related degree (or the commitment to work towards it). Candidate must be an active, practicing Catholic (ordained, religious or lay) who has a commitment to ministry with college students & young adults, be open to work with ministry leaders of other faith traditions, & possess strong leadership, communication & collaboration skills. Prior experience in campus ministry is preferred. *Compensation & Benefits:* Commensurate with education and experience, per Diocesan guidelines. *Contact Info:* Submit a letter of interest, resume and diocesan application to David Kauffman, Diocesan Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Richmond, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond VA 23294. FAX: 804-358-9159. E-mail dkauffman@richmonddiocese.org.

Position: Full-time Director of Religious Education

St Matthew's Church in VA Beach seeks a DRE with good planning, organizational & collaboration skills to direct its RE programs (pre-K through adult religious ed programs for 1200 families). Demonstrated leadership abilities are a must. The preferred candidate will possess an MA in Divinity or Theology, a Religious studies degree, or a Pastoral Ministries Degree; Pathways Certification is required. Salary per Diocesan guidelines. Some evening & weekend work required. Please forward a cover letter & diocesan application to: Deacon Bill Blatnik, c/o St. Matthew's Church, 3314 Sandra Lane, Virginia Beach, VA. 23464; fax to: Deacon Bill Blatnik, c/o St. Matthew's Church at 757 420 7734, or send as an email attachment to drest.matthews@verizon.net. Closing date is July 8, 2009.

