



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I'm back!!! It seems like forever since I've written a pastor's corner. I can't tell you how happy I am to be home after some vacation time and a number of conferences. I trust everything went well in my absence. Fr Scordo and Susie Phillips kept me up-to-date on all that was going on.

I would like to thank you all for your prayers for my dad. It's a real miracle that he is alive and home! You can't beat having heart surgery on the feast of the Sacred Heart. It was also a true gift that he came home on Father's day, which was also my mother's birthday!

On July 1st Fr Jonah Pollock, OP will arrive at St Thomas for about a 6 week stay. Fr Jonah was ordained a priest about a month ago. Please give him your typical warm welcome when you see him.

On behalf of the Dominican Fathers and the parish staff, I wish you and all your loved ones a happy Independence Day. God has blessed our country with great freedom, and we know that ultimately all of our freedom enables us to serve of Our Lord.

God Bless,
Fr. Luke



Independence Day Holiday Schedule
 Due to the publisher's upcoming holiday schedule, items for the July 5th bulletin must be submitted by noon on Monday, June 29th.
 The parish office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, and there will be no confessions on Saturday, July 4th.

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2009

- 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
- Monday: *St Peter and St Paul, apostles*
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: *St Thomas, apostle*
Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM Rina De Gennaro †
- 11:30 AM Mary Kunik †
- 5:15 PM Ceil Steiner

Monday, June 29

- 8:00 AM Larry & Marta Brannon
- 5:15 PM Peter Mierzejewski

Tuesday, June 30

- 8:00 AM Robert William Bartlett †
- 5:15 PM Ythu Nguyen

Wednesday, July 1

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †
- 5:15 PM Essence Anderson

Thursday, July 2

- 8:00 AM Christine Harnois †
- 5:15 PM Ken Schoner

Friday, July 3

- 8:00 AM Elsiena Elizabeth Smith †
- 5:15 PM Amanda Harpin †

Saturday, July 4

- 8:30 AM Respect Life
- 5:15 PM Joseph Gilbert

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, 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 Blake Gregory Breña, Zidane Manuel Breña, Cooper Daniel Louis Langlais, and Elaina Rose Laura who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

PARISH FINANCES

June 21, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory	11,001.10
Parish Charities	1,048.00
Other Income.....	364.00
Building Fund.....	1,020.00

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of June 22, 2009

Previous Mortgage Balance	\$316,114.00
Mortgage Reduction	10,700.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated	305,414.00

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 took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. — Mk 5:41-42

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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.

Marriage & Family Life Conference

The 2009 diocesan Catholic Marriage & Family Life Conference will take place on Sat, July 25, from 9AM to 3PM at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey in Richmond (12829 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238). Registration is \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a couple, and \$25 per family. Lunch and child care will be provided. Overnight accommodations are available on Friday evening at the Abbey. For more information & a registration form, visit: <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/nfp/>

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus Baseball Trip

Come see the Washington Nationals take on the Atlanta Braves on Sat, Sept 26, at 1:05PM. This event is open to St Thomas parishioners and guests. Cost for the game ticket and round-trip transportation via chartered bus to Nationals Park will be approximately \$55 per person. Seating is limited to 45, so make your reservations today by contacting Tom Dulan (ted8n@virginia.edu; 982-2894 daytime; 973-1997 evening). The bus will depart Ch'ville at approximately 9:30AM (exact time to be established) and return in the early evening.

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 28 from 6:30 – 8:00PM

All middle school youth are invited for pizza and four square, bocce, croquet, and dodge ball following the LifeTeen mass. We will meet in the Youth Room.

High School Dinner on the Corner: June 28 from 6:30 – 8:00PM

This Sunday, after the 5:15 LifeTeen Mass, all high school youth are invited to head over to the corner for dinner with the LifeTeen Band. Please bring \$10-15 for food. Pick up kids on the corner at 8PM. We'll meet outside the youth room after Mass. (This event happens on select Sundays).

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

Enjoy the challenge of rock climbing in an indoor environment after receiving instructions on how to safely rock climb. Rocky Top Gym is located at 1729 Allied Street. This event is open to all high school youth. The cost is \$10. There is still some space left - RSVP to summer@stauva.org to reserve your spot.

Safari Adventure: July 2 from 8:30AM – 4PM *Note Time Change

Ever been on a safari? Well, we're adventuring to Lexington to experience Virginia's Safari Park. It might not be the African plains, but it's a close runner up! Cost is \$25 and includes admission, feed, and lunch. All middle and high school youth are invited to join us on this adventure. Please RSVP to summer@stauva.org to reserve your spot.

Journeys: July 1 from 7:00 – 8:30PM

All middle school youth are invited to come for an evening of fun activities, prayer, and friends. We will meet in the youth room.

Vacation Bible School Registration

There is still space in our Vacation Bible School Program this summer. 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

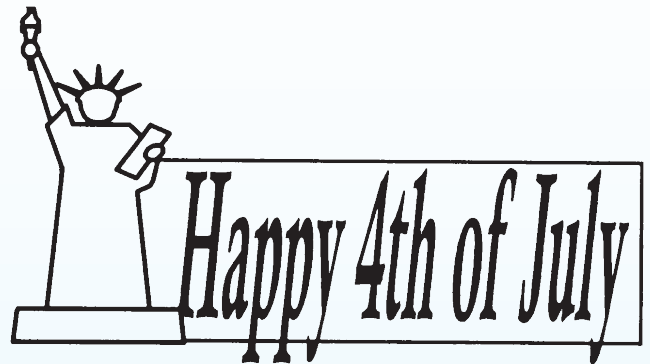
There is still time for Middle School Youth to sign up for our Middle School Camp. It will be held July 27-31 from 9AM – 4PM. This year the theme is SURVIVOR and we will have a ton of fun while learning about Catholic Apologetics. Registration forms can be found in the link. Please return them by **July 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.



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

Coffee Break:

Please Note Change of Meeting Day

At our June meeting, the members of the Senior Ministry decided to change our regular monthly meeting day from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday. Please join other members of the St Thomas Senior Ministry group on Tuesday, July 14 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 Tuesday morning, so mark your calendars now, and plan to join us regularly!

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Haitian Station

St Thomas Parish – Twinned with St Michael Parish, Saltadère, Haiti

Thank you to Richard Joseph:

Richard Joseph, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hinche in Haiti, gave 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. We thank him for spending the time with us to make our future visits to Saltadère more meaningful. **Note cards available:** The “Sketches of Saltadère” note cards are available for purchase at the Haiti Table on the lower level. These unique and beautiful cards were created by students from the upper grades at the school. Remember your contribution/purchase supports St Michel School in Saltadère. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee next meets Sunday, July 19 at 1PM. The meeting will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church. All are welcome to attend the committee meetings. To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.

**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

Thank you for picking up a grocery bag and suggested list! Please drop off your donations in the food baskets upstairs or downstairs. During the summer months food donations typically decrease but the need does not.

The Arc of the Piedmont

which serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is in need of donations of reclining chairs (i.e. "La-Z-Boy style) for use by people who use wheelchairs for most of their waking hours. The recliners would be useful in preventing pressure ulcers, promoting digestive function, etc. The chairs are not reimbursed through Medicaid or Medicare so donations are essential. If you have a chair to donate please contact Bridget Davis at slainte@embarqmail.com or 964-1127 for more information. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Notre Dame Concert at Charlottesville Catholic School

The Notre Dame a cappella group, "The Undertones," is coming to Charlottesville and needs your support. Please attend their concert on Thursday, July 2, at 7PM, at the Charlottesville Catholic School. Suggested admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated by the ND club to Holy Comforter's food bank. The Undertones will accept monetary donations following the concert to help defray the cost of their travel.

Summer Clothing Needed for Infant Girls

The Pregnancy Counseling Program of Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) needs donations of **summer season infant girl clothing** (sizes 0-3, 3-6). Your donation will provide for the youngest clients of CCC. Please bring your donations to the CCC Richmond office, 1512 Willow Lawn Drive between 8:30AM and 5:00PM, Mon through Fri. For more info, contact Tami Hudson or Barbara Smith at 804-285-5900 or e-mail Tami.Hudson@cccovva.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.

Employment: Positions in the Richmond Diocese

Retreat Director to continue and expand the ministries of Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon. Responsibilities include hospitality, program development, promotion/publicity, finances, and maintenance/operations. Qualifications include training and experience in retreat work and Spiritual Direction with related experience in theology, pastoral ministry, counseling and administration (Master's degree preferred). Leadership ability, good oral and written skills, flexibility and a commitment to working with ecumenical groups are required. The selected candidate must be a Catholic in good standing who is grounded in prayer and spirituality. The Director lives on-site (apartment provided).

Assistant Director of Finance: The selected candidate will assist in the overall operation of the Office of Finance, to include parish/school compliance audit program, coordination of parish and school budget and annual financial report program, shared oversight of parish, regional and diocesan school finances, interaction with banking and investment institutions, implementation of parish financial norms, as well as financial support for other Diocesan institutions. Qualifications: B.S. in Accounting, Finance, or a related field, CPA certificate, 5-7 years accounting/finance exp. with at least 3 years of financial mgmt. experience, and knowledge of accounting and tax reporting procedures.

More info about these positions is available on the diocesan website www.richmonddiocese.org. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and Diocesan application to: Human Resources Director, Catholic Diocese of Richmond, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA 23294-4201, Fax: 804-358-9159; Email: dmahanes@richmonddiocese.org. Closing date is July 10, 2009.

YEAR FOR

PRIESTS

June 19, 2009



June 19, 2010

Loving Father,
I praise you, I love you, I adore you.
Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind
to the truth of your Son, Jesus,
Priest and Victim.
Through the same Spirit guide my heart to his Sacred Heart,
to renew in me a priestly passion
that I, too, might lay down my life upon the altar.
May your Spirit wash away my impurities
and free me from all my transgressions
in the Cup of Salvation,
Let only your will be done in me.
May the Blessed Mother of your dearly beloved Son,
wrap her mantle around me and protect me from all evil.
May she guide me to do whatever He tells me.
May she teach me to have the heart of St. Joseph, her spouse,
to protect and care for my bride.
And may her pierced heart inspire me
to embrace as my own your children
who suffer at the foot of the cross.
I humbly cry to her:
please be my consoling mother,
and help me to be a better son.
Lord, make me a holy priest,
inflamed with the fire of your love, seeking nothing
but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.
I humbly bless and thank you, my Father,
through the Spirit, in Christ Jesus,
your Son and my brother.
Amen.

O Mary, Queen of priests, pray for us.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.