



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Well this last week we bid a fond fair-well to our own Tom Reagan as he begins formation to be a Dominican Friar of our province of St Joseph. We are grateful to Tom for his hard work this past year with youth ministry. Tom is going with Huy Hoang (also from our parish) and nine others to Providence College for the month of July. On August 8th they will receive their habits in Cincinnati, OH and begin their novitiate (spiritual boot camp!). Please keep them in your prayers. Speaking of prayers... please pray for our youth ministry search committee as we interview potential candidates for our youth ministry position. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful program at our parish.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP



Baptism

We welcome Xavier Joseph Maricich, Madeline Therese Tarantina and William Thorsen who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of July 5, 2009

- Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday: *St Maria Goretti*
Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: *St John of Cologne, OP*
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: *St Benedict*
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
Mk 6:7-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

- 7:30 AM Mrs Betty Brown †
- 9:00 AM For the People
- 11:30 AM Jessica James
- 5:15 PM Frances Walsh †

Monday, July 6

- 8:00 AM Hugh Stevenson Landes †
- 5:15 PM Cecilia Venzon

Tuesday, July 7

- 8:00 AM Pauline Meszaros Landes †
- 5:15 PM Betty Crosby †

Wednesday, July 8

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †
- 5:15 PM Edwin Lewis †

Thursday, July 9

- 8:00 AM Danny Vacin †
- 5:15 PM Mary Andre †

Friday, July 10

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †
- 5:15 PM George Kessler †

Saturday, July 11

- 8:30 AM Deceased of the Dominican Laity †
- 5:15 PM Alfred Maxwell Goodison, III †



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.

PARISH FINANCES

June 28, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory	17,827.72
Parish Charities	1,213.68
Other Income.....	163.00
Building Fund.....	300.00

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.

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

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Come find out what RCIA is all about. Summer inquiry sessions will be held on July 8th and August 12th @ 7:30 PM in the Community Room (lower level). Contact Chris Gilbert with questions, dre@stauva.org.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes

July 7 & 21, 7-9PM. Email chvillenfp@yahoo.com to register. 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 NFP sites, updates on class schedules and a place to get support & advice.

Catholicism 101 Special Lamb's Supper Series

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 on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room. The next meeting is July 18. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net

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. Presented by Chris Gilbert.

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

Our UVA College Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month in classroom number 12. We say the Rosary at 6:30PM followed by the general meeting at 7:00PM. 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, and membership is not limited to students but is open to all Catholic men, 18 years of age or older. Please join us as we plan our fund-raising activities and other events. Please contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight, at rmsavino@comcast.net for further info.

Annual Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars for Aug 30 for our Annual Parish Picnic. It is certain to be a great day with food, fun and games for all. Sign ups will begin Aug 9 in the Link. We will need your help so there will also be sign ups for volunteers to help with food, game monitoring, face painting etc.



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: July 5, 6:30 – 8:00PM

All middle school youth are invited for pizza and water games outside following the 5:15 Life Teen Mass. We will meet in the Youth Room. Please bring a dry change of clothes, a towel, and shoes and wear a bathing suit under your clothes. On Sunday July 12, we will be having a building challenge to see who can construct the strongest bridge! Hope you can join us.

Bowling: July 7, 6:30 – 9:00PM

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for a night of bowling. Drop off and pick up are at Keglers. The cost is \$15 and includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rentals, and snacks.

Overflow: July 8, 7:00 – 8:30PM

All high school youth are invited to join us in the youth room for an evening of fellowship, prayer, and fun.



Screen on the Green: July 9, 9:00 – 11:30PM

All middle and high school youth and their families are invited to join us for our version of a drive-in movie. We will be watching *Monsters, Inc.* outside in the courtyard on the big projector screen. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. There will be popcorn and all. (In case of inclement weather, we will move the event inside.)

High School Dinner on the Corner: July 12, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Next 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.)

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. — Mk 6:4-5

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Michael Horsey • mlh6r@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

Introducing Our Twin Parish: St Michel is a lovely parish in the town of Saltadère in the eastern part of Haiti, near the border with the Dominican Republic. This is an agricultural area of about 20,000 people. The parish is in the small town at the center of this area. The church was constructed at the time (1960's) that missionaries from Belgium were serving in Saltadère. Now, Father Rene Blot, a priest of the Diocese of Hinche in Haiti, is pastor. In addition to St Michel, Father Blot has two chapels (outlying churches) which he visits once or twice a month. Please keep our twin parish in your prayers.



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's School in Saltadère.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The committee next meets Sun, July 19 at 1PM. The meeting will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church. All are welcome to attend the committee meetings.

Contact: To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at lpshmch@embarqmail.com.

Summer Food Collection for Holy Comforter

Thank you for picking up a grocery bag and suggested list! 40 bags of food were delivered last week to Holy Comforter! 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

Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Conference

Sat, July 25, 9AM to 3PM at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey in Richmond (12829 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238). Registration: \$15/ individual, \$20/ couple, and \$25/ family. Lunch & child care will be provided. Overnight accommodations are available on Fri evening at the Abbey. For more information & a registration form, visit: <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/nfp/>

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@cccova.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.

