



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today's Gospel is rather fitting for the summer season. Our Lord invites his apostles to go away to a deserted place and to rest a while. Having proper rest is an essential aspect of the Christian life. We all need to get away from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives for a time of recreation. St Thomas Aquinas actually writes about this in the Summa when he treats the virtue of eutrapalia. St Thomas actually calls a lack of playfulness a vice! Rest and recreation renew us and help us better appreciate the true meaning of life. We can better prioritize our lives and live more deliberately. It is my hope and prayer that during these summer months you take time to grow in the virtue of eutrapalia (playfulness) and remember to take our Lord with you when you go on vacation because spending time with Him is the best renewal.

In other news... Congratulations to our own Fr. Gregory Maturi, O.P. who has been elected prior of St. Dominic's Community in Youngstown Ohio. We will bid a fond farewell to him at his last Sunday mass on July 26th at the 11:30 am. A light reception will follow.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP



There is a gentleman in need of assistance with occasionally getting to and from church and the supermarket. If you are interested in helping, please call Liz, **434-466-4529**.

One of our parishioners, unable to drive due to legal blindness, needs assistance once a month with transportation to do errands. She will gladly contribute to gas. If you are interested, please contact Lauryn, e-mail 1madam.butterfly@comcast.net or phone **434-964-1111**.

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2009

- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21---15:1/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: *St Mary Magdalene*
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: *St James, apostle*
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18

- 8:30 AM Kathleen Quigley †
- 5:15 PM Sean Corrigan †

Sunday, July 19

- 7:30 AM St Michel's Saltadère, Haiti
- 9:00 AM Diane Kimball Sheehan
- 11:30 AM Paula Cash †
- 5:15 PM For the People

Monday, July 20

- 8:00 AM Alfred Maxwell Goodison, III †
- 5:15 PM Anthony Di Cesare †

Tuesday, July 21

- 8:00 AM Charles Butler
- 5:15 PM Intention of Donor †

Wednesday, July 22

- 8:00 AM Ronnie Sherman †
- 5:15 PM Lakshmi Hazur

Thursday, July 23

- 8:00 AM Colm Clancy †
- 5:15 PM Eleanor Caggiano †

Friday, July 24

- 8:00 AM Marie Moynihan
- 5:15 PM George Kessler †

Saturday, July 25

- 8:30 AM Sister Kathy Ulrich
- 5:15 PM For the People

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Tomesa Jackson, Anna Mills' granddaughter Wanda Clements, Ann Savino, Vanessa Thoms-Sprogis, Mary Lou Gough, Raymond Dembeck, Alice Desmond's granddaughter Randi-Kay, 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 Bryce Parker Antonio and Avery Louise Lothamer who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

PARISH FINANCES

July 12, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory	17,129.22
Parish Charities	1,162.25
NCYC	2,405.20
Other Income.....	355.33
Building Fund.....	1,328.00

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

Thank you notes for favors received:

Thank you for healing me, Lord!

Thank you, Lord, for your protection and safety.

Thank you, Lord, for giving me peace of heart.

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 (Sunday 11:30AM Mass)

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!

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — Mk 6:34

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ADULT EDUCATION

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Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week

July 19-25. Please look for a display in the link with information on classes. Also, this weekend, July 18/19, please stop by the Hall after Mass—we'll have a slide show during coffee and donuts featuring some of our NFP families and quotes from them about how NFP has affected their marriages. Fri, July 24, will feature an ice cream social at 7:30PM in the courtyard. All are invited to join us for some fun, frosty treats, and socializing with our NFP families. Check out our facebook page under Charlottesville NFP for more information, or email: chvillenfp@yahoo.com to RSVP.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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

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. The Catholicism 101 study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room. The next meeting is Aug 1. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

PARISH ACTIVITIES**Spanish Students in Need of Host Homes**

Two 15-year old exchange students, Cristina and Pedro, will be attending local public schools in 2009-10. 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 #12. We say the Rosary at 6:30PM followed by the general meeting at 7:00PM. The next meeting will be Wed, Aug 5. All funds raised by our non-profit organization are donated to charitable organizations that promote and perpetuate our faith and principles. Membership is open to all Catholic men, 18 years of age or older. For info contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight, at rmsavino@comcast.net.

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



National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Join us and 20,000 other high school youth from around the country from November 19-21 as we converge on Kansas City for the premier youth conference. NCYC is three incredible days of non-stop praise, worship and of course FUN!!! Registration for the trip is first come first serve by July 24 with a deposit of \$100. Please contact Michael Balazs (michael@stauva.org) for more details or to register. To make a donation you can do so by a check made out to St Thomas Youth Ministry with "NCYC - Donation" in the memo line.

Summer Program

Contact: Kristin Krebbel, email summer@stauva.org or phone 434.293.8081 x16.

Community Service

July 21 6:30 – 8:30PM: Come help us decorate St. Thomas Hall for Vacation Bible School. We will be transforming it into a Discovery Canyon.

Overflow: July 22 from 7 – 8:30PM

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



Walnut Creek: July 23 from 11AM – 4PM

We are headed to Walnut Creek for a picnic lunch, some swimming, disc golf, and more fun activities. All middle school youth are invited to join us for this event. The cost is \$5. See the summer calendar for full details. RSVP to summer@stauva.org to reserve a spot.

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

Our regular monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month from 10AM to noon. Please join other members of the St Thomas Senior Ministry group for coffee (and tea), cake and conversation in the Community Room. There is no cost to attend, and the main purpose is for St Thomas' seniors to get together and become better acquainted. Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us regularly!

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP
OF COFFEE



PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Haitian Station

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

What is the Haiti Ministry

Commission? The Commission is the umbrella organization providing leadership and oversight to the Haiti Ministry of the Diocese of Richmond. This group facilitates coordination and communication between the various facets of the Haiti Ministry and is the advisory body to the Bishop. Entities falling under the oversight of the commission include: the Haiti Twinning Committee, the Sustainable Development Committee, the Haitian Education Fund and Haitian Health Care Foundation among others. (Diocese of Richmond Haiti Ministry Report July 2009)

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. Please keep our twin parish and its school in your prayers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The committee meets today, Sunday, July 19, at 1PM. The meeting will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church. On the agenda: update and discussion of the agricultural efforts of the committee. All are welcome to attend the committee meetings. There will be light refreshments.

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



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/>

Divorced and Separated Catholics

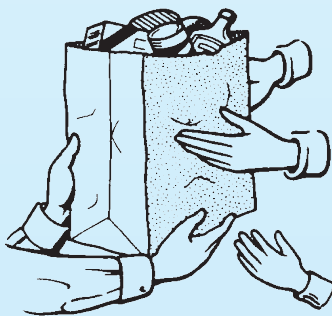
The tri-parish support group meets at The Church Of The Incarnation on the 1st & 3rd Mon of each month in room 21 from 7:00-9:00PM. If you would like more information, please contact Lauryn Mathena, the Incarnation Outreach Ministry coordinator at 973-4381. All inquiries are confidential.

Wanted: Senior Pastoral Associate

Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Rocky Mount, VA, is accepting applications. The position is both a pastoral and administrative position, hired by the priest, who is pastor of more than one parish, to help manage the day to day activities and ministries at Francis of Assisi. These duties include oversight of staff, liturgical schedules, parish council and finance council, all ministries and facilities. The successful candidate will hold a master's degree in Pastoral Ministry or Theology or an equivalent level of knowledge, skills and abilities, and three to five years of pastoral ministry experience. Bilingual skills are required. This position requires that the individual be a practicing Catholic in good standing. The selected candidate is expected to begin work on September 1. The salary is commensurate with the compensation guidelines established by the Diocese of Richmond. Interested persons should send a resume to: Search Committee, Francis of Assisi Church, 15 Glennwood Drive, Rocky Mount VA, 24151 email: jft531@jetbroadband.com

Summer Food Collection for Holy Comforter

Thank you for your donations of food this summer; we collected 70 bags during our recent collection! Items still needed are: *canned fruit, chunky soups and meats/tuna, instant oatmeal, instant breakfast packages and toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc)*. Please drop off your donations in the food baskets upstairs or downstairs.



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 10-20, 2010, with Fr Luke Clark, OP. Come walk in the footsteps of the Lord and share in this life-changing experience! You will come away being able to visualize Scripture as you hear it and your heart will be forever touched! The cost is \$2,849 plus airport taxes. Registration sheets and itinerary are in the Link under the poster. For info contact Julie Zackrisson at 296-4615 or julianne333@gmail.com. To register, send an application and \$400 deposit made out to “206 Tours” to Julie at 2616 Cardinal Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

