



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This was a really busy week in the office. In addition to discovering that Fr. Greg was elected prior in Youngstown, we have hired a new youth minister. Congratulations and many prayers for our own Mr. Michael Balazs. Michael is not a stranger to our youth ministry program. For the last five years Michael has been very involved in running our Confirmation program. Michael is finishing his PhD in Physics working with dark matter. Kristen Krebbel will be staying on and working as assistant youth minister. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful youth ministry and with wonderfully talented people dedicated to bring our youth to Christ.

For the younger set, this week we are having our Vacation Bible School and Middle School Camp. We look forward to seeing all the children here Monday through Friday and pray that their time here will be filled with many blessings.

God Bless,
Fr. Luke, O.P.



We welcome Madelyn Elizabeth Kelly who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of July 26, 2009

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: *St Martha*
 Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: *St Peter Chrysologus*
 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: *St Ignatius of Loyola*
 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
 Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: *St Alphonsus Ligouri*
 Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn
 6:24-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

7:30 AM Dr Sarah Miller †
 9:00 AM Eleanor Caggiano †
 11:30 AM Trinidad & Domingo Alday †
 5:15 PM Nils Isachsen †

Monday, July 27

8:00 AM Matthew Crane †
 5:15 PM Antonina Antonio †

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 AM Csilla Lockett †
 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 AM Joseph Thomas Tewell †
 5:15 PM Elliott W Towsey, Jr †

Thursday, July 30

8:00 AM Nick Mercurio †
 5:15 PM Jangsung Park †

Friday, July 31

8:00 AM Marie Booty †
 5:15 PM Michael Tobin †

Saturday, August 1

8:30 AM Respect Life
 5:15 PM Paul Crawford Marsh †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

LTC Mike Devine, 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.

PARISH FINANCES

July 19, 2009

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| Budgeted Weekly Expenses..... | \$18,289.78 |
| Offeratory | 12,738.17 |
| Parish Charities | 491.94 |
| Other Income..... | 533.76 |
| Building Fund..... | 3,885.00 |

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of June 22, 2009

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| 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

1:00 to 2:00PM

Thank you notes for favors received:

Thank you, Lord, for the converted hearts in our family.
Thank you, Lord Jesus, for my son's acceptance into the grad school of his choice.
Thank you, Lord, for Your many blessings.

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!



ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Come find out what RCIA is all about. The next summer inquiry session will be held on August 12th @ 7:30PM 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. This study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room. The next meeting is Aug 1. Contact: sackandpam@comcast.net

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Knights of Columbus Annual Picnic

Sat, Aug 1st after the 5:15 Mass in the Courtyard (Community Room if it rains). Knights and their families, parish altar servers and their parents, and men and their families who are interested in joining the Knights are invited. If you plan to attend, please contact Tony DiTolve at tditolve@embarqmail.com before 5PM on August 29.

Only 16 Seats Left for Washington Nationals Baseball Outing!

Come join a few dozen of your fellow parishioners for the Nats vs. the Atlanta Braves on Sat, Sept 26, at 1:05PM. This Knights of Columbus event is open to St Thomas parishioners and guests. Cost for game ticket and round-trip transportation via chartered coach is \$55 per person. Get your reservations in today by contacting Tom Dulan (ted8n@virginia.edu; 982-2894 daytime; 973-1997 evening). The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:45AM sharp and return in the early evening.

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

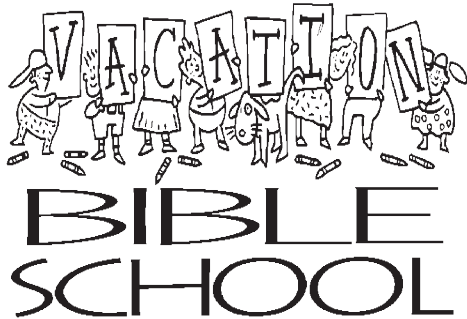
Mark your calendars for Aug 30 for our Annual Parish Picnic. It is certain to be a great day with food, fun and games for all. Sign-ups will begin Aug 9 in the Link. We will need your help so there will also be sign-ups for volunteers to help with food, game monitoring, face painting etc.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreK-5 • Chris Gilbert 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org
Gr 6-12 • Michael Balazs 293 8081x16 • youth@stauva.org

Summer Program

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



*Blessings on all the children
attending Vacation Bible School and
Middle School Camp this week.*

“**T**here is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. — Jn 6:9, 11

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July 29th
Saint Martha

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Michael Horsey • mlh6r@virginia.edu

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

News from Saltadère: Now that the generator is installed at St Michel School and the children are on vacation, there is work being done on the electrical wiring to classrooms. When school begins in October, the new ninth grade will be in place. Two new teachers will be added for this class. In the afternoon and evening classrooms are shadowed. The new lighting will allow use of the school rooms later in the day. Lighting for the clinic space is still a needed future project.

Sea Container: Sixty boxes of donated items for Saltadère were packed up on Sun, July 12. They will be shipped by sea container. Many thanks to Terri and Vince Powers and Paul Harnois.

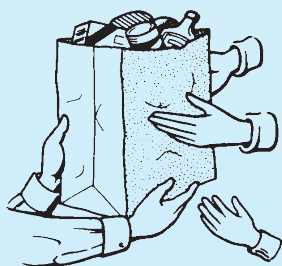
Note Cards Available: The “Sketches of Saltadère” note cards are available for purchase at the Haiti Table on the lower level. These unique and beautiful cards were created by students from the upper grades at the school. Remember your contribution/purchase supports St Michel School in Saltadère. Please keep our twin parish and its school in your prayers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Watch this space for additional ways to support St Michel parish and school. Efforts such as sponsoring a school child or working the concession stand at UVA football games will be explained in upcoming bulletins. The committee meets next on Sun, Aug 9, at 1PM. The meeting will be at Holy Comforter Church. All are welcome to attend the committee meetings.

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

International Friendship Partners

International students from all nations want to meet you, your family and friends. Learn how you can be a Friendship Family or Friendship Partner at a free orientation luncheon on Sunday, Aug 2, 12:30-2:30PM, at All Saints Anglican Church, 3889 Ivy Rd. For more info contact Bill or Ivy Bray at 295-6488. RSVP 979-2842.

Register for the July 28 CCC Adoption Orientation

Commonwealth Catholic Charities will host a free orientation regarding domestic infant and international adoption, Tues, July 28, 7:00-8:30PM 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@cccovfa.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.

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

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.

Farewell



Fr. Gregory,

We'll be praying for you and wish you the best in your new role as Prior at St. Dominic's in Youngstown, Ohio.

Please come back to visit us often, or at least when you drive through the Commonwealth.

Don't forget, you will always be welcome here in Hooville.

Thank you for the time we had with you.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

So long Father Greg!

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