



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Vacation Bible School and Middle School Camp were smashing successes this past week. One hundred ninety kids were involved in the programs. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank Julie Balik and Kristin Krebbel and all the many volunteers for their hard work in making these events possible!

Stella Bernadette Gilbert was born this past Monday July 27th at 7 pounds 11ounces. Stella is the daughter of our Director of Religious Education, Chris Gilbert and his wife Elizabeth. Congratulations to the Gilbert family.

John Hopke has also been hired as Assistant Campus Minister/Music Minister. John is no stranger to the parish staff. He has been working with our Lifeteen program for the last five years. We are very excited to have John take on these new responsibilities. John begins this position August 1st.

I hope you all have a wonderful week!

God Bless,
Fr. Luke, O.P.

Baptism

We welcome Eleanor Parkfield Lewis and Deanne Lynn Soika, who through Baptism were received into our faith community.



Blessing of Dogs

Fr Luke has initiated this year the longstanding Dominican tradition of the Blessing of Dogs on Saturday, August 8 at 10:30AM in the Church courtyard. Cats, goldfish, hamsters, etc. will have their day on the Feast of St Francis.

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: *St John Mary Vianney*
Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: *Dedication of St Mary Major*
Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: *The Transfiguration*
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Friday: *St Sixtus*
Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: *Holy Father Dominic*
Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM Tim Buckley †
- 11:30 AM Martha & Thomas MacGloin
- 5:15 PM Marie Booty †

Monday, August 3

- 8:00 AM Phil Booty
- 5:15 PM Judith A Lavinger †

Tuesday, August 4

- 8:00 AM Anne Sullivan
- 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

Wednesday, August 5

- 8:00 AM Cornelius Moynihan †
- 5:15 PM Tara Sullivan

Thursday, August 6

- 8:00 AM Cayetano Canares †
- 5:15 PM Nick Boivin

Friday, August 7

- 8:00 AM Matthew Crane †
- 5:15 PM George Kessler †

Saturday, August 1

- 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Dominican Laity
- 5:15 PM In Thanksgiving

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

John Retallack, 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 26, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory	14,676.11
Parish Charities	1,033.00
Other Income.....	430.15
Building Fund.....	2,612.00

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of July 24, 2009

Previous Mortgage Balance	\$305,414.00
Mortgage Reduction	11,600.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated	293,814.00

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, Jesus, for helping me pray the whole rosary today.

Thank you for all the times you have carried me through the darkness.

Thank you for bringing two of my friends into your church.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



What is the Dominican Laity?

To find out please consider joining us for breakfast and our meeting! Our next meeting will be on Sat, Aug 8, immediately following the 8:30AM Mass. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary and Morning Prayer. Please RSVP - to ensure that we have enough food to share - Marta Brannon at 293-8081 or marta@stauva.org or Lori Donlon at 293-3873 or lorianned@gmail.com.

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 Wed of each month at St Thomas, classroom #12. We say the Rosary at 6:30PM followed by the general meeting at 7:00PM. Next meeting will be Wed, Aug 5. All of the funds we raise are donated to charitable organizations that promote and perpetuate our faith and the principles of our religion. We are non-profit. 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 information.

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.

Journeys

All Middle School Youth are invited to join us in the Youth Room Wednesday, August 5, 7—8:30PM for an evening of prayer and fun.

Tubing

Want to spend an afternoon tubing on the James? We will be taking a group of middle and high school youth tubing on Thursday, August 6. We will meet at Saint Thomas at 11AM and will return here at 5PM. Bring a lunch, towel, sunscreen, and water shoes (not flip-flops). The cost is \$20. RSVP to summer@stauva.org to reserve a spot

Salvation Army Dinners

We are looking for youth ministry families to help host dinner at the Salvation Army on the second and fifth Sunday of the month starting in September. This is a great opportunity to share with your youth in giving to others. For more details contact Chris Noel at coachnoel1@gmail.com.

Annual Yard Sale

We will be holding our annual yard sale to support the youth ministry program in just a few weeks. We will be accepting donations Saturday, August 8 and Saturday, August 15 from 9AM—1PM. The sale will take place Friday August 21 & Saturday, August 22. If you would like to help set-up for the yard sale or during the sale itself, please contact Kristin Krebbel at Kristin@stauva.org or 434.293.8081 x16.



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 — Haitian Station



Upcoming Trip to Haiti: The Haitian Health Care Foundation of the Richmond Diocese will be sponsoring an “immersion” trip to Haiti Oct 17-24. The trip will visit sites of health care delivery in the Central Plateau of Haiti with which the Foundation has a relationship. Participation is open to all. Estimated cost is about \$1400. Contact

Susan Pleasants at vabatt@aol.com if interested in this trip. For more info about the Foundation contact parishioner Anne Knasel M.D. at anne@stagebridge.net.

Football Concession Work helps to raise money for projects of the committee such as sea container shipping costs or cost of translators for visitors from Ch’ville to Saltadère. For information on how you can help at the upcoming UVA home football games, contact Tony DiTolve at tditolve@embarqmail.com.

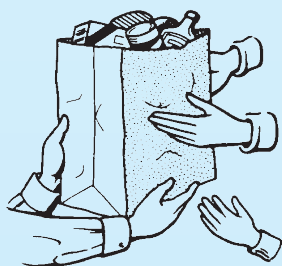
Note cards available: “Sketches of Saltadère” note cards are available for purchase at the Haiti Table on the lower level. These unique and beautiful cards were created by students from the upper grades at the school. Remember your contribution/purchase supports St Michel School in Saltadère. Please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

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The committee meets next on Sun., Aug. 9, at 1PM, at Holy Comforter Church. Enter on the side to the lower level. 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

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.

Weekend Retreat for Senior Women

Sept 4-6, at Dominican Retreat in McLean. Directed by Fr Donald Heet, OSFS. For further information call Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243 or check the website at www.dominicanretreat.org.

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.



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Sunday, August 30th

12:30-4:00 pm

The Park at UVA

**An afternoon of food, games and fellowship.
BBQ, Chicken, beans and dessert provided.**

Please bring a dish to share.

Sign up in the link beginning August 9th.

