



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This coming Friday and Saturday the parish will have its annual yard sale in support of our youth program. Come on by and discover the hidden treasures that for years were hiding in someone else's attic!

This past week two of our former parishioners received the Dominican habit and their religious names. Tom Reagan is now known as Brother Kolbe and Huy Hoang is now Brother John Baptist. Also on July 22, Debby Kessler received her habit as a Dominican nun and was given the name Sister Mary John of Eternal Love. Please keep them in your prayers as they try their Dominican Vocations.

Speaking of vocations... there are plenty of openings for the vocation crucifix. Please feel free to sign up to take the crucifix home for the week and pray for vocations.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP

Baptism

We welcome Stella Bernadette Gilbert and John Paul Morris, who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009

- Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: *St Hyacinth of Poland, OP*
Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: *Bl Mannes (Mamés), OP*
Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: *St John Eudes*
Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: *St Bernard*
Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: *St Pius, X*
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Annual St Thomas Yard Sale

Friday, August 21, 12-7PM
Saturday, August 22, 8AM-12PM



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15

- 8:30 AM Fr Augustine Thompson, OP
- 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

Sunday, August 16

- 7:30 AM Consuela DiNardo †
- 9:00 AM Juanita Anderson †
- 11:30 AM For the People
- 5:15 PM John Gallo †

Monday, August 17

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †
- 5:15 PM Colleen Rock

Tuesday, August 18

- 8:00 AM Rietje Kramer de Hoog †
- 5:15 PM Alma Bowling †

Wednesday, August 19

- 8:00 AM John Gallo †
- 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

Thursday, August 20

- 8:00 AM Alexandra Glekas †
- 5:15 PM Arianna Gibson Jones †

Friday, August 21

- 8:00 AM Fr Jerry Pryzwara
- 5:15 PM Michael Tobin †

Saturday, August 22

- 8:30 AM Anita Donlon †
- 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

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

August 9, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offeratory	14,785.81
Parish Charities	2,257.94
Other Income.....	234.95
Building Fund.....	1,050.00

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

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Light the Fire Within, a Catholic Charismatic prayer group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30PM in St Thomas Hall. We meet to praise God in song, formal or spontaneous prayer, silence, even applause or shouts of joy. We are open to hearing God speak through Scripture, teaching, exhortation, charismatic gifts and personal sharing. If you feel the need for a spiritual boost mid-week, come 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

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!

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.” – Jn 6:56-57

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ADULT EDUCATION

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Neophyte Gathering

Our next gathering for newly initiated members will be **Thursday, August 20th** in the Community Room. Please join us for daily Mass at 5:15PM, followed by a pot luck supper at 6PM, and discussion 6:30PM - 7:30PM with guest parishioners Bob Burns, Adult Scripture Study; and Bob Fehse, IMPACT (Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together). **RSVP** to gazewood@embarqmail.com or call Patty at 973-6802 by **Tuesday, August 18th**.

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 Foot Prints of God Series

This is a video presentation on Salvation History set in the actual Holy Land sites and filmed on location with Stephen Ray. Each presentation is a stand alone session. The Catholicism 101 study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room of Thomas Aquinas Church. The next meeting is the 5th of September. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Opportunities for Disabled Parishioners

The parish community at St Thomas is searching for ways to increase opportunities for disabled parishioners to become more involved in parish ministries and community life. Please contact Lauryn Mathena-Armstrong at 434-964-1111 with your suggestions and ideas.

Only 8 Seats Left for the 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/person. For reservations contact Tom Dulan (ted8n@virginia.edu; 982-2894 daytime; 973-1997 evening). The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:45AM sharp.

Annual Parish Picnic – Last Call!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Picnic on August 30th from 12:30 – 4:00. It is certain to be a great day with food, fun and games for all. Sign-ups in the Link. We need your help so there are also sign-ups for volunteers to help with food, game monitoring, face-painting etc. We'd also like help from families who are willing to bring side dishes to supplement what the parish is providing: BBQ, chicken, beans, coleslaw and dessert. The picnic will take place at The Park on the North Grounds of UVA.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Gr 6-12 • Michael Balazs 293 8081x16 • youth@stauva.org

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a man who lived on the edge of a small Midwestern town. He kept to himself, had his groceries delivered, and never ventured past his own front gate. No one made an effort to know him, and it stayed that way for nearly sixty years. When the man passed away, it was found that he had no family. The state-appointed lawyer for his estate ordered everything in his home sold or disposed of. Upon entering his home, the auctioneers found nearly every wall of the home covered in beautiful oil paintings, created by the man no one knew. He had a beautiful gift, yet he kept it to himself, and in doing so he deprived so many others of its beauty.

Today's Gospel reading from John continues the theme of Jesus as the bread of life. He tells those listening that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. We hear these words at every Mass as the priest recites the similar words from the Last Supper. We hear them so often we might not even react to their true meaning. Yet imagine hearing them for the first time that day with Jesus! The people, who have already witnessed his miracles, still refer to him as "this man." They cannot believe.

We approach the altar solemnly, reverently. The host is placed in our hands; "the body of Christ." We are offered the cup; "the blood of Christ." And with each gift, we respond, "Amen." And it is in that amen that we are truly saying, "Yes, in receiving the true body and blood of Christ, I am becoming the body and blood of Christ and wish to share it with others." Our faith, our belief in God's saving grace, "is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared" (CCC 949).

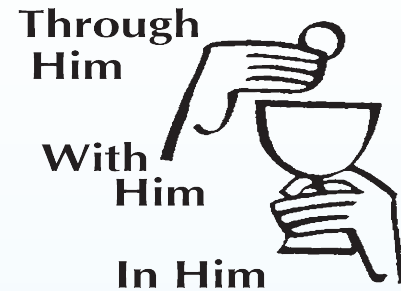
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Sunday Mass on Grounds During Academic Year

When the students are here, beginning August 30th, there will be Sunday Mass in the UVA Chapel at 9:00PM.



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 and 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. 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

New Bishop for Diocese of Hinche:

Hinche is the diocese in Haiti which is twinned with our Diocese of Richmond. Msgr Pierre Simon Saint-Hillien of Port-au-Prince is the recently announced bishop-designate. Please keep him in your prayers for Haiti. **Sea Container:** The sea container

taking donated items to Haiti by way of the Dominican Republic cannot take clothing items, so we ask that you refrain from leaving clothing for our twin parish in Saltadère at the Haiti table. When clothing can be transported in the future, we will let you know. **Doctors and Nurses:** Our brothers and sisters in Saltadère have no physician in the village of Saltadère. They rely on Gertrude, a local clinic nurse, and rare medical missionary visits. If you feel called to visit to provide care or would like more information about past trips to provide health care, contact Terri Powers at terripowers@gmail.com or Anne Knasel, MD at anne@stagebridge.net. **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 next meets, Sunday, September 20, at 1PM. The meeting will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church.

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

**Feed the Hungry. Give Drink to the Thirsty.**

Your Peace & Justice Committee sponsors a meal at the Salvation Army on the 4th Wednesday of every month. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve that meal. The time commitment is from 4-7 PM. You do not have to commit to be there for the entire 3 hours as 4-5:30 is set up and food prep. Serving food is from 5:45-7. If you're willing to put your faith in action by serving the poor in this way, contact Michael Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com or 984-4693.

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' (Mt 25:37) And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Mt 25:40)

Summer Food Collection for Holy Comforter

We are continuing to collect items for the pantry at Holy Comforter. Needed items 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. Thank You!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Part-Time Employment

St Mary's Catholic Church in Lovingson is in need of a Bookkeeper (part-time, flexible hours). Résumé and references required. Telephone for interview St Mary's 434-263-8905 or Fr Kelly's cell phone 434-987-0058.

Piedmont CASA

Last year over 1,125 children were reported to be abused or neglected in Charlottesville and Albemarle. Make a difference in the life of a child. To become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) call today 971-7515 or visit www.pcasa.org. Fall training begins in October. Volunteering with Piedmont CASA is a rewarding experience. No special experience is necessary and volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, complete an application, background screening, and attend training.

Cathedral Exhibits Open On Sunday Mornings

The Museum of Virginia Catholic History exhibits located in the Baptistery Gallery and Crypt & Undercroft at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be open to the public every Sunday immediately after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass. All are welcome to come and tour these new exhibits! There is no admission fee.

Divorced and Separated Catholics

This tri-parish support group meets at The Church Of The Incarnation on the 1st & 3rd Monday 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.

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. **There is a \$150 discount for anyone who pays their deposit before September 1st.**

The *Parish Advocate for Catholics with Disabilities* for St Thomas Aquinas is Lauryn Mathena-Armstrong. The parish advocate's role is to act on behalf of persons with disabilities to ensure that all are invited to share fully in the life of the parish, liturgically, socially, and educationally. The advocate is a volunteer who serves as liaison between persons with disabilities and their parish and between the parish and the Office for Catholics with Disabilities, Diocese of Richmond. A disability is defined as difficulty seeing or hearing, moving the body, or understanding everything quickly. It is a physical or mental impairment, which limits a person's life activities. It can be from birth; it can come with age. Approximately one out of five members of our parish lives with some type of disability! It is the goal of the church to offer the same respect and opportunities in worship life to all people. Please feel free to contact Lauryn at 434-964-1111 with any needs or concerns you may have.