



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This year the Dominican Fathers celebrate 50 years of ministry at St Thomas Aquinas University Parish. Fr William Stickle called recently and was reminiscing about his arrival on August 10, 1959 and the early years of our wonderful parish. The parish will have a number of events to commemorate our golden jubilee. The kick off celebration will be on Saturday, September 26th, at the 5:15 Mass. Bishop Francis DiLorenzo will be present as well as a number of Dominicans who were at one time assigned to our parish. There will be a reception after the Mass.

Welcome to all incoming first year students. We look forward to getting to know you and we hope that your time at the University will be a time of growth in all aspects of your life, including your faith.

We thank Fr Jonah Pollock, OP, for his ministry with us this summer! Our prayers go with him as he returns to the House of Studies to complete his studies.

Starting Sunday, August 30th, there will be Mass offered at the UVA chapel at 9:00PM. Mass will be offered there while school is in session and will follow the University schedule.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP

Fall Mass Schedule

On the following dates there will be no Saturday Vigil Mass here at St Thomas due to the closing of Alderman Road for home football games: September 5 and 12, October 10, 24, and 31, November 14 and 28. On these Saturdays, the church will be locked up following the 8:30 AM daily Mass.

2009 UVA Football Season Parking Passes

Will be available while supplies last for a \$400 donation to our Debt Reduction Fund. Please stop by the Parish Office after 12 noon on Monday, August 24.

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2009

- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday: *St Bartholomew, apostle*
Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: *St Monica*
1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: *St Augustine*
Col 3:12-17/Jn 17:14-23
- Saturday: *Martyrdom of St John the Baptist*
1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

- 7:30 AM Fr Peter McGrath
- 9:00 AM Phyllis Leising †
- 11:30 AM Remi Morin †
- 5:15 PM For the People

Monday, August 24

- 8:00 AM Immacula Bernard & Family
- 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

Tuesday, August 25

- 8:00 AM Edwin Lewis †
- 5:15 PM Roger Keppel

Wednesday, August 26

- 8:00 AM John Gallo †
- 5:15 PM Anita Donlon †

Thursday, August 27

- 8:00 AM John & Katherine Burke and Saullie & Ceil Benedict †
- 5:15 PM Souls in Purgatory †

Friday, August 28

- 8:00 AM Anita Donlon †
- 5:15 PM Elizabeth & Paul Nguyen †

Saturday, August 29

- 8:30 AM Reinaldo Reynaldo †
- 5:15 PM Paulino Apusen †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Joe Guyton, Vincent Burins, 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.

Baptism

We welcome Finton James Naughton and Abigail Bristol Wilkinson, who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

PARISH FINANCES

August 16, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offeratory	14,643.20
Parish Charities	517.49
Other Income.....	322.20
Building Fund.....	1,145.00
Holy Cross Sisters	4,008.77

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 meets every Tuesday night at 7:30PM in St Thomas Hall 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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Do you want to deepen your awareness of God the Father's love for you? Do you want to grow in your relationship to Jesus Christ? Jesus said, "wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised...the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:5-6) The Holy Spirit is the key to the Father's love and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Given to us in the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), the Holy Spirit is the forgotten person of the Trinity and often needs to be stirred up in our lives. A Life in the Spirit Seminar, which serves to stir up the Holy Spirit in your life, will begin Tues, Sept 15, at 7:30PM in St Thomas Hall. All are invited. Pre-registration is requested. Please contact Julie Zackrisson (julianne333@gmail.com; 434-296-4615) or Michael Fitzgerald (mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com; 434-984-4693).

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 8:00AM to Thurs 5:00PM. Please think of spending some time with the Lord. We still need to cover **Wed, 10-11AM**. To sign up or to get more info please contact Sylvia Lobo, srmlobo@hotmail.com or 244-5619. "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus who waits for us in this Sacrament of Love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

Sunday 11:30AM Folk Choir

The Folk Choir is inviting new singers and musicians to join us for the fall semester. Students are especially encouraged to join. Please consider coming to our rehearsals at 10:45AM Sunday mornings in the church and see if you would like to be part of our music ministry. We would particularly like to have additional piano players, violinists and bass players. Stop by after Mass for more information.

Sunday 9AM Choir

Everyone is welcome. There is no commitment. Try it and see if you like it, if not, you're free to leave at any time. In addition to the Sunday Mass and Holy Days, we will also participate in the Holy Week combined choir. Rehearsals begin on Thursday, Aug 27, 6-8PM. If Thursday rehearsal won't fit into your schedule then please join us on Sunday, 1-3PM. All rehearsals are in the music room which is directly across from the parish office. We hope to see you soon. "May God Give Us Faith to Sing Always!"

ADULT EDUCATION

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

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Would you like to learn more about *what* Catholics believe and *why*? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) takes place on Wednesdays at 7:30PM, beginning on **September 9th**. Contact Chris Gilbert for more information, dre@stauva.org or 293-8081.

Catholicism 101 Foot Prints of God Series

Note Schedule Change. 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. This study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room. The next meetings are the 29th of August and the 19th 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.

Knights of Columbus

Interested in becoming a College Council Knight? Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making our community a better place, while supporting our Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with our community; it is supporting our Catholic Church, while enhancing our own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing our family life. We are looking for Students and Men of the Parish to join our Council. Please contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight, at rmsavino@comcast.net for further details or pick up a brochure in the Link. Our next meeting will be held in St Thomas Hall, Classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wed Sept 2. Rosary at 6:45PM, General Meeting at 7:00PM.

Only 8 Seats Left for the Washington Nationals Baseball!

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

PreK-5 • Chris Gilbert 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org
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.

September Schedule

September 6

- Elementary Education (EE) class lists posted on the classrooms

September 13

- EE First Class and *Mandatory* EE Parent Meeting (10:20AM)
- *Mandatory* EDGE/LifeTeen Parent Meeting and Family BBQ (6:30PM)

September 20

- First Session of EDGE and LifeTeen

September 25

- *Special Parent dinner and Mini-retreat (Parent Night Out) (6:30-9:00PM)*

September 26

- Diocesan Youth Day at Busch Gardens for all families



*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy
One of God." — Jn 6:67-69*

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Michael Horsey • mlh6r@virginia.edu
John Hopke • johnhopke@stauva.org

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.

*Welcome new students and
Welcome back Whoos!*

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

Doctors and Nurses: Our brothers and sisters in Saltadère have no physician in the village of Saltadère. 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, M.D. at anne@stagebridge.net. **Parish Picnic:** Members of the committee will be at the picnic on August 30 and are always happy to talk with parishioners about Saltadère, St. Michel School and our ongoing projects to help meet the needs of our twin parish. See you there.

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

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.

**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!

Feed the Hungry. Give Drink to the Thirsty.

Thanks to all of the parishioners who responded to the call and offered to help with the Salvation Army meal on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Thanks John & Hazel Roeder, Pat & Mel Podwysoki, Jean & Brian Mandeville, Mark Ross, Bob Andrews, Jaimie Devine, Bob Savino, Lisa Colosi, Stephanie Coberly, Larry Hofmann and Joe Parillo. You are truly storing treasures in Heaven.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Experience the Joy of Foster Parenting

Commonwealth Catholic Charities needs foster parents to provide loving homes for youth in the refugee foster care program. If you would like to gain rewarding experience working with children from other countries, contact BeBe Tran at 545-5949 or email Bebe.Tran@cccovfa.org. For more info visit the website at www.cccovfa.org.

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.

The Office of the Vicar for Clergy

Seeks a full-time administrative assistant. A high school diploma or its equivalent, plus three or more years of administrative experience is required. Knowledge, abilities, and skills required include a working knowledge of computer software applications including Microsoft Word, Excel and databases, an exemplary record of confidentiality, excellent follow-up, an ability to work with diverse groups, and a courteous and professional manner. A candidate that is a Catholic in good standing is preferred. Closing date is Sept 4, 2009. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and diocesan application to sfogler@richmonddiocese.org or mail to Sarah Fogler, Human Resources Generalist, Catholic Diocese of Richmond, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA 23294.

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.

Support Group for Depression

Even Keel is a peer run, spiritually based support group for persons who are struggling with depression. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00PM at The Church Of The Incarnation in room 21. Our first meeting will be on Wed, Sept 16. For more information, please contact Patricia Pollock 296-7031. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

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.**

Contact Congress on Health Reform

Congress has adjourned for its August recess. When members of the House of Representatives and the Senate return to Washington in September, they will resume debate on various health care proposals.

As discussions continue on health legislation, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) affirms health care as a basic right belonging to all human beings and advocates measures to:

1. Protect the life, dignity and health of all from conception until natural death;
2. Prohibit federal funds from being used for abortion, prohibit mandated abortion coverage, and preserve the conscience rights of providers who decline to participate in abortion; and
3. Ensure health care services for immigrant children (born and unborn) and legal immigrants awaiting citizenship (who are currently banned from Medicaid for five years under federal law).

The Virginia Catholic Bishops encourage the parishioners of their dioceses to visit the Virginia Catholic Conference's website (www.vacatholic.org). The Conference's site contains statements from the USCCB on health proposals and an action alert enabling Virginia residents to send messages to their U.S. Senators and Representatives.