



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It's wonderful to see all the students back and the school year begin! The beginning of the school year presents many opportunities to renew one's faith. One such opportunity is the Life in the Spirit Seminar. The Seminar begins on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30PM in St. Thomas Hall. The seminar is open to students and parishioners and anyone interested in deepening their Catholic faith. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with our Lord through the gifts of His Holy Spirit.

We are delighted to inform you that this past week Fr. Joseph Otieno Kosir, OP has joined our Dominican Community here in Charlottesville. Fr. Joseph is from our Eastern Africa Vicariate and is the first Dominican from Kenya. When you see him, please stop by and give him your typical warm Wahoo welcome!

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 31.

**Readings for the Week of August 30, 2009**

- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: *St Gregory the Great*  
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 29**

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

**Sunday, August 30**

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM Tony Cuadros, Jr
- 11:30 AM Jerry Selinger †
- 5:15 PM Mary Kosmac †

**Monday, August 31**

- 8:00 AM Lynn Gilbert †
- 5:15 PM Sue & Ron Gilbert  
(41st Wedding Anniversary)

**Tuesday, September 1**

- 8:00 AM Elizabeth & Paul Nguyen †
- 5:15 PM Dr Sarah Miller †

**Wednesday, September 2**

- 8:00 AM Carol De Nunzio †
- 5:15 PM Edwin Lewis †

**Thursday, September 3**

- 8:00 AM Anita Donlon †
- 5:15 PM James Desmond †

**Friday, September 4**

- 8:00 AM Respect Life
- 5:15 PM Christopher Martins †

**Saturday, September 5**

- 8:30 AM Deceased Friends & Benefactors of the Order of Preachers †

**No 5:15 PM Mass — UVA Home Football Game**

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Una Wills, 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, 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 Carter Jean Patrouch and Davis Charles Raymond, who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**August 23, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory .....	13,512.89
Parish Charities .....	1,561.00
Other Income.....	3,056.31
Building Fund.....	770.00

**PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION**

**As of July 24, 2009**

Previous Mortgage Balance .....	\$305,414.00
Mortgage Reduction .....	11,000.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated .....	282,814.00

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marta Brannon • 293-8081 x18 • marta@stauva.org

### Charismatic Prayer Meeting

*Light the Fire Within* meets every Tuesday 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; 296-4615) or Mike Fitzgerald (mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com; 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 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

Is inviting new singers and musicians to join for the fall semester. Students are especially encouraged to join. Please consider coming to our rehearsals at 10:45AM Sundays in the Church and see if you would like to be part of our music ministry. We would particularly like to have more 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 also participate in the Holy Week combined choir. If Thursday rehearsals, 6-8PM, don'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

A video presentation on Salvation History set in the Holy Land and filmed on location with Stephen Ray. Each is a stand alone session. The study group meets on select Saturdays at 10AM in the Community Room of St Thomas. The next meeting is Sep 19. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

### Monday Evening Scripture Study

Begins its 4th year on Sept 4. We will study the Books of Acts and Revelations following the Jeff Cavins Study Courses. If you would like to learn more about your Catholic faith through studying the Holy Scriptures while enjoying the fellowship of others from St. Thomas as well as other parishes, then this is the group for you. Come and join us, the rewards are great. Meetings are held on Mondays 7-9PM in the Community Room. Information and sign -up in the Link. Contact Charlie Burns at charlieburns@hotmail.com or 975-1132.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Opportunities for Disabled Parishioners

We are searching for ways to increase opportunities for disabled parishioners to become more involved in parish ministries and community life. Contact Lauryn Mathena-Armstrong at 964-1111 with 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, 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 and supporting our Church, while enhancing our faith; it is about protecting and enhancing family life. We are looking for Students and Men of the Parish to join our Council. Contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight, at rmsavino@comcast.net for details or pick up a brochure in the Link. Next meeting will be held in St Thomas Hall, Classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wed Sept 2. Rosary at 6:45PM, Meeting at 7:00PM.

### Annual Parish Picnic Today

August 30th from 12:30 – 4:00PM. It is certain to be a great day with food, fun and games for all. 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

### September Schedule

- Sep 6** Elementary Education (EE) class lists posted on the classrooms
- Sep 13** EE First Class and *Mandatory* EE Parent Meeting (10:20AM); *Mandatory* EDGE/LifeTeen Parent Meeting and Family BBQ (6:30PM)
- Sep 20** First Session of EDGE and LifeTeen
- Sep 25** *Special Parent dinner and Mini-retreat (Parent Night Out) (6:30-9:00PM)*
- Sep 26** Diocesan Youth Day at Busch Gardens for all families

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Orientation for new students, week of Sep 6-12 on Sun 10:10-10:45AM, Fri 9 -9:45AM, and Sat 3-3:45PM.

### Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed

Our Life Teen Program for high school youth has been a huge blessing for our parish since it began 5 years ago. Each week college students, young adults, and parents give their time to help youth grow in their faith. As our program continues to grow, we could use some additional help. We especially need people who would be willing to help with the "environment" (posters, decorations, props, etc.) of Life Nights. If you have any artistic ability, are willing to help set-up on Sunday afternoons, or if you are interested in volunteering in another capacity, please contact Michael Balazs at michael@stauva.org.

### Salvation Army Dinners

We are looking for youth ministry families to help host dinner at the Salvation Army on the 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month starting in Sep. 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

Thanks to everyone who made this a success again by donating items, volunteering to sort, sell, and clean-up, and of course shopping at the yard sale. We raised over \$2500 in support of our Youth Ministry Program.

### SCRIP

Thanks to everyone who purchased SCRIP cards this month. We sold \$5270 in SCRIP cards in the month of August raising \$251.90. All proceeds from these sales go to support Ch'ville Catholic School and Youth Ministry here at St. Thomas.

## 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!

## 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.

### Ignite.242

Tuesday, Sep 8, 7:30PM in St. Thomas Hall - Join us for our first Ignite.242 of the semester. Ignite is an outreach of Catholic Student Ministry and is an evening of vibrant praise and worship, relevant teaching, and Eucharistic adoration. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend this first night of our fall series. Please note the new weekday, earlier time, and new location!

### The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought

Is a voluntary, faculty-led organization of individuals interested in engaging and promoting the richness of the Catholic tradition of thought and action. Founded in 2000, the Institute supports a popular public lecture series at UVA, a fall faculty-student dinner at St Thomas, and a Doctors of the Church Lunch/Discussion series, etc. Please visit our website(www.stanselmminstitute.org) for a calendar of events. Faculty, students, parents, and friends of the Institute, if you're not on our mailing list use the website to sign up or write us: PO Box 6432, Charlottesville, VA 22906. We're looking forward to another very productive year.

### 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.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

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

**Parish Picnic:** Members of the committee will be at the St. Thomas picnic today, Aug 30. We are always happy to talk with parishioners about Saltadere, St. Michel School and our ongoing projects to help meet the needs of our twin parish. See you there!

**Thank you** to all who helped/contributed with the Haiti Room at the Youth Ministry Yard Sale. Special thanks to Kristin Krebbel and Michael Balazs for making our committee's participation possible and a Big Thanks to Kathy Smith for organizing the event for the Haiti Committee.

**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 Saltadere. For information on how to help at the upcoming UVA home football games, contact Tony DiTolve at [tditolve@embarqmail.com](mailto:tditolve@embarqmail.com).

**Note cards available:** The "Sketches of Saltadere" 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. Please keep our twin parish and its school in your prayers.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Next meets, Sun, Sep 20, at 1PM, at St. Thomas Church.

**Contact:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Paul Harnois at [iphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:iphmch@embarqmail.com).



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Charlottesville Catholic School**

Thanks St. Thomas Church for its support. We ask that you keep our faculty and students in your prayers as we begin a new school year. We, in turn, will keep the ministries of St. Thomas in our prayers.

**Open House** for prospective parents will be held on Sep 30, 9-11AM at CCS. If interested in providing your child with a Catholic education, join us for a tour and refreshments. Please RSVP to Ann Michel at 964-0400, ext. 307.

**Applications for the 2010-11 School Year:** Will be accepted starting on Thu, Oct 1, 2009.

**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@cccova.org](mailto:Bebe.Tran@cccova.org). For more info visit the website at [www.cccova.org](http://www.cccova.org).

**Even Keel—Support Group for Depression**

This peer run, spiritually based support group for persons who are struggling with depression will meet the 1st & 3rd Wed each month (beginning Sept 16), 7:30-9:00PM, at The Church Of The Incarnation, room 21. Info: 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](mailto: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.**

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage**

With Fr. Luke Clark, on Apr 21 – May 1, 2010. Join us as we journey to a place where "Heaven Touches the Earth"! Medjugorje is a gift to our time and is filled with so many Graces! Cost is \$1,784/person + airport taxes of about \$400. **\$200 discount for all who pay a \$400 deposit by Oct 16.** We will also spend one day and night in beautiful Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." To register, send check made out to "206 Tours" to Julie Zackrisson, 2616 Cardinal Ridge Rd, Ch'ville, VA 22901. For info contact Julie at 296-4615 or [julianne333@gmail.com](mailto:julianne333@gmail.com). Flyers are in the Link containing the registration form.

**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 Podwysocki, 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.

**Volunteers Needed to Make Dessert**

On a monthly basis for Salvation Army dinners sponsored by St Thomas. Call Ann Carothers, 293-9808, for further details.



*You are cordially invited to  
a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration  
in honor of  
the Dominicans' Mission  
to St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish*



*Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:15 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving  
Followed by Buffet Reception  
in St. Thomas Hall*