



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Monday our nation celebrates Labor Day and most people will have a day off from work. When I was growing up friends of my family would celebrate this day with manual labor throughout the home. It was seen as a time to tidy up the home and finish all those unfinished projects from the summer. Labor day for them was indeed a day of labor. As our nation honors the dignity of laborers we remember that our work can and should be a holy thing. It's an opportunity to make Christ real in whatever profession we have. It can also be a time to take stock of any spiritual projects we may have set for ourselves over the course of the summer that remain unfinished. May the Lord help us to bring to a fruitful completion all the good works he has begun in our lives.

God Bless,  
Fr. Luke, OP

**Labor Day, Monday, September 7th**  
Is a National Holiday and the Parish Offices will be closed. **The only Mass that day will be at 9:00AM.**

**We Walk By Faith**

All parishioners (especially ministry leaders) are invited to attend a meeting concerning the diocesan self-assessment and survey process. Meet in St Thomas Hall with the Parish Council on Sept 10 at 6PM -- pizza will be provided! Please RSVP (sackandpam@comcast.net).

**Saturday, Sept 26th—50th Anniversary Celebration**

This year marks 50 years since the first Dominicans began their mission to UVA and Charlottesville. Please join us for 5:15 Mass as Bishop DiLorenzo and Bishop Emeritus Sullivan, along with several returning Dominican Friars, join us to give thanks for the past 50 years and to pray for abundant blessings upon the future. A reception will follow in St Thomas Hall.

**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 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.

**Readings for the Week of September 6, 2009**

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
Monday: Col1:24-2:3 / Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16,18-23  
Wednesday: *St Peter Claver*  
Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 / Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 5**

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

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

**Sunday, September 6**

7:30 AM Jane Lynn †  
9:00 AM For the People  
11:30 AM James Desmond †  
5:15 PM Fr. Joseph Scordo, OP

**Monday, September 7, Labor Day**

9:00 AM Anita Donlon † and Cecilia Boyles †

**Tuesday, September 8**

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

**Wednesday, September 9**

8:00 AM Dominic Vu †  
5:15 PM Poor Souls †

**Thursday, September 10**

8:00 AM Clarence Thomas †  
5:15 PM Alice Davis †

**Friday, September 11**

8:00 AM Theodore Voneski †  
5:15 PM Theodore Voneski †

**Saturday, September 12**

8:30 AM Deceased Friends & Benefactors of the Dominican Laity †

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

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Patrick Howell, Joe Guyton, Vincent Burins, LTC Mike Devine, Tomesa Jackson, Anna Mills' granddaughter Wanda Clements, Ann Savino, Vanessa Thoms-Sprogis, and Mary Lou Gough — 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.

**Coffee & Donuts**

Volunteers are needed once a month to set up coffee and donuts either 30 minutes prior to the 9:00AM Mass or for clean up 30 minutes following the 11:30AM Mass. If you can help, please contact Judy at jmzacharias@embarqmail.com or 978-3803. Thank you.

**2009 UVA Football Season Parking Passes**

Will be available at reduced prices while supplies last. Please stop by the Parish Office 9AM-3PM, Monday-Friday.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**August 30, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory .....	15,950.04
Parish Charities .....	1,434.75
Other Income.....	261.92
Building Fund.....	900.00

**PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION**

**As of August 25, 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](mailto:marta@stauva.org)

### Liturgical Ministers Workshop

10AM—12PM Saturday, September 19th. Attendance is required for all new and ongoing liturgical ministers. A makeup session will take place in October.

### Liturgical Ministers Needed

Are you being called to serve the St Thomas Parish Community as a Lector, Extra Ordinary Minister, Altar Server or Coordinator? Please call Marta, 293-8081x18 or email [marta@stauva.org](mailto: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 ([julieanne333@gmail.com](mailto:julieanne333@gmail.com); 296-4615) or Mike Fitzgerald ([mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com](mailto:mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com); 984-4693).

### Eucharistic Adoration

*Wed 8:30AM to Thurs 5:00PM.* Please think of spending some time with the Lord. To sign up or get more info please contact Sylvia Lobo, [srmlobo@hotmail.com](mailto:srmlobo@hotmail.com) or 244-5619.

### 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!"

### Carpentry Skills???

Help is needed with a few projects around our building. Please call the Parish Office for details and ask for Marta, 293-8081, ext. 18. Thank you!

## ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • [dre@stauva.org](mailto:dre@stauva.org)

### Natural Family Planning Classes

The next series for SymptoThermal Method NFP will be held on Mondays, Sept 14, 7-9PM and Sept 28, 7-8PM. October classes will be taught on Thursdays, Oct 15 7:30PM-9:30PM and Oct 22 from 7:30-8:30PM. To register for these classes, contact [chvillenfp@yahoo.com](mailto:chvillenfp@yahoo.com). For info on NaPro Fertility Care classes, contact [ladeancrms@gmail.com](mailto:ladeancrms@gmail.com). Don't forget our facebook page, search under Charlottesville NFP to find us!

### 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](mailto: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. The study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room. The next meeting is the 26th of September. For info contact [sackandpam@comcast.net](mailto:sackandpam@comcast.net)

### Monday Evening Scripture Study

We are studying 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. Info and sign-up in the Link. Contact Charlie Burns at [charlieburns@hotmail.com](mailto:charlieburns@hotmail.com) or 975-1132. **Correction: This series begins on Sept. 14.**

## 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 with suggestions and ideas. Email [parishadvocate@stauva.org](mailto:parishadvocate@stauva.org) or phone 964-1111.

### "What is the Dominican Laity?"

To find out please consider joining us for breakfast and our meeting on Sat, Sept 12, at Charlottesville Catholic School. We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM, followed with the recitation of the Rosary and Morning Prayer. Please RSVP - to ensure that we have enough food to share or if you need directions - Marta Brannon at 293-8081 or [marta@stauva.org](mailto:marta@stauva.org) or Lori Donlon at 293-3873 or [lorianned@gmail.com](mailto:lorianned@gmail.com).

### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, September 13, following the 9AM Mass in St Thomas Hall. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce, fruit juice, coffee and tea. The costs are \$12 for a family and \$5 for individuals and students. Profits are donated to charities. All parishioners are welcome. Please plan to attend this event of fun, good food and community.



## 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 all students, week of September 13-19.  
Sunday: 10:10AM—11:10AM  
Friday: 9AM—10 AM  
Saturday: 3 PM—4PM

### 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 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.

## 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



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

### Sunday Mass on Grounds During Academic Year

When the students are here 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*

**School Begins Soon:** For children in Haiti school begins in October; and September is the month for families to make their back-to-school purchases. At St Michel School in Saltadère, Fr Blot purchases supplies for the entire school in Port-au-Prince for about \$4,000. This year the bill will likely increase as the school has added a grade 9. You can help Fr Blot meet the expense of school supplies by making a donation to the Haiti fund of our parish. Make checks payable to St Thomas Aquinas Church and put Haiti School Supplies in memo. You can use the collection basket, the box on the Haiti Table (on the lower level) or leave your donation at the parish office. **Coming Up:** Watch for the opportunity to sponsor a child at St Michel School. A Sponsorship Drive is planned for later this Fall. **Another Way to Help St Michel School:** 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. Please keep our twin parish and its school in your prayers. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee next meets Sunday, September 20, at 1PM at St Thomas Aquinas Church. **Contact:** To learn more e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.

**Food Collection for Holy Comforter**

Thank you for your support this summer! We will continue to collect items for the pantry this fall. Needed items are: canned fruit, chunky soups and meat/tuna, instant oatmeal, instant breakfast packages and toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc). Please drop your donations in the food baskets upstairs or downstairs.

**Perishable Food Donation Program**

Is in need of a volunteer to shop and deliver food to the Shelter for Help in Emergency administration offices in Sachem Village. The Shelter for Help in Emergency aids women and children fleeing domestic violent situations. The commitment time is 1.5 hrs for the delivery. For more information please contact Bridget Davis at slainte@embarqmail.com or 964-1127. Thank you!

**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.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion**

Sept 25-27 at the Benedictine Abbey in Richmond. Women and men, who have struggled over a past abortion and seek forgiveness and inner peace, are invited! One participant wrote, "It was meaningful to be with others who I know have felt the same pain, made the same choices, and lived the same burdened existence." The retreat combines discussions, meditations, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential. Contact Facilitators, Kay Marie & Joe Geiger at 804-330-3137, or Molly Smith at 804-794-0222. Email kmg4hope@verizon.net. Visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

Will begin accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year on Thurs, Oct 1, 2009. **Open House:** Wed, Sept 30, 9-11AM, includes tours, inquiry packets and refreshments. If this date does not work for you, please call Ann Michel at 964-0400, ext. 307. Applications for admission and info about our admissions process are available on the CCS website: [cvillecatholic.org](http://cvillecatholic.org).

**CCS All Terrain 5K Run and Walk**

Register now for the 8th Annual CCS All Terrain 5K taking place Sat, Oct 3rd, 8AM. This family friendly event is a great way to enjoy a beautiful fall morning while supporting CCS. Designed to accommodate the serious runner as well as walkers young and old, this unique course will take you via the Meadowcreek Golf Course to the Nature Trail along the Rivanna River. Visit [www.cvillecatholic.org](http://www.cvillecatholic.org) to download a registration form or stop by Ragged Mountain Running Shop on Elliewood Ave.

**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 Incarnation on the 1st & 3rd Mon of the 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

**Pilgrimages**

For info contact Julie Zackrisson at 296-4615 or [julianne333@gmail.com](mailto:julianne333@gmail.com). To register for either pilgrimage send an application and \$400 deposit made out to “206 Tours” to Julie at 2616 Cardinal Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Flyers/registration forms are in the Link.

**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.

**Medjugorje:** Apr 21–May 1, 2010, with Fr Luke Clark, OP. 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.”

# Acts and Revelations

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The **Adult Scripture Study Group** will begin an in depth study of the Books of Acts and Revelations beginning on **September 14<sup>th</sup>**. The group is comprised of all levels of biblical scholars from beginners to advanced, and we will be once again following courses designed by the renowned Jeff Cavins.

Join us for this amazing journey, as we increase our knowledge of the Holy Scriptures in an inviting setting (the Community Room), meet new and interesting people (other parishioners), and enjoy gourmet food (coffee and pastry). If this is an offer you can't refuse, see the information below.

Charlie Burns 975-1132

[charlieburns@hotmail.com](mailto:charlieburns@hotmail.com)

Sign up at the table in the Link.

Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00

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