



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When St Dominic founded the Order of Preachers he sent his brethren to the major universities of his day. He saw that the university setting was the ideal location for the friars to study and to preach.

Remaining true to Dominic's vision his followers have always sought to establish priories in these academic centers. This weekend the Dominican Friars celebrate fifty years of service in this university community. Much has changed, developed and grown since Fr Stickle and his companions arrived and started the Newman house on Jefferson Park Avenue. What has remained constant through the years is the love and devotion the Dominican Friars have for this community! A number of the friars who have served you over the years are present this weekend to celebrate with us. Page 5 of this bulletin outlines a series of events over the next year to commemorate this anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts in service of His kingdom and may he renew in us a zeal for preaching and the salvation of souls.

God Bless,  
Fr Luke, OP

**Notice of Mass and Confession Schedule Change**  
Due to the U2 concert at Scott Stadium on Thursday, October 1, the Mass at 5:15, Confessions at 7:30 and the CSM fireside Mass at 9PM are all cancelled. Our building will be locked at noon and the university will be towing cars from our lot beginning at 3PM that day.

**Fall Mass and Confession Schedule**  
On the following Saturdays there will be no morning confessions or evening Vigil Mass due to the closing of Alderman Road for home football games: October 10, 24, and 31, November 14 and 28. On these days, the church will be locked up following the 8:30 AM daily Mass.

**Readings for the Week of September 27, 2009**

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: *Sts Dominic Ibanez and Lawrence Ruiz*  
Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: *St Michael, St Gabriel, and St Raphael*  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: *St Jerome*  
Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: *St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*  
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: *The Guardian Angels*  
Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, September 26**  
8:30 AM Jack Vogeley  
5:15 PM For the People
- Sunday, September 27**  
7:30 AM Vernon Rock  
9:00 AM Patricia Egan †  
11:30 AM Roger & Nancy Savarie  
5:15 PM Archbishop Augustine DiNoia, OP
- Monday, September 28**  
8:00 AM Lance Stryker †  
5:15 PM Phyllis Hammond
- Tuesday, September 29**  
8:00 AM Anita Donlon †  
5:15 PM St Michel Parish, Saltadère, Haiti
- Wednesday, September 30**  
8:00 AM Deacon Frank Veraart †  
5:15 PM Jude Cordeiro †
- Thursday, October 1**  
8:00 AM Marta Brannon  
5:15 PM Romulo Lavadia
- Friday, October 2**  
8:00 AM Edwin G Staudt †  
5:15 PM George Kessler †
- Saturday, October 3**  
8:30 AM Respect Life  
5:15 PM Theodore † & Margie Voneski

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Matthew Grimes, Linda Weinhardt, Patrick Howell, Joe Guyton, Vincent Burins, LTC Mike Devine, Tomasa Jackson, Anna Mills' granddaughter Wanda Clements, Ann Savino, and Vanessa Thoms-Sprogis— 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.

**Communion and Visitation**

We are trying to expand our efforts to reach more people in our community who would like Communion and/or a visit and are unable to make it to church. If you know of anyone, please call the parish office at 293-8081.

**Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St Francis**

As was promised on the Feast of St Dominic the other animals will now have their day. All animals are invited for a blessing in the courtyard at 1:00PM on Sunday, October 4.



**PARISH FINANCES**

**September 20, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory .....	16,457.64
Parish Charities .....	1,341.56
Other Income.....	1,626.00
Building Fund.....	1,360.00
Catholic School Assessment .....	1,786.64

**PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION**

**As of September 22, 2009**

Previous Mortgage Balance .....	\$282,814.00
Mortgage Reduction .....	11,000.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated .....	261,814.00

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

### Liturgy and Music Workshop

Sat, Nov 7, at Holy Cross Catholic, Lynchburg. Leaders: Catherine Combier-Donovan (Richmond Diocese Office of Worship) and Rebecca McCord (Holy Cross Catholic Music Director). This pastoral and catechetical workshop is for the training and enrich-mint of those involved in parish liturgy, music and singing, and also for the implementation of the new Roman Missal with its new language, new music and new musical guidelines. We welcome all staff and volunteers who serve in their parishes. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dr McCord at 434-238-5205. Register by Oct 30.

### Blue Mass

In honor of our Policemen, Firemen, and Rescue Workers. Please join us on Tuesday, Sept 28, at 5:15PM to pray for the safety of those who risk their lives to protect our community.

### Red Mass

For all involved in the Judicial system and legal profession. Please join us on Monday, October 5, at 5:15PM for a Mass of the Holy Spirit to ask for blessings and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you are a law student, law professor, attorney or support staff for the legal profession, and would like to help with this Mass, please contact Marta in the parish office.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 8:30AM to Thurs 5:00PM. Have you thought about spending just one hour with the Lord? To sign up contact Sylvia Lobo srmlobo@hotmail.com or call 244-5619.

**Note: Adoration will end at noon on Thurs, Oct 1. The building will be locked at noon that day due to the U2 concert at the stadium.**

### 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. 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!"

### Gregorian Chant Mass: Sunday, 7:30 AM

The Schola, directed by John Harvey, is open to anyone interested in singing Gregorian Chant. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30PM in the sanctuary. Contact John at: utre@comcast.net. For further information, please join us for brunch in the community room on October 4 after the 7:30AM Mass.

## 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 Wed at 7:30PM. Info: dre@stauva.org or 293-8081

### Women's Little Rock Scripture Study

If you are seeking prayer, fellowship and a greater depth of understanding of our sacred scriptures, please join us for a new 6-week study "Parables of the Kingdom" beginning Tues, Sept 29, 9-11AM in the Community Room. Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables. We will be exploring those in Mark's Gospel and the same parables as they appear in Matthew. Child care is available for a fee on a limited basis. If interested please notify Patty at 973-6802 or gazewood@embarqmail.com.

### Men's Prayer & Fellowship Group

Join us 7-8AM in Room 2 next to the kitchen 1st and 3rd Friday for prayer, study and discussion. We are currently studying *Back to Virtue* by Peter Kreeft. All men are welcome. Contact: Bill Wilson (434-882-4178 or email wdwilson@mindspring.com)

### Catholicism 101 Foot Prints of God Series

This is a video presentation on Salvation History set in the Holy Land sites and filmed on location with Stephen Ray. Our next meetings in the Community Room: Oct 3 & 17. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Annual Pregnancy Center Dinner

Sat, Oct 17, 6PM, at the Double Tree Hotel. The speaker is Eileen Smith. Please email/call marta@stauva.org, 293-8081x18 to attend and support life.

### Opportunities for Disabled Parishioners

Contact Lauryn Mathena-Armstrong with suggestions of ways to increase involvement of disabled parishioners in parish ministries and community life. Email parishadvocate@stauva.org or phone 964-1111.

### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 4, 3-4PM, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel. All are invited to the Annual Holy Hour dedicated to the Sanctity of Human Life (promoted by the Dominican Laity at St Thomas Aquinas).

### Interested in Becoming a College Council Knight?

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. Knights are Catholic men who engage in camaraderie, community service, support of our Church, enhancing our faith, and advancing the culture of life. We invite Students and Men of our Parish to join our college council. For further information please contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight (rmsavino@comcast.net), pick up a brochure in the Link, or see the Knights website (www.kofc.org). Our next meeting will be held in Classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wednesday, October 7, with the Rosary at 6:45PM and General Meeting at 7:00.



## 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 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.

### LifeTeen – Session 2: *The Fall...*

This week in Lifeteen we discussed the difference between Doctrine (the central tenets of our Faith) and Theology (statements rationally based in Doctrine). We also focused on how our world has changed since before the creation of man and before the Fall of man. We compared the Paradise of Adam and Eve with the world disordered by Original Sin. We also began to touch on how even though we have to deal with the manifestations of Original Sin in our world there is still hope for us in the salvation given to us by Jesus Christ and with that God's plan for us to share in the Divine Life.

**Challenge:** We discussed how doubt and impatience played a role in Adam and Eve's decision to defy God and commit Original Sin. As a family, write a prayer to say together for an increase in our trust and patience in God's plan for us and the grace to follow His will instead of giving in to temptations.

### EDGE Challenge: 2 Corinthians 5:7

"We walk by faith and not by sight." We are invited to place our faith and trust in the hands of our loving God willingly as Abraham and Joseph did. The Lord did great things in both their lives due to their commitment to God. How are you committed to God?

## 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 offer young adult Catholics a community of faith and friendship devoted to spirituality, society, service, and study. If you are 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.

### Ongoing Events

Please meet in the Link to join us for brunch on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30AM Mass or for dinner on the first Friday of every month after the 5:15PM Mass.

### The St. Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought

(www.stanselmstitute.org) is starting a new group for Catholic graduate students in all disciplines and schools at the University of Virginia. The group is meant to support graduate students in their intellectual, academic, and professional vocations. If you are interested, come to a dinner on Sat, Oct 10, at 6PM to help shape the vision for the group. For more information, to join the mailing list, and to RSVP, please contact Ryan McDermott: mcdermott@virginia.edu.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

### 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.

### Sunday Mass on Grounds During Academic Year

When the students are here there will be Sunday Mass in the UVA Chapel at 9:00PM.



## SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 60 and older  
Barbara Brodie • bb9w@virginia.edu

### Fall Day of Recollection

Sat, Oct 3. Fr Thomas Joseph White, OP, from the Dominican House of Studies, will present "The Mystery of the Eucharist: Real Presence of Christ and Sacrifice of the Cross". The day begins with 9AM Mass followed by the presentation. A box lunch is available for \$11 to those who wish to enjoy lunch with fellow seniors. Please call the parish office by Sept 30 to order lunch, and make your check out to St Thomas Aquinas Church.

### Coffee Break

Oct 13, 10AM-12PM, in classroom 2. Paul Harnois, chair of the St Thomas Mission for Haiti, will give a brief talk about the village, the children and the status of our parish's activities on behalf of the St Michel community. The presentation will begin at 10:45 and last for about half an hour, including a Q&A period. Please join us.

### Christmas Gifts for the Children of St Michel

The Senior Ministry requests donations in order to provide Christmas gifts for the approximately 500 school children of our twinned parish in Saltadère, Haiti. **All parishioners** are encouraged to participate in this effort. Please consider prayerfully a generous donation for these children who have very little. Checks are to be made payable to St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; we ask that you donate as soon as possible so that we may have all the contributions in time for the presentation. **Very important: Write on the memo line: Senior Xmas Gift Haiti.** The checks should be given/sent to: Susan Phillips in the St Thomas Parish office; or, you may place them in the offering basket during Mass, appropriately marked. Thank you!

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

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

**Sponsorship Drive Oct 3 & 4:** There are now 106 unsponsored children at St Michel School. Stop by after Mass to sponsor a child and thus help with the funding of the new school year. **St**

**Thomas Aquinas Seniors:** The senior group is collecting monetary donations toward Christmas gifts for the children of St Michel School. Please take note of the details in the Senior section of the bulletin.

**Feast of St Michael:** Join with our brothers and sisters in Saltadère as they celebrate their patronal feast of St Michael on Sept 29. Our twin parish is the intention of the 5:15 Mass this day. **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 at Holy Comforter Church on Oct 18. **Contact:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Food Collection for Holy Comforter**

Thank you for your continued support of those in need. We are collecting the following items this fall: canned fruit, chunky soups and meat/tuna, instant oatmeal, instant breakfast packages and toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Please drop your donations in the food baskets upstairs or downstairs.

**Perishable Food Donation Program**

Thank you volunteers!

**Volunteers Needed to Make Dessert**

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

**IMPACT**

We are gearing up for the next cycle of IMPACT and we'd like to invite you to be part of it! This year we will be pairing with the Church of the Incarnation to build relationships and discuss community problems that IMPACT should work on next. Please come to our final bilingual meeting, it is open to all parishioners of both parishes. Join us to tell what you find troubling in the community. This issue could be something you feel personally, have heard at your work place or school, through a family member or friend. Or just join us to listen to what others have to say. The results of the listening sessions being held in all 30 IMPACT congregations will help to shape the presentations at the Oct 19th Fall Assembly at St Thomas Aquinas where we will vote on the next issue for IMPACT to work on this year. **The final meeting is Oct 4th from 6:30-8:00PM following the Sunday 5:15PM Mass at St Thomas Aquinas. Food will be provided.** For information contact Bob Fehse at [bobf5a@embarqmail.com](mailto:bobf5a@embarqmail.com).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought**

Opens its 2009-2010 Public Lecture Series on Sept 30, at 7PM in Minor Hall at UVA. Fr Brendan McAnerney, OP, a well-known iconography artist in the Byzantine tradition, an art historian, and Director of the DominICON Ministry--will give a public lecture on "Holy Icons - Holy Churches: The Sacred Art of Iconography." All are welcome for what promises to be an illuminating evening. For more details, please see [www.stanselmstitute.org](http://www.stanselmstitute.org).

**America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally**

Sat, Oct 10, 12PM-2PM, at Sts Peter & Paul Church in Palmyra. Please bring a lawn chair and water bottle with you for the outdoor Rosary. For more information contact: Carol 434-589-5339 or Vito 804-337-9013.

**Women's Cursillo Retreat Weekend Oct 22-25**

Led by a team of local Catholic women, with Msgr Chet Michael and Fr Dan Bain participating as spiritual directors. Mass and prayers will be held each day, along with talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Cost: \$30.00 (although donations will be accepted at the end of the weekend to allow others to have a Cursillo Weekend experience). Info/downloadable applications available at [www.valleycursillo.com/faq.html](http://www.valleycursillo.com/faq.html). Contact: Fran or Marshall Slayton at [valleycursillo@valleycursillo.com](mailto:valleycursillo@valleycursillo.com) or 434-293-5253.

**Boy Scout Retreatoree**

Oct 2,3 & 4 at Mary Mother of the Church Benedictine Abbey celebrating Benedict XVI's "Year for Priests". For Boy Scouts between the 6th and 12th grades. Troops will register as units, individuals register as provisional Scouts that will be assigned to a unit. What is the Retreatoree? Fun with a religious message, planned by the Diocese of Richmond Catholic Committee on Scouting (DRCCS). Each Unit must bring their own tents, food and camping gear. Pre-event planning packet will be sent to unit leaders immediately following registration. Registration and Information: Erik and Pam Lees (757) 221-6527

## 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. **\$150 discount for those signing up by the end of September.**

**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."

# St. Thomas Aquinas Friars



2009

**September 26th - Saturday**  
**September 29th - Wednesday**  
**October 5th - Monday**  
**October 10th - Saturday**  
**October 18th - Sunday**  
**November 4th - Wednesday**  
**November 11th - Wednesday**  
**December 5th - Saturday**

**50th Anniversary**  
**Blue Mass**  
**Red Mass**  
**Mass and Mimosa**  
**White Mass**  
**St Martin de Porres Lecture**  
**Military Mass**  
**Joy and Light**

**Police, Fire, Rescue**  
**Legal profession**  
**Alumni Breakfast**  
**Medical Profession**  
**Charity in Truth**  
**Active, Retired, Reserve, Vets**  
**CSM Students**

2010

**January 27th - Wednesday**  
**March**  
**April 28th - Wednesday**  
**May 22nd - Saturday**  
**June 14th - Sunday**  
**August 8th - Sunday**  
**August 10th - Tuesday**  
**September 14th - 25th**

**St Thomas Aquinas Lecture**  
**5k Run**  
**St Catherine Lecture**  
**Baccalaureate Mass**  
**Solemnity of Corpus Christi**  
**Solemnity of St Dominic**  
**Annual STA Barbecue**  
**In the Footsteps of St. Dominic**    **Pilgrimage to Spain and France**

**Students/Parents/Alumni**

**Reception, Blessing of Dogs**

## Celebrating 50 Years

1959 - 2009