



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last week was a wonderful celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Dominicans in Charlottesville. It was wonderful to see so many familiar Dominicans for the weekend! I would like to thank all who were involved in preparing for the festivities. A special word of thanks goes to our Bishop, Francis DiLorenzo, for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and celebrate with us!

Last week we also had a wonderful faculty student dinner co-sponsored by the St Anselm Institute and the Catholic Student Ministry. The St Anselm Institute is a wonderful organization for Catholic faculty at the University. For more information check out their website at www.stanselm.institute.org.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP

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.

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.



Baptism

We welcome Anthony Joseph Bibb, Adam Nicholas Brill, and Collin Matthew Brill who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of October 4, 2009

- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: *Our Lady of the Rosary*
Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: *St Louis Bertrand, OP*
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

- 8:30 AM Respect Life
- 5:15 PM Theodore † & Margie Voneski

Sunday, October 4

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM David Brisson
- 11:30 AM Patrick Reilly †
- 5:15 PM Maria Parker & Jonathan Gosdin

Monday, October 5

- 8:00 AM Carl Gregory †
- 5:15 PM Jackie Barcomb

Tuesday, October 6

- 8:00 AM Fr Gregory Maturi, OP
- 5:15 PM Dave Bailey

Wednesday, October 7

- 8:00 AM Christine Harnois †
- 5:15 PM Edward Harris †

Thursday, October 8

- 8:00 AM Doris Lauffs †
- 5:15 PM June Bailey

Friday, October 9

- 8:00 AM Geraldine Roels †
- 5:15 PM George Kessler †

Saturday, October 10

- 8:30 AM Deceased of the Dominican Laity
- No 5:15 PM Mass—UVA Home Football Game**

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Victoria Amparo Villar, Matthew Grimes, Linda Weinhardt, Patrick Howell, Joe Guyton, Vincent Burins, LTC Mike Devine, Tomesa 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.

Memorial Flower Donations

In addition to having a Mass said, you can remember your loved ones by dedicating the altar flower arrangements that beautify the Church. Please call Marta at the office for details.

PARISH FINANCES

September 27, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory	12,647.39
Parish Charities	3,782.00
Other Income.....	187.46
Building Fund.....	900.00

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of September 22, 2009

Previous Mortgage Balance	\$282,814.00
Mortgage Reduction	21,000.00
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 Church, Lynchburg. Leaders: Catherine Combier-Donovan (Diocesan Office of Worship) and Rebecca McCord (Holy Cross Music Director). This pastoral and catechetical workshop is for training and enrichment of those involved in 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.

Red Mass of the Holy Spirit

On Mon, Oct 5, at 5:15PM, to ask for blessings and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all involved in the Judicial System & Legal Profession. If you are a law student or 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. "To Souls enamored of God, hours spent before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament appear moments." (St Alphonsus Liguori) Have you thought about spending one hour with the Lord? To sign up contact Sylvia Lobo at srmlobo@hotmail.com or call 244-5619.

Sunday 11:30AM Folk Choir

We invite new singers and musicians especially students 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 Sunday Mass and Holy Days, we participate in the Holy Week combined choir. If Thursday rehearsals, 6-8PM, don't fit into your schedule then please join us on Sundays, 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 church. Contact John at: utre@comcast.net.

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, join us for a new 6-week study "Parables of the Kingdom" on Tuesdays, 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. Childcare available for a fee on a limited basis. If interested contact Patty at gazewood@embarqmail.com or call 973-6802.

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. The next meeting is on Oct 17 in the community room. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

"What is the Dominican Laity?"

To find out please consider joining us for breakfast and our meeting on Sat, Oct 10, at Charlottesville Catholic School on Pen Park Rd. 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.

Silent Auction

The Knights of Columbus will hold a silent auction on Nov 15. If there are any businesses or parishioners who would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please call Mike Moyles at 978-1204. Thank you!

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. Phone 964-1111 or email parishadvocate@stauva.org.

Knights of Columbus College Council

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. We invite students and men of our parish to join. For further info 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 Wed, Oct 7, with the Rosary at 6:45PM and General Meeting at 7:00.



RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

PreK-5 • Chris Gilbert 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org
Gr 6-12 • Michael Balazs 293 8081x16 • michael@stauva.org

No Lifeteen/EDGE Today

We will resume October 11.

Confirmation Meeting

Oct 11 at 3:30PM.

Bake Sale Today in St Thomas Hall

Sun, Oct 4, after all the Masses. Please support our youth who are trying to raise funds to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City in November.

Catholic Worker House Service Project

Sat, Oct 10, 1-4PM. A Catholic Worker House was recently founded here in Charlottesville, but before it can start serving the community it needs a little TLC. All middle and high school youth are invited to help with various projects at the Catholic Worker House. RSVP by Oct 5 to youth@stauva.org.

Capture the Flag

Fri, Oct 16, 7-9PM. All high school youth are invited to join us at Charlottesville Catholic School for a night of capture the flag.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For parishioners 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.

St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought

Is starting a group for Catholic grad students in all disciplines and schools at UVA meant to support students in their intellectual, academic, and professional vocations. If 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. Website: www.stanselmminstitute.org

Young Adult Festival

Journey: God's Plan for Life and Love, on Sat, Oct 10, at John Paul II Cultural Center in DC. Register at www.journeydc.org.

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. **There is no chapel Mass on Oct 4.**



SENIOR MINISTRY

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

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 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 soon so that we may have all the contributions in time for the presentation. **Very important: Write on the memo line: Senior Xmas Gift Haiti.** 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 Michel Parish, Saltadère, Haiti*

Sponsorship Drive Oct 3 & 4: There are now 107 children of St Michel School who have no sponsor. Stop by after Mass this weekend to sponsor a child and thus help with the funding of the new school year. Sponsorship is \$10/month or \$120/year. Learn more about the school and the children when you stop by. Ask about the new ninth grade class of students and how the school garden is growing. **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. **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.

**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.

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. Communicate what you find troubling in the community. The issue could be something you feel personally, have heard at your work 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 more info contact Bob Fehse at bofb5a@embarqmail.com.

Charlottesville Catholic Worker

A Catholic Worker house has been started by Laura and Steve Brown and family modeled after the work of Dorothy Day and her commitment to the poor through hospitality. The Browns will have an information table in the link on Oct 11 following each Mass. Stop by to find out more! Note: This house is not under the auspices of the Diocese of Richmond.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Day of Support for Infant Loss

Hannah's Hope is offering a day of support for anyone who has lost an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death on Sat, Oct 24, from 10-3PM at Church of the Incarnation. Come spend time with other bereaved parents as you work through the journey of healing. Lunch and all materials will be provided. For more information or to register contact Kathleen Olowin at kmolowin@gmail.com or 975-3605.

Infant Memorial Mass

A Mass of remembrance for infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death will be held on Wed, Nov 4, at 7:30PM at Church of the Incarnation. Families will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of each child. Please RSVP to Kathleen Olowin at kmolowin@gmail.com or 975-3605.

17th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

Oct 2-12 in DC. On **Oct 10**, Journey Conference—God's Plan for Life and Love at the JPPII Cultural Center (www.journeydc.org). On **Oct 11**, the God's Plan for Live and Love Awards Banquet will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. On **Oct 12**, a Eucharistic Prayer Vigil at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mass at 12 Noon. For more info, go to www.iwopf.org.

Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)

As of Oct 1, CCS is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your family, please contact Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator at 434-964-0400 or a.michel@cvillecatholic.org for more info and to schedule a tour. We also encourage you to view our website at cvillecatholic.org. Applications for admission may be downloaded from the Admissions section.

Job Opening at the Diocesan Office of Finance

Wanted: Full-time Administrative Assistant to provide support to the Finance Director, Assistant Director and Controller. Details available at www.richmonddiocese.org/human/. Application closing date is October 14.

The Order of Carmel, Discalced Seculars

Meets at St Francis of Assisi Church in Staunton. For info contact Cathie Lillis at 434-974-1325.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Pilgrimages

For info contact Julie Zackrisson at 296-4615 or 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."

Red Mass



**First Monday in October
October 5th at 5:15 P.M.**

*To Invoke Divine Guidance Upon
Supreme Court Justices, Judges, Attorneys, Law Students,
and all those in the Legal Profession*

White Mass



**Feast of St. Luke, Patron
Sunday, October 18th at 9:00 A.M.**

*To Invoke Blessings Upon Physicians, Dentists,
Nurses, Medical/Dental/Nursing Students,
and all those in the Health Care Profession*