



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A special word of welcome to all the Alumni who are visiting for Homecoming weekend! I hope you have enjoyed your time visiting with us, and know that we keep you all in prayer.

The gospel this week is the story of the rich young man who asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Our Lord gets back to basics and tells him to follow the commandments. This of course is THE starting point for holiness. Following the commandments properly orders one's primary relationships with God and others and keeps one in the state of grace. But our Lord does not stop there. He extends the invitation to go deeper. The rich young man is invited to sell what he has, give to the poor and follow the Lord. Now all of us may not have this call to radical poverty. However the call of charity is universal. To move towards perfection, one needs to grow in love of God and neighbor and to simply follow our Lord. The call of love will bring us to our share in the redemptive sacrifice of the cross. But our own Easter Sunday is worth any Good Friday we endure!

God Bless,  
Fr Luke

**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 24, and 31, November 14 and 28. On these days, the church will be locked up following the 8:30 AM daily Mass.



One of our parishioners, unable to drive due to legal blindness, needs assistance once a month with transportation to do errands. She will gladly contribute to gas. If interested, please contact Lauryn, e-mail 1madam.butterfly@comcast.net or phone 434-964-1111.

**Baptism**

We welcome Savannah Catherine Hudtloff who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

**Readings for the Week of October 11, 2009**

- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: *St Teresa of Jesus*  
Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*  
Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: *St Ignatius of Antioch*  
Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 10**

8:30 AM Deceased of the Dominican Laity

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

**Sunday, October 11**

7:30 AM Irene Gilmore

9:00 AM For the People

11:30 AM Bill & Janice Dillon

5:15 PM Marcelina Cruz †

**Monday, October 12**

8:00 AM L William Lampkin, Sr †

5:15 PM Thelma LaBombard

**Tuesday, October 13**

8:00 AM Dominic Vu †

5:15 PM Fred Porter

**Wednesday, October 14**

8:00 AM Deceased Vu Family Members †

5:15 PM Stryker Family

**Thursday, October 15**

8:00 AM Susan Lee †

5:15 PM Berta Almandoz †

**Friday, October 16**

8:00 AM Helen James

5:15 PM Clara Suarez †

**Saturday, October 17**

8:30 AM Narciso Alvaro †

5:15 PM Jim Knight †

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Lauren Mara Miller, Mary Gallo, 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**

**October 4, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,289.78
Offertory .....	17,634.76
Parish Charities .....	1,969.00
Other Income.....	1,582.13
Building Fund.....	9,187.40

**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.

### 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.

*They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." — Mk 10:26-27*

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## 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.

### 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 actual Holy Land sites and filmed on location with Stephen Ray. Each presentation is a stand alone session. The next meetings are Oct 17 and Nov 7 in the community room. Info: sackandpam@comcast.net

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Parish Council Elections

Please take time to vote in the Parish Council Elections to be held the weekend of October 17/18. Poster boards with candidates' pictures and biographies are set-up in the Link and Parish Hall. A take-home version is available as well. Four of our eleven Council seats are up for election this year.

### 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!

### 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, Nov 4, with the Rosary at 6:45PM and General Meeting at 7:00.



## RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

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Gr 6-12 • Michael Balazs 293 8081x16 • michael@stauva.org

### Confirmation— Session 1: *Salvation...*

This weekend we had our first Confirmation session of the year. Fr Scordo joined us to follow up on last week's LifeNight relating to "The Fall" with two uplifting talks relating to Salvation. His first talk was a personal story based on John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is the cornerstone of the Christian faith, and the story of salvation summed up very concisely. His second talk expanded on the idea of what it means to partake in the Divine Life. In particular he spoke about how through the Sacraments, given to us by Jesus Christ, we now have the Grace to see as God sees and love as God loves.

### LifeTeen – Session 3: *Salvation...*

In our first session we discussed how and why God created us. While in the second session we talked about how despite the great gift of life we had been given, we were impatient and disobeyed God's will. This week, we complete this redemptive trilogy with the story of the salvation God promised us through His son, Jesus Christ. We focused on the fact that the salvation we receive is continual and not just to free us from Original Sin. **CHALLENGE:** Take some time to think about how your sin has affected those around you. Pick one person who has been affected by your sin and without making a show of it do something "Good" for them.

### EDGE Challenge

When things aren't as perfect as we would like, how strong are we in our commitment to God? When things are going well we sometimes forget God's presence in our lives. However, in being committed to God through prayer, the sacraments, reading the Bible and daily devotions we continually build our relationship with God so that it is stronger in rough times. Ruth and Esther of the Old Testament stood by their faith with a strong commitment to God and family. Their courage helped them in their times of need. Where do we turn in our times of need? God? Do we also turn to God in the good times? In thanksgiving, praise and friendship?

### Upcoming Youth/Family Events

**Capture the Flag:** All High School youth are invited to join us at Charlottesville Catholic School for a night of capture the flag on 10/16 from 7 – 9 PM.

**Impact Assembly:** Everyone should join us and other Faith communities from around Charlottesville for the Impact Assembly at St Thomas on 10/19 from 6:30 – 8PM m to discuss issues of injustice in the Charlottesville community and to work towards tangible solutions.

**Ignite.242:** A heart renewing night of praise and worship, teaching, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration held in St Thomas Hall on 10/20 from 7:30 - 9:30PM. (www.ignite242.com)

### Upcoming Parent Events

**Got Faith? How 'bout your kids?:** We would like to invite all EE, EDGE and LifeTeen parents to come join us for our first of four Parent Sessions this year on 10/18, 6:30 - 8PM (during EDGE/LifeTeen). The night will include dinner and a guest speaker to discuss the problems and challenges parents face in being Faith role models to their children. RSVP not required but requested. Babysitting will be provided but kids need to be pre-registered. Please contact us by 10/15 at youth@stauva.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.

## 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.

## 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!

### Seniors to Host Dinner for Students

The Senior Ministry is hosting a dinner for the Campus Ministry Students in St Thomas Hall Tues, Oct 20, at 6PM. We are serving a Big Jim's dinner of chicken, barbeque, baked beans, cold slaw and pasta salad plus some homemade desserts. We are expecting a large turnout of students who are looking forward to meeting and dining with the seniors. If you would like to join us for the dinner please contact the parish office by 5PM on Thur, Oct 15. The cost of the dinner for the seniors is \$11 and checks, made out to St Thomas Church, can be sent or delivered to the Parish Office. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and speak to many of the St Thomas Catholic students that we see during the year at our church services.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

**Sponsorship Drive:** Thanks to all who stopped by to talk and sponsor a student last weekend. Many children have sponsors, but you may still sponsor one and help with the funding of the new school year at St Michel's. Sponsorship is \$10/month or \$120/year. Contact [sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com). Stop by the Haiti Table downstairs to learn more about Haiti ministry.

**Another way to help St Michel School:** We are raffling a beautiful quilted wall hanging from Haiti and five other prizes in early December. Purchase tickets from committee members at a table in the link on designated weekends. You can view a photo collage of the prizes on the Haiti table downstairs. Fill out the raffle coupons there and place your completed forms and a check (checks only) in the envelopes provided for that purpose and drop the envelope in the "HAITI MAIL BOX" on that table. All proceeds benefit St Michel School. Thank you for your support. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee next meets at Holy Comforter Church on Oct 18. E-mail Paul Harnois, [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com) to learn more about the Haiti Committee.

**Food Collection for Holy Comforter**

Thank you for your continued support. We are collecting the following: **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**

Thank you to those who attended one of the three bilingual listening sessions with Church of the Incarnation. The most pressing issues from the 30 IMPACT congregations will be presented at the **Fall Assembly at St Thomas Aquinas on Oct 19 at 6:30PM**. All members of the congregations are invited to vote on which issue IMPACT should focus this year.

**Charlottesville Catholic Worker**

A Catholic Worker House has been started by Laura & Steve Brown & family modeled after the work of Dorothy Day and her commitment to the poor through hospitality. They will have an information table in the link this Sunday following all Masses. In addition, all are welcome to attend the inauguration of the Catholic Worker House of Hospitality and Urban Farm on Sat Oct 17 from 11-3:00PM. The day will include a Catholic house blessing at 11:30AM, lunch at noon, and from 1-3:00PM kids activities and showings of Dorothy Day films. Bring family and friends for any part of the day! Please RSVP for lunch by Oct 12 - call Laura Brown at 973-4381 ext. 118 or email [cvillecw@gmail.com](mailto:cvillecw@gmail.com). We hope to see you at the Charlottesville Catholic Worker, located at 911 Nassau Street behind Rives Park. Note: This Catholic Worker House is independent of the Diocese of Richmond.

**Death Penalty Film Screening**

*Juan Melendez-6446* will be shown at St Thomas on Sun, Nov 1, at 12:30PM in the Hall. This is the story of a Puerto Rican migrant farmer falsely accused of murder in Florida. Following, there will be a presentation on Catholic Social Teaching, an overview of the death penalty in Virginia, Q&A and discussion. For more info, contact Beth at [beth@vadvp.org](mailto:beth@vadvp.org) or 960-7779. This event is open to the public and sponsored by the Virginia Catholic Conference, Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and St Thomas Aquinas Church. Refreshments will be served.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The St Anselm Institute**

Welcomes Boston College Professor Paul Mariani on Thurs, Oct 22. Mariani is a widely acclaimed authority on British and American poetry and literature. His public lecture on "The Poetry of Fr Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ" begins at 5PM in Minor Hall Auditorium. For information, see [www.stanselmminstitute.org](http://www.stanselmminstitute.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kmolowin@gmail.com) or 975-3605.

**Classical Chamber Music Benefit Concert**

Please join the Charlottesville Catholic School community in St Dunstan Chapel for a chamber music concert on Sun, Oct 18, at 3PM for an afternoon of Bach, Schubert, Cassado and Kreisler. Performers will include cellists Pavel Dovgalyuk and Max Rabinovitsj, violinist Tanya Anisimova and concertmaster David Colwell. CCS's own competition choir will also be featured. Children are encouraged to attend. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations to CCS gladly accepted.

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

Is accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year. If you are interested in a Catholic education, please contact Ann Michel, at 434-964-0400 or [a.michel@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.michel@cvillecatholic.org) for more info and to schedule a tour. We also encourage you to view our website at [cvillecatholic.org](http://cvillecatholic.org). Applications for admission may be downloaded from the Admissions section.

**Canonization of St Jeanne Jugan**

Mass of celebration at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, Thurs, Oct 29, 7PM. Info: 804-359-5651.

## 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."

# IMPACT'S FALL ASSEMBLY

Monday, October 19, 6:30 PM  
St Thomas Aquinas Church

The 30 member congregations will gather to decide on one issue (in addition to early childhood education) to focus on this year to help bring about a greater degree of justice for low income individuals in our area. Join us.

## PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!