



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What a wonderful encounter blind Bartimaeus has with our Lord in today's gospel. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is passing by and makes quite a scene in his exasperation to meet him. "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" The gospel tells us that many rebuked him in order to silence him. But Jesus calls him. Many rebuked him... That haunts me for some reason. Here is a blind man calling out to Jesus and he is rebuked! Many people we all know are desiring an encounter with Jesus. Do we rebuke them? Or do we encourage them and bring them where they need to go?

"Take courage, get up, Jesus is calling you." Jesus is indeed calling each of us and this should give us courage. At each Mass we encounter the same Lord. Do we take it for granted and become blind to this awesome reality? Bartimaeus was eager and expectant when he met our Lord and he was healed. May our eager and expectant hearts open us to this wonderful encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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: Oct 31, Nov 14 & 28. On these days, the church will be locked up following the 8:30 AM daily Mass.

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.

Help Needed

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.

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2009

- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: *St Simon and St Jude*
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
- Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24

8:30 AM Abel Cuadros

NO 5:15 PM Mass - UVA Home Football Game

Sunday, October 25

7:30 AM Robin Sevachko

9:00 AM Joseph & Dolores Pean

11:30 AM Dee Kizewic †

5:15 PM For the People

Monday, October 26

8:00 AM Cora Cason

5:15 PM Joe Brown †

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 AM Concetta Scordo †

5:15 PM Ada & Ray Townsend †

Wednesday, October 28

8:00 AM Jayne Sass

5:15 PM Luther Fry †

Thursday, October 29

8:00 AM Elston Hubert Swanson †

5:15 PM Luther Fry †

Friday, October 30

8:00 AM Marie & Donald Zlatkovich †

5:15 PM Edward Czech †

Saturday, October 31

8:30 AM Anne Margaret Daglieri †

NO 5:15 PM Mass - UVA Home Football Game

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Brad Gentry, Michael Mitchell, Consuelo Benson, 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.

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 18, 2009—Figures available next week

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,879.78
Offertory	
Parish Charities	
Other Income.....	
Building Fund.....	

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. **We need someone to fill the 2-3PM hour on Thursdays.**

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.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. — Mk 10:51-52

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ADULT EDUCATION

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Natural Family Planning

Upcoming classes for STM method will be held on Thursdays, Nov 5 & 12 at 7:30PM. If you are interested in registering, please email: chvillenfp@yahoo.com. Check out our facebook page (search Charlottesville NFP) for further dates and announcements.

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.

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 Nov 7 & 21 in the Community Room. Info: sackandpam@comcast.net

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St Martin de Porres Lecture Reception

Help is needed to bring food for the reception on Nov 4. There is a sign up in the Link next to the coordinator's table. Any kind of hors d'oeuvres or dessert would be most appreciated.

Alternative Gift Fair

Will be held Nov 7 & 8 following each Mass, featuring fair trade handicrafts and food produced by low income artisans and farmers in the US and around the world.

Silent Auction

The Knights of Columbus will hold a silent auction on **Nov 21 and 22 (change of date)**. If there are any businesses or parishioners who would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please call Mike Moyles at 978-1204.

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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. 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. 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

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

LifeTeen – Session 5: To Be or Not To Be a Saint...

This week the students are learning about the saints. The saints are an extremely diverse group of ordinary men and women with one thing in common: a desire to follow God's will in their lives. God is calling each and everyone of us to become a saint!

CHALLENGE: Find out more about a saint you are interested in. Ask your parents if they chose a saint for Confirmation and if so, who. This week we also started a novena to the saints, continue this prayer over the next eight days.

EDGE Challenge

Perseverance: Steady persistence in a course of action or purpose in spite of difficulties, obstacles or discouragement. We are called to rely and lean on God. He will always help us to persevere in faith no matter what obstacles or barriers we encounter. Nehemiah faced incredible odds when God asked him to accomplish an almost impossible task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. He placed his complete trust in God and persevered in his task. Like Nehemiah and the Jewish people, as followers of Jesus Christ, we will encounter those who will ridicule us for our faith. How do you rely and lean on God to help you through your daily struggles?

Upcoming Youth/Family Events

Crossroads: A night of fun for all middle school youth at Charlottesville Catholic School. We will be playing games like dodge ball, capture the flag, and much, much more on 11/6 from 7:00 - 9:00PM.

Fall Retreat: High schoolers are invited to join their peers for a weekend away from town on our awesome Fall Retreat. Great music, great speakers, and a time to grow deeper in faith and closer to the Lord. The registration form can be found online at stauvaym.blogspot.com. The cost is \$50.

SCRIP

This past weekend the kickoff of our new SCRIP program was a huge success, we sold \$5230 towards our goal of selling \$100k+ over the next 12 months.

Christmas Order Forms: New this year— we will be doing a *Christmas Gift Card Sales Drive!* You can find order forms and details at the SCRIP table or online at stauvaym.blogspot.com under SCRIP on the right hand side.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a quick and easy way to support our programs and those of the Charlottesville Catholic School with **NO out-of-pocket cost** to you. You simply purchase gift and grocery cards from us at **100% of their value** and we receive a portion of the proceeds.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Knights of Columbus and CSM

Our college council will host a CSM (Catholic Student Ministry) dinner on Tuesday, October 27. All young Catholic men are invited to attend to meet our council members, learn about our activities and share an excellent meal prepared by the Knights. We look forward to an enjoyable evening.

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

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 your contribution be received by October 30 to allow for presentation to Père Blot when he visits the parish in early November. **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!

November Coffee Break

Wednesday, November 11. We are changing the regular date of the meeting back to the **2nd Wednesday of the month** so we can meet in the **Community Room**, which is a better space for socializing. We'll have a brief presentation by member Sally O'Neil on *Herbs in the Christian Tradition at Christmastime*. We also hope to have Père Blot, from St Michel's Parish in Saltadère, visit us to receive the funds we've gathered for Christmas gifts for the 500 children in the parish school.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Haitian Station

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

Père Blot Visit: Nov 7 & 8. See more details next week. **Sponsorship Drive:** You can still sponsor a child and help with the funding of the new school year at St Michel's. Sponsorship is \$10/month or \$120/year. To learn more, contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com or stop by the Haiti table downstairs. **St Thomas Aquinas Seniors:** The senior group is collecting monetary donations toward Christmas gifts for the children of St Michel School. Please note the details in the Senior section of the bulletin. **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 next meeting is at St Thomas Aquinas on Nov 15, at 1PM. To learn more e-mail Paul Harnois, lphmch@embarqmail.com.

**Food Collection for Holy Comforter**

Thank you for your continued giving! The pantry appreciates the following items: **canned fruit, chunky soups and meat/tuna, instant oatmeal, instant breakfast packages and toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)** Please leave your donations in the food baskets upstairs or downstairs

IMPACT

Thank you to those 27 who came to the Assembly! The next issue the congregations voted to focus on was Interpretive (Translation) Services. IMPACT will also continue to work on Preschool Education (issue from last year). If anyone is interested in being part of a research team for Preschool Education or Interpretive Services please contact Bridget Davis at slainte@embarqmail.com.

Death Penalty Film: Juan Melendez-6446

Will be shown in St Thomas Hall on Sun, Nov 1, at 12:30PM. This is the story of a Puerto Rican migrant farmer falsely accused of murder in FL. Following, there will be a presentation on Catholic Social Teaching, an overview of the death penalty in VA, Q&A and discussion. For more info, contact Beth at 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

Canonization of St Jeanne Jugan

Bishop Francis X DiLorenzo and Bishop Walter F Sullivan extend their cordial invitation to attend the Mass in honor of the canonization of St Jeanne Jugan, Foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Light refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Parish Hall immediately following Mass.

Charlottesville Catholic School

As we prepare for our 14th Annual Gala Auction, we are welcoming donations of use of a vacation home, gift certificate for a hotel stay, frequent flier miles, timeshares or other types of destination packages. If you are able to donate, please email Keri-Ann Byrne at development@cvillecatholic.org. All donations must be received by 12/7/09. Thank you!

"Giving the Gift of Life" National Donor Sabbath

Nov 13-15. National Donor Sabbath is a time for faith communities to observe and support organ & tissue donation by registering your donation wishes and sharing your decision with your family. Donation & transplantation saves lives. There is a critical shortage of organ donors with 103,000 people waiting on the national transplant list, 2500 of them are Virginians. Three Virginians die each week waiting for an organ transplant that doesn't come in time. One donor can save 7 lives through organ donation (heart, liver, pancreas, 2 kidneys, 2 lungs) and enhance more than 100 lives through tissue donation. Give the gift of life...sign up to be an organ and tissue donor.

Weekend Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness

Dec 11-13 at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. This is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes Dec 1. Please call as soon as possible Dominican Retreat (703-356-4243) or Doug Sebek (703-860-4929).

JABA Caregiver Support Groups

Tues, 1-2PM and Thurs, 5:30-6:30PM. All age caregivers welcome. Call 434-817-5222. Website: www.jabacares.org

Finding Serenity Group of Codependents Anonymous

Thurs, 7PM, at Sts Peter & Paul in Palmyra. For more information, please contact Robin B at 434-987-5667.

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. We will also spend one day and night in beautiful Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."

Love in Truth: Catholic Food for Political Thought

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 4
7:30 P.M.**

***Reception
Following
In St. Thomas
Hall***



FR. FRANCIS BELANGER, O.P.

Are Catholics liberal or conservative? Don't answer that question until you hear about Catholic social teaching, sometimes called the best kept secret in the Church. For over a century, popes have issued encyclical letters concerning precisely those issues which relate to politics. War, peace, labor, human life, poverty and social aid, the moral element of economics: all of these have been the subject of theological reflection. Come hear about Pope Benedict's new social encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, which brings Catholic teaching up to date in light of globalization, the economic crisis, bioethical considerations, and other pressing issues in the world today. Most of all we are Christians, called to bring the mind and heart of Christ into public life.

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