



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This week our parish welcomes Père Blot from our twin parish Saint Michel's in Saltadère, Haiti. Père Blot will be speaking at all the Masses about Saint Michel's and all the wonderful work that is being done through your generous support. Please give him your typical warm welcome.

We also have our Alternative Gift Fair. Come on by St Thomas Hall and support the various causes that will be represented. Since Christmas shopping in our culture begins before Labor Day, we have some catching up to do!

God Bless,  
Fr Luke

**Fall Mass and Confession Schedule**

There will be no morning confessions or evening Vigil Mass on Nov 14 & 28 due to the closing of Alderman Road for home football games. The church will be locked up following the 8:30 AM daily Mass.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Congratulations to the four newly elected members of the Parish Council: Julie Zackrisson, Judy Zacharias, Sylvia Lobo and Paul Harnois. We would also like to thank all the well-qualified candidates who ran and were willing to serve the Parish in this important Ministry.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines**

- 12 Noon Mon Nov 16 for the bulletin of Nov 22
- 12 Noon Fri Nov 20 for the bulletin of Nov 29

**Caregiver Needed**

For various weekday/weekend hours for 7 year-old with autism. For info, please contact swtharp@earthlink.net.

**Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009**

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
- Monday: *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
- Tuesday: *St Leo the Great*  
Wis 2:23---3:9/Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: *St Martin of Tours*  
Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: *St Josaphat*  
Wis 7:22b---8:1/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: *St Frances Xavier Cabrini*  
Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: *All Souls of the Order of Preachers*  
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 7**

- 8:30 AM Respect Life
- 5:15 PM Domenica & Lawrence Daglieri, Sr †

**Sunday, November 8**

- 7:30 AM Deceased Brothers & Sisters of the Order of Preachers
- 9:00 AM For the People
- 11:30 AM Elmer Dreyer †
- 5:15 PM Ollie Trouille Vidrine †

**Monday, November 9**

- 8:00 AM Kennedy Family
- 5:15 PM Ted Lavadia

**Tuesday, November 10**

- 8:00 AM William Donovan O'Neill
- 5:15 PM Poor Souls

**Wednesday, November 11**

- 8:00 AM Ollie Trouille Vidrine †
- 5:15 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Military

**Thursday, November 12**

- 8:00 AM Claire Hogan †
- 5:15 PM Elmer Dreyer †

**Friday, November 13**

- 8:00 AM Claire Hogan †
- 5:15 PM Adrienne Martins †

**Saturday, November 14**

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

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Duncan Campbell, Dave Watters, Ted Oakey, 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, 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.

**Baptism**

We welcome Eder Ariel Rosales Hernandez who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

**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**

**November 1, 2009**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,879.78
Offertory .....	18,073.82
Parish Charities .....	3,303.17
Other Income.....	1,302.40
Building Fund.....	8,094.46

**PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION**

**As of October 27, 2009**

Previous Mortgage Balance.....	\$261,814.00
Mortgage Reduction .....	12,200.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated .....	249,614.00

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marta Brannon • 293-8081 x18 • [marta@stauva.org](mailto:marta@stauva.org)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Is held every week, Wed 8:30AM—Thurs 5:00PM. Have you thought about spending just one hour with the Lord? Please consider it. Call 244-5619 or e-mail [srmlobo@hotmail.com](mailto:srmlobo@hotmail.com) for more information. **Please note that we will not have Adoration on Nov 25 and 26.**

### Sunday 11:30AM Folk Choir

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. 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](mailto:utre@comcast.net).

## ADULT EDUCATION

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

### Women's Little Rock Scripture Study

Please join us for a new 4 week study entitled "The Infancy Narratives of Jesus", 9-11AM in the Community Room beginning Tues, Nov 10. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be Emmanuel, "God with Us." The study combines prayer, study, fellowship and discussion with a diverse group of faithful women. Limited childcare is provided for a small fee. If interested, please notify Patty at [gazewood@embarqmail.com](mailto:gazewood@embarqmail.com) or 973-6802.

### 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 in St Thomas Hall. Info: [dre@stauva.org](mailto: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 21 & Dec 5 at 10AM in the Community Room. Info: [sackandpam@comcast.net](mailto:sackandpam@comcast.net)

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Mass for the Military

Fr. Joseph Scordo, OP, will celebrate a Mass for the Military honoring all veterans at 5:15 PM on Veterans Day, November 11, at St. Thomas Aquinas. Father Scordo is a retired Navy chaplain who has ministered to our military men and women for 20 years at numerous assignments including Kandahar, Afghanistan. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. All active duty, retired, reserve, and veterans are especially invited as well as their families, friends and any member of the parish.

### "What is the Dominican Laity?"

To find out please consider joining us for breakfast and our meeting on Sat, Nov 14 at Charlottesville Catholic School on Pen Park Rd. We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM, followed by 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)

### Mardi Gras 2010

Help is needed to plan and work on the Mardi Gras Party. If you can help or have ideas please email Pam at [sackandpam@comcast.net](mailto:sackandpam@comcast.net) or call 245-8827.

### Adopt-A-Student

Catholic Student Ministry (CSM) would like to launch an "Adopt-A-Student" Program whereby parishioners adopt university undergrads to help foster a sense of home for students who are separated from their families. CSM is also hoping to strengthen the ties between the parish and the students through this program. We would like to gauge interest before starting, so please contact Christine Gallagher to get involved or ask questions: [cmg8n@virginia.edu](mailto:cmg8n@virginia.edu).

### 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. **Urgently seeking USAir miles from generous parishioner.** Thank you!

### Knights of Columbus (K of C)

The K of C 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](mailto:rmsavino@comcast.net)), pick up a brochure in the Link, or see the Knights website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)). Our next meeting will be held in classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wednesday Dec 2 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 6: Who am I...

This week, we talked about our identities as Catholic Christians. Instead of trying to fit in, we discussed being true to ourselves, the selves God created us to be. God created us to be saints. Striving to be saints, our words and our actions should reflect what we believe. CHALLENGE: The challenge for the week is to make two lists: 1) detailing how you think others see you; and 2) how you want to be seen. Consider ways to reconcile these two images of yourself to be who God calls you to be.

### EDGE Challenge

Standing in confidence and security in our Catholic faith, especially during times when we may face rejection, isn't an easy task. The more we know about our faith and practice our faith the easier this becomes. Elijah and John the Baptist both stood alone and strong in their faith. Elijah called for the worship of Yahweh and the destruction of the false god Baal. John was firm in his calling for the repentance of sin and confronted the ruler Herod. Are we equipped and confident in our faith to do the same in the subtle ways before us or do we follow the crowd because we are afraid of not being accepted?

### Upcoming Youth/Family Events

**Hand to Hand Service Project:** All middle school youth and their families are invited to greet people gathering to share a dinner of thanksgiving and to distribute food baskets to those in need on 11/21 from 10AM-2PM. Please RSVP to Julie Balik (edge@stauva.org) by Nov 13.

### SCRIP

We are now three weekends into our new SCRIP program with the goal of selling \$100k+ in gift cards over the next 12 months. Thanks to your generous support we are off to an incredible start, we have sold ~\$10,000 in SCRIP cards already. To help us reach our goal, we will be selling SCRIP cards **every Sunday** both before and after Mass to make it easier for you to participate. **Christmas Order Forms:** New this year, we will be doing a *Christmas Gift Card Sales Drive!* You can find order forms online at stauvaym.blogspot.com under SCRIP on the right hand side.

**What is SCRIP?** SCRIP is 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 the their value and we receive a portion of the proceeds.

## 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.

## 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

### 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.

### In Appreciation

A heartfelt "thank you" to all who donated to our Christmas Gifts for the Children of St Michel Parish, Saltadère Fund Drive. Due to your generosity, we were able to collect \$2300! The presentation will be made to Père Blot at the Senior Coffee on November 11; the coffee hour begins at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

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

**Père Blot's Visit:** Father Blot is visiting Charlottesville this week. He will speak at all Masses at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday. He will be visiting with the Charlottesville Catholic School and the Catholic Student Ministry. He will join the Seniors for coffee and meet with our St Thomas Aquinas parishioners and with those at Holy Comforter. **Sponsorship Drive:** Many thanks to all who have sponsored a child or have renewed their sponsorship. There are still a number of children waiting for sponsors. You can sponsor a child and help with the funding of the new school year at St. Michel School. Sponsorship is \$10/month or \$120/year. To learn more, stop by the Haiti table downstairs or contact [sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com). **Alternative Giving Fair and Raffle:** Please stop by the "Haiti" table at the fair for some beautiful hand-crafted gifts (art, crafts, metalwork & cards) from Haiti. The raffle tickets for the quilted wall hanging and other prizes will be available too. Committee members will be glad to answer your questions about our twin parish. Look for Father Blot as well. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The next meeting will be here on Nov 15, at 1PM. 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 support! The pantry needs: **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**

A Research Kickoff Training will be held on Monday, Nov 9, at 7PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church for anyone interested in researching the issue of preschool education or Interpretive (Translation) Services. For more info contact Bridget Davis at [slainte@embarqmail.com](mailto:slainte@embarqmail.com).

**PACEM**

Thank you for signing up to help Incarnation host the men on Sunday, Nov 15.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The Poor Clares of Barhamsville, VA**

Will be conducting a day of discernment to the religious life for women between the ages of 16-35 on Sat, Nov 14. The day will consist of Mass, the Divine Office, Eucharistic Adoration, recreation, presentations and Q&A sessions. Lunch & light refreshments provided. Parents are invited to attend. RSVP to Mother Mary Clare at [mtstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:mtstfrancis@gmail.com) or 757-566-1684.

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

We are currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at (434)964-0400 for info and to schedule a tour. We encourage you to visit our website for comprehensive information about CCS and our application process. Limited seats are also available for the current school year.

**The 14th Annual CCS Gala Auction:** CCS is seeking donations of tickets for sporting events, concerts, symphonies, musicals, theaters, amusement parks, etc. If you are able to donate tickets to any event, please contact Keri-Ann Byrne at 964-0400 or email [development@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:development@cvillecatholic.org). All donations are tax deductible. The Gala will take place on Sat, Mar 13, at the Boars Head Pavilion. Mark your calendars! Thank you for your support!

**Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities:** Five hundred Gala Auction Catalogs will be printed and the businesses will be listed on the CCS website for approximately one year. Ads range from \$50-\$450 and sponsorships, most including free tickets to the auction, range from \$500-\$10,000. If you are interested in this direct marketing opportunity to our school community, please contact Keri-Ann Byrne at 964-0400 or [development@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:development@cvillecatholic.org).

**Celebrating the Quest for Christian Unity**

The State LARCUM (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist) Committee will hold its Statewide Convocation and Conference in Charlottesville on Dec 4 & 5. It is sponsored by the Church of the Incarnation, Aldersgate United Methodist, Peace Lutheran and Our Savior Episcopal Church. Speakers are Sister Dr Lorelei Fuchs, SA speaking on *Ecumenical Advances: From Convergence to Consensus...Whither Communion?* And Rev Dr Christopher Agnew speaking on *The Episcopal Church in Virginia: 400 Years of Friendship*.

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



# Mass for the Military

Veterans Day – Nov 11, 2009  
5:15 P.M.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
401 Alderman Rd. - Charlottesville, VA

- **Posting of the Colors**

UVa Navy ROTC Honor Guard

- **Celebrant**

Fr. Joseph Scordo, O.P.  
CDR (Chaplain) USN (Ret)

Light refreshments following the Mass