



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Next weekend at all the Masses our parish will be taking the diocesan survey: *We Walk by Faith*. This survey is a self-assessment and will assist us in our evaluation of four essential values necessary for renewal. These essential values include Word, Worship, Community and Service. Please take this coming week as an opportunity to reflect on the life of our parish so as to be prepared for the survey next week. Once the surveys are completed, the data are processed and the reports are written, the bishop will visit with our parish to discuss the results. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the graces God has given to us and to identify those areas of grace.

God Bless,  
Fr Luke

**Fall Mass and Confession Schedule**

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

**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](mailto:swtharp@earthlink.net).

**Assistance 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](mailto:1madam.butterfly@comcast.net) or phone 434-964-1111.

**Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009**

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32  
 Monday: *St Gertrude*  
 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: *St Elizabeth of Hungary*  
 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: *Dedication of Sts Peter and Paul*  
 Acts 28:11-16,30-31/Mt 14:22-33  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40  
 Next Sunday: *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 14**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Dominican Laity †

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

**Sunday, November 15**

7:30 AM Anthony Lascola †

9:00 AM James Cilone †

11:30 AM For the People

5:15 PM Ollie Trouille Vidrine †

**Monday, November 16**

8:00 AM Reice Family

5:15 PM Elmer Dreyer †

**Tuesday, November 17**

8:00 AM Byrne Family

5:15 PM Khenya Norris †

**Wednesday, November 18**

8:00 AM William Minor †

5:15 PM John Dymes †

**Thursday, November 19**

8:00 AM Andrew Purcell †

5:15 PM Michael Iachio †

**Friday, November 20**

8:00 AM Deacon Frank Veraart †

5:15 PM Michael Tobin †

**Saturday, November 21**

8:30 AM Elaine Turner

5:15 PM Bryce Philip Mitchell †

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Libby Firer, 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.

**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 8, 2009—Figures available next week**

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

**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

### Implementation Training Day

The Office of Pastoral Planning is sponsoring an Implementation Training Day for the Central Vicariate parishes on Nov 21. It will be held at St Michael in Glen Allen from 9:30AM – 2:30PM. Discussion will pertain to implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. All pastors and parishioners are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Bernadette Snyder at bsnyder@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5227 no later than Nov 18, as lunch will be provided.

### 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 for more information. **Please note that we will not have Adoration on Nov 25 and 26.**

### New Eucharistic Adoration Times!

Additional hours for Eucharistic Adoration will include Fridays from 9AM to 5 PM! We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and commit to an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The new times will begin when at least 2 people sign up for each Friday hour. Please sign up in the Link.

### 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.

*“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” — Mk 13:26-27*

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## ADULT EDUCATION

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### 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 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 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

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### 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 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.

### 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), 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 Dec 2 with the Rosary at 6:45PM and General Meeting at 7:00.

### Knights of Columbus Silent Auction Preview

Please drop by table #1 in the link today, Nov 15, to get a sneak peek and a flyer. Auction next weekend, Nov 21 & 22.





## RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

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### Confirmation – Session 2: Church and Creed

This week we had our second Confirmation session of the year. We dove into the depths of the Creed with Father Scordo as he broke down each part and stepped us through it. Next he talked about how through Jesus' life of perfect obedience to the Father we are made worthy to be members of the Church, the Body of Christ, but only through our participation in Sacramental Life that we actually become members.

### LifeTeen – Session 7: The Mass (so cool it doesn't need a catchy title!)

This week we talked about the importance of the Mass in our daily lives. We learned some of the basics of the Mass so that we can better participate and really be open to the graces we receive. We discussed the beauty of the Eucharist as the center of the Mass, why missing Mass is a sin and how by understanding the Mass and going at least every Sunday we can grow closer to God and each other.

**Challenge:** Before next Sunday, read at least one, if not all, of the readings for that Mass (Daniel 7:13-14, Ps 93:1,1-2,5, Rev 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37) and discuss them with friends or family. The readings can be found in the Link! If your family isn't attending Mass every Sunday, talk about changes that could be made to make sure you get there every week.

### EDGE Challenge

Throughout history, many people like Jeremiah, Jesus, and Maximilian Kolbe have suffered for their belief in God. The little persecutions lead to the big persecutions, so we need to be careful who we make fun of in life. Although we may face subtle and outright persecutions because of our Catholic faith, we are called to fidelity and loyalty to God. Do we stand up for our faith in Jesus, no matter what the cost? Do we stand firm as a family in our faith to help each other? What are some ways your family has suffered? How have you helped each other?

### 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 ~\$13,000 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 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 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.

### (Almost) Thanksgiving Dinner

Mark your calendars for Sun, Nov 22, for a YAM Thanksgiving Dinner, beginning at 4PM (location TBA). We will provide the turkey and stuffing, and are asking that everyone brings their favorite Thanksgiving dish to share (or if you don't have one, something else delicious) for a Thanksgiving potluck. More details to come!



### Ongoing Events

Please meet in the Link to join us for brunch on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30AM Mass. (First Friday dinner has been postponed until next semester.)  
Rosary Group meets in the link every Wed at 7:30PM.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

*St Thomas Parish – Twinned with St Michel Parish, Saltadère*  
**Père Blot's Visit:** Thank you to all who helped make Fr Blot's visit possible. He is so grateful for the blessing of our twinning relationship. We, too, are grateful for the blessing to be able to assist his ministry to the people of Saltadère. **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, contact [sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com) or stop by the Haiti table downstairs. **Alternative Giving Fair:** Many thanks to all who helped make the Haiti table at the fair a success. Special thanks to Joan McDonald and Kathy Smith for organizing the gifts and display. **Another Way to Help St Michel School:** The committee is raffling a beautiful quilted wall hanging from Haiti and five other prizes in early December. Purchase tickets from committee members or you can view a photo collage of the prizes on the Haiti table downstairs. Please 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 in the "HAITI MAIL BOX" on that table. All proceeds benefit St Michel School, and we thank you for your support. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** We are meeting here today, Nov 15, at 1PM. To learn more about the bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Support Meals on Wheels & Recycle Bags**

If you have extra bags collecting at home for recycling, please bring them to St Thomas and place them near the food collection bins. Meals on Wheels uses them to hang meals for their clients. Thank you for your help.

**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. During Advent we will be collecting food for the Emergency Food Bank, an all volunteer organization that provides 3-day supplies of food to those in need in our area.

**IMPACT**

Research is starting in the areas of Preschool Education and Interpretive (Translation) Services. Updates will follow.

**PACEM**

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

**Charlottesville Health Access (CHA)**

Is urgently seeking volunteers with a health profession background to donate at least 2 morning hours per month at The Haven at First & Market Sts in downtown Charlottesville to act as a primary guide and advocate helping the homeless and underserved gain access to the health care system. Your innate compassion and willingness to help others is the primary requisite skill. Nurses and social workers, retired or active, are particularly desired. Training will be provided by CHA. Contact Kimberly Farrish, Exec Dir, at 434-326-6338.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The UVA HOOS For Life and St Thomas**

Will host Dr Steven White to speak on "The Impact of Health Care Reform on the Vocation of Medicine" Nov 21, 5PM at UVA's Minor Hall, room 125 (between the Amphitheater and McCormick Rd). Dr White is Past President of the CMA, 2004-2005. His area of particular interest is healthcare reform and he currently serves as Chair of the healthcare policy committee of the CMA. The talk is free and open to the public.

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

Is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at (434) 964-0400 for info & to schedule a tour. Visit our website for comprehensive info about CCS & our application process. Limited seats are 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!

**Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities:** 500 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, 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 & Conference on Dec 4 & 5. It is sponsored by the Church of the Incarnation, Aldersgate United Methodist, Peace Lutheran and Our Savior Episcopal Church. Speakers: Sister Dr Lorelei Fuchs, SA on *Ecumenical Advances: From Convergence to Consensus...Whither Communion?* And Rev Dr Christopher Agnew on *The Episcopal Church in VA: 400 Years of Friendship*.

**"The Song of Mark" Auditions**

This musical, written by Marty Haugen, is a compelling portrayal with captivating melodies and inspiring drama of the public ministry of Jesus Christ, based on Mark's Gospel. Performances will be at the Four County Players Theater in Barboursville, Mar 25-27, 2010. Director Tricia Belan is looking for a talented cast of all ages : 6 children (age 7-12), 9 women (13 and up), and 13 men (13 and up). There are many solo opportunities as well as powerful group numbers. Be prepared to sing 1-2 minutes of music in any style that demonstrates range and to participate in a brief improvisational exercise. An accompanist will be provided. Auditions: Sat, Dec 5, 2PM & Mon, Dec 7, 7PM. Info: [fourcp.org](http://fourcp.org) or email [songofmark@firstva.com](mailto:songofmark@firstva.com)

**Spiritual Direction Institute (SDI) Post-Grad Workshops**

The 2nd of 4 workshops for graduates and current students of Msgr Chester Michael's SDI, as well as all interested seekers, will be held from 10:30-4:30 on Sat, Nov 21 in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Incarnation. The workshop will include a presentation on Christology by Msgr Chet, Mass, Lunch and a talk on Benedictine Spirituality & Sustainability by Fr James Orthmann of Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, VA. A "sit down" lunch will be provided – donations accepted! To help with planning these sessions, particularly with numbers for lunch, please contact Mary Ann Marinchick by Mon, Nov 16 at 434-823-4068, or e-mail [m\\_marincic@comcast.net](mailto:m_marincic@comcast.net).

# **Knights of Columbus Silent Auction Fundraiser**

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – After 5:15 Mass**  
**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – After All Masses**

**\*Musical Entertainment**  
**\*Magician & Balloon Artist on Sunday Morning**

**Please plan to come and have fun while supporting our many charities:**

KOVAR [assists people with mental disabilities including providing financing for group homes, furnishings, job training, etc.]; Special Olympics; Shelter for Help in Emergency; JABA CoolAid; Little Sisters of the Poor; Haiti Children; Society for Human Life; many other donations and scholarships.

## **COME BID ON FABULOUS GIFTS**

- **One-week Stay in a Private Bermuda Home**
- **Hot Air Balloon – Ride for 2**
- **Aerial Tour of Charlottesville in a private plane – Ride for 3**
- **Dining: Downtown Grille, Outback, Hamilton's, Vivace, Bizou, MAYA & more**
- **Brunch for Two at the Boars Head Inn**
- **One-Hour Tour for 4 on SEGWAY's at Old Trail**
- **Rounds of Golf for 4, including Carts, at Keswick and Old Trail**
- **Howie Long Hall of Fame Autographed Jersey**
- **Signed First Edition Novel by John Grisham**
- **One-Night Stay at the Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, including Breakfast for 2**
- **Two-night Stay, plus Breakfast at The Doubletree Hotel**
- **UVA Men's & Women's Signed Basketballs and Game Tickets**
- **Items from the UVA 2009 Championship Baseball Team**
- **Tickets to the Paramount Theatre, Blackfriars Theatre, the Holiday Concerts & Live Arts**
- **A Private tour and tasting for 10 at King Family Vineyards**
- **Gift Cards to Whole Foods, Bellair Market, Harris Teeter & Foods of All Nations**
- **Introductory Scuba Diving Lessons**
- **Memberships to: ACAC, Gold's Gym, Discovery Museum, the Little Gym, & more**
- **New CD and Signed Photo of Bruce Hornsby, Grammy Award Winner**
- **Full Catering Package From PANERA**
- **Awesome Pizza at RISE and the Mellow Mushroom as well as lunch @ ZAZUS**
- **A Computer Tune-up, Virus removal and 1 GB RAM Upgrade from IV Computer**
- **Food & Wine at ENOTECA**
- **Cherry-framed "Monticello" and "Pavilion VII" from Ruseau Watercolors**
- **Glenmore Country Club Gift Picnic Basket with Gourmet Lunch**
- **Beautiful Italian Ceramic piece from Crème de la Crème**
- **Items from BRIX, Splendoras, Raising Cains, NOOK., Happy Cook, Edible Arrangements, ATA Martial Arts, Wild Wings, Monticello, a DVR recorder, Aquinas Wine, Jewelry, Foods of All Nations, Greenberrys, The VA Store, Gearharts, Plow & Hearth & more.**

We are grateful for the support of all donors as well as **Kinkos, Les Fabriques, Queen B'z Floral Design, Lindt Chocolates, Victoria Pouncey Interior Design, Staples, Vita Nova** and many others. In addition, we thank our **sponsors** below who contributed financial assistance enabling us to offset fixed expenses such as entertainment, postage, displays, and other costs.

**Gary Albert State Farm Insurance**  
**Dr. Richard Freedman, VMD**

**First Citizens Bank**  
**Hegarty & Peery Realty**