



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend we welcome this year's class of Dominican Novices from our Novitiate in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are 10 young men who have begun their formal entrance into our Order and we are so happy for them and proud of them. You may be aware that one of the novices, Brother John Baptist (Huy Hoang), graduated from UVA this past year. We pray God's blessing on him and his classmates as they continue their Dominican formation.

A novice will speak at each of the Masses this weekend, and there will be a second collection taken up for their continued support. Please respond with your usual kindness and generosity.

As a reminder, we still have our Vocations Crucifix program going, and we are looking for families/individuals that would be willing to take home a crucifix for one week and pray each day for Vocations. Please sign up in the link. Look what your prayers have brought forth already!

Father Scordo



### Haiti Relief

There will be tables in the link again this weekend to collect for Haiti relief. Thank you for your tremendous generosity last weekend.

### Baptism

We welcome Santiago Jose Silveyra Dodds who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

### Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 Monday: *The Conversion of St Paul*  
 Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18  
 Tuesday: *St Timothy and St Titus*  
 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: *St Angela Merici*  
 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: *St Thomas Aquinas*  
 Wis 7:7-10,15-16 or Eph 3:8-12/  
 Jn 17:11b-19 or 16:23b-28 or Mt 5:13-19  
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 23

8:30 AM Helen Medica †  
 5:15 PM Ethel Carey †

### Sunday, January 24

7:30 AM Stacey Pawlowski †  
 9:00 AM Fr Joseph Langford  
 11:30 AM Robert Latham Murray †  
 5:15 PM For the People

### Monday, January 25

8:00 AM William Minor †  
 5:15 PM Helen Medica †

### Tuesday, January 26

8:00 AM James O'Rourke †  
 5:15 PM The Pawlowski Family

### Wednesday, January 27

8:00 AM Barry O'Rourke  
 5:15 PM Will & Jack Scholz

### Thursday, January 28

8:00 AM Robert Latham Murray †  
 5:15 PM Newly Received

### Friday, January 29

8:00 AM Elvira Fratianni †  
 5:15 PM Cathleen & Duncan Gillies

### Saturday, January 30

8:30 AM Charles Francolini, Jr †  
 5:15 PM Ashley Sheets

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Clem DiBlasi, Vanessa Thoms Sprogis, Robert Sprogis, Mel Podwysocki, Lori Jimenez, Gilbert Maestas, Fr Thomas Seagrave, Lisa Miller, Rosemary Firer, Michael Mitchell, Consuelo Benson, Lauren Mara Miller, Victoria Amparo Villar, Matthew Grimes, Patrick Howell, and Anna Mills' granddaughter Wanda Clements — 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.

### Scout Sunday

Will be celebrated on Sun, Feb 14 at 11:30AM Mass. All parish Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Leaders are invited to wear their uniforms to this Mass. Scouts wishing to participate in the Mass (offertory collection, etc) need to be in the Link no later than 11AM. Scouts who have earned religious emblems may have them presented at this Mass. Please email: kdpoehailos@comcast.net by Feb 1.

## PARISH FINANCES

### January 17, 2010

Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	\$18,879.78
Offertory .....	15,398.23
Parish Charities, .....	5,306.46
Other Income .....	1,961.00
Haiti Relief .....	16,089.06

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

### Adoration Challenge

This Lent we would like to honor Our Lord by adoring Him each hour of each day; we would like, for this limited period, to extend our present Adoration from the current Wed, Thurs & Fri, to all day each day for the 40 plus days. To do this we need over a thousand parishioners to come to the chapel and adore for one hour.



Are we as a parish up to this challenge? Do we have a thousand plus people willing to give our Lord one hour during Lent. Are you? We believe St Thomas Aquinas is up to the challenge. You can sign up for as little as one hour or perhaps one hour each week.

There is a sign up board/schedule behind the stairs in the link. One way to sign up for your hour (or more) is to write your name on the sign up board/schedule. It is also possible to sign up by computer. Just e-mail your name, date and time you plan to come and pray to [stachallenge@yahoo.com](mailto:stachallenge@yahoo.com). The schedule can also be viewed on the web at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stachallenge>. **It is important to include your contact information when you sign up.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 5:00PM Thursdays and **new additional hours** for Friday 8:30AM to 5:00PM. Contact Sylvia Lobo for more information, [srmlobo@hotmail.com](mailto:srmlobo@hotmail.com).

### 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. Attend rehearsals in the music room (at the end of the kitchen wing) on Thursday 6-8PM or Sundays, 1-3PM.

### 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)

### Natural Family Planning

The next series of SymptoThermal NFP classes will be Mondays, Feb 1 & 8 at 7PM. To register, contact [chvillenfp@yahoo.com](mailto:chvillenfp@yahoo.com). For more information on all the NFP services offered at St Thomas, see our webpage: [www.stauva.org/nfp](http://www.stauva.org/nfp)

### 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.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor...  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

— Lk 4:18a, 19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### Mardi Gras Party Tickets

Ticket sales start today for the Mardi Gras Party on February 13. Look for the table in the link. Don't miss this evening of dinner, dancing and fun with friends.

### St Thomas Aquinas Lecture

Wednesday, January 27, 7:30PM. "Why We Believe What We Believe" will be presented by Fr Brian Mulcahy. A reception will follow in St Thomas Hall.

### Knights of Columbus

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 our college council. For further info 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 Wed, Feb 3, 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

### RE, EDGE and Lifeteen

Start up again today, January 24th. No LifeTeen/EDGE Jan 31st! (RE will meet that day.)

### EDGE

This Sunday starts the 2nd semester of our middle school program. Our 1st semester was focused on individuals of the Old and New Testament. This semester our focus will be on the Church and what we do and believe as Catholics. The topics include the Trinity, salvation and grace, sacred traditions, the devil, heaven, hell and purgatory, sacraments, holy days of obligation and prayer. Please keep us in your prayers as we broaden our knowledge and faith as Catholics.

### LifeTeen

This Sunday starts our new semester of LifeTeen. This semester we will be centered around the Holy Spirit. We will talk about how we recognize the Spirit and identify the role He plays in both the stories of the Bible and our lives today. We will see how the gifts received in the Sacrament of Confirmation bear forth the fruits needed to bring about God's kingdom here on earth. We invite all high school youth to join us as we learn and embrace the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

### Superbowl Party!

Join us on Sun, Feb 7 after the LifeTeen Mass for our Annual Superbowl PARTY!!! Go (insert your favorite team here) GO!

### Confirmation

Confirmation **Makeup Interviews** will be held after the LifeTeen Mass. Please sign up by emailing us at confirmation@stauva.org. **Makeup Retreat:** If you missed our original Confirmation retreat, attendance at the REZ Retreat in Feb (details to come) will count as a makeup.

### SCRIP Goes ONLINE

Support our Youth Ministry online at scrip.stauva.org and earn points on your Credit Card! Thanks to all your generous support we have passed the halfway mark in just 3 months with over \$50k in sales. Since we have had such success with this program we have taken it online! You can now purchase Gift Cards for your favorite stores online by Credit Card, eCheck or Paypal and pickup the cards after each Sunday Mass. Before placing a new order, be sure to check the latest stock availability on the updates page. If you have any questions, please contact us at youth@stauva.org.

**Special Notes:** Orders placed by Friday 10AM can be picked up the following Sunday. There is 3% tax-deductible handling fee for online purchases. Please note, in the unfortunate event we don't have the card you ordered on hand, you may pick a different card of equal value or pick up your card the following week when we receive new stock.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

### All UVA Students

The St Anselm Institute Doctors of the Church faculty-student lunches will continue in 2010! If you're interested in a (free!) lunch and discussion of St Bonaventure (the Seraphic Doctor) on Fri, Jan 29 (12:00-1:30), please visit the Institute website ([www.stanselmminstitute.org](http://www.stanselmminstitute.org)) and email us at [info@stanselmminstitute.org](mailto:info@stanselmminstitute.org). No prior experience needed, but reservations are required due to space limitations.

### 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](mailto:kmw8z@virginia.edu).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 21-35  
Stephanie Zilora • smz5c@virginia.edu

### Retreat

What a great way to begin 2010!! Young Adults from around the Diocese will gather for a Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center in Hampton Virginia on Jan 29-31. The retreat theme is FOCUS: Seeing God more clearly and hearing God's voice in your life. Speakers include Fr Mike Renninger, Fr Kevin O'Brien, Dr Colleen Arnold, David Kauffman, Tiffany Watson, and Michael Kelleher. Activities include Taize Prayer, social time, prayer and praise, Reconciliation, and Mass. Holy Family Retreat Center is a sacred spiritual center located on the Chesapeake Bay with beautiful grounds, good food and private rooms. The retreat is very reasonably priced. But time is running out! Info: [cyam@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:cyam@richmonddiocese.org) or 804-359-5661 and ask for Lisa Draucker.

### 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](mailto: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. (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*

**Earthquake Update:** Many thanks to all who are praying for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Saltadère felt the earthquake but its people and buildings are ok. We have news that other twinning parishes with twins in the capital have lost Haitian friends there. Our own Père Blot has lost three nieces who were in Port au Prince. All parts of Haiti are feeling the impact as relatives move from the capital back to the country. Shortages of food and fuel in the capital are causing a rise in price of a scarce commodity. Thank you for supporting the diocesan collection for Haiti last weekend and this weekend. Haiti's needs are many but the Haitian people have resilience as they place their trust in God. Let us pray with them that God will be their refuge and their strength. Updates on the earthquake and Haitian friends are posted on [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org). **Sponsorship Opportunity:** Many thanks to all who have sponsored a child or have renewed a sponsorship. You can still sponsor a child; there are 54 children who await a sponsor. Now more than ever, we need to open the door of hope for these children. Please help with the funding of the current 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). **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee next meets here at 1PM today, Jan 24 **Contact:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Winter Food Collection**

We are collecting items for Holy Comforter's pantry. Needed items: **Canned Fish, Vegetables, Fruits, Soups and Beans, Peanut Butter and Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, etc).**

**PACEM**

We are partnering again this year with St Mark Lutheran as they host the women from Jan 30-Feb 13. Breakfast items are needed Feb 10th, 12th and 13th and overnight folks are needed Feb 6 and Feb 10-12. If you are interested in helping please contact Bridget Davis at [slainte@embarqmail.com](mailto:slainte@embarqmail.com) or 964-1127. Thank You!

**IMPACT Update**

The research teams continue to meet with key players in our community. The **Education** team is following up on an Aug 2009 report that shed more light on the need for pre-K services for a significant percentage of poor and disadvantaged 3 & 4-year olds. The team has talked with administrators of the three publicly funded programs and has learned more about current enrollment, waiting lists, and funding status. The **Interpretive Services** research team has met with the International Refugee Committee, the Legal Aid Justice Center, and members of the police, Court and jail systems. The research team traveled to Fairfax County to gather information about their innovative programs & services. IMPACT's focus will be on providing translation services within the legal system.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The Catholic University of America Choir**

Directed by Leo Nestor, will perform a free concert on Fri, Feb 5 at 7:30PM at St Paul's Memorial Church, 1700 University Ave. (near the Rotunda). The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought and the UVA/McIntire Department of Music are cosponsors of what will be a very pleasant winter evening together. For more details, see [www.stanselmminstitute.org](http://www.stanselmminstitute.org).

**The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought**

Is a voluntary, faculty-led organization of individuals interested in promoting the richness of the Catholic tradition of thought and action. Founded in 2000, the Institute supports several activities, including a popular UVA public lecture series, a Lenten retreat for faculty and friends of the Institute (at St Thomas on Feb 20), and a Doctors of the Church faculty-student lunch series. Please visit our website ([www.stanselmminstitute.org](http://www.stanselmminstitute.org)) for the 2010 calendar of events. Faculty, students, parents, and friends of the Institute, if you're not on our mailing list please use the website to sign up or write us at P.O. Box 6432, Charlottesville, VA 22906. We are looking forward to another very productive year.

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

Invites parents of pre-school through middle school aged children to a **CCS Informational Session** today, Jan 24, 10:15-11:00AM at St Thomas in the community room. **Open House:** Wed, Feb 3, 9-11AM. Join us at CCS to learn more about what we have to offer students, from challenging academics to community life where faith is integrated in all we do and celebrated every day. **Accepting Applications for 2010-2011:** Please visit our website for comprehensive info and for details about our application process. Applications must be received by Feb 8 to be considered in the first round of enrollment contract offers (NOTE: This date is a change from the Feb 1 date originally posted on the CCS Website). If you would like to have a tour of our school, please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at (434) 964-0400. Limited seats are available for the current school year.

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr Luke**

Apr 21-May 1. 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! We will also spend one day and night in beautiful Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Cost is \$1,784/person + airport taxes of about \$400. For info contact Julie Zackrisson at 296-4615 or [julianne333@gmail.com](mailto:julianne333@gmail.com). To register send an application & \$400 deposit made out to "206 Tours" to Julie at 2616 Cardinal Ridge Road, Ch'ville, VA 22901. Info/registration forms are in the Link.

**Pilgrimages to the Holy Land**

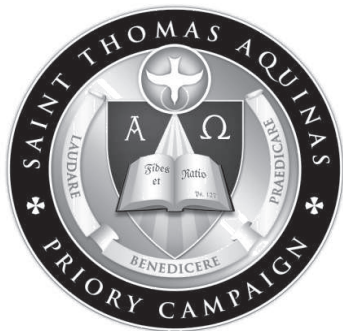
**June 14-25.** Led by Fr Gregory Kandt, Pastor of Church of the Incarnation. This will be a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience that will enhance the spiritual life of those who take part. We will visit the important places in Jesus' life—Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and more! If interested, check out the information at [www.travelillumine.com/trc/inc](http://www.travelillumine.com/trc/inc) or call Fr Gregory at 434-973-4381, ext 127.

**Nov 7-16.** Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Mattingly of Blessed Sacrament Church, Harrisonburg. Itinerary includes 3 nights in Tiberias and 5 nights in Jerusalem. Early booking discount available. For reservations and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, toll free 1-888-544-4461 or [jtag1964@verizon.net](mailto:jtag1964@verizon.net).

**There is BIG news on the horizon...**

**It's so big, we're having a Townhall Meeting!**

Join us for a parish Townhall Meeting where an exciting new project that will have a great and positive effect on the spiritual life of our parish and the Charlottesville community will be unveiled.



**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at  
6:15pm**

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at  
10:15am**

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6:15pm**

In St Thomas Hall. Refreshments will be provided.  
Babysitting available in the nursery.