

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to encourage you all to attend the Dominican Friar's town hall meeting this weekend. We will be presenting our plans for building a priory. This priory will support the religious life of the friars and create the possibility for more friars in our community. Refreshments will be served and babysitting will be provided. The town hall meetings are being held following the 5:15pm Mass on Saturday and following the 9:00am Mass on Sunday.

God Bless,  
Fr Luke, OP

**Bookstore at St Thomas Aquinas**

Tertia Pars Bookstore, located downstairs near the main entrance, is now open. Lenten reading material, rosaries, and many other books and religious articles are available for purchase. Hours: Sun, 10-11:30am. Additional hours available upon request, email [tertiapars@stauva.org](mailto:tertiapars@stauva.org), phone 293-8081x18. Proceeds will benefit the Dominican Priory building project.

**Mulch Sale**

It is time for our annual Youth Ministry Mulch Sale! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and our goal is to sell over 1500 bags of mulch. Order forms and more information can be found at the SCRIP table or online at [stauvaym.blogspot.com](http://stauvaym.blogspot.com).



**Community Visits**

Help us reach out to our community. If you or someone you know would like to receive a friendly phone call, a visit at home or a nursing home, please let us know. You can contact Gerri at 977-3747 or the parish office.

**Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010**

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: *St John of God*  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: *St Frances of Rome*  
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 6**

- 8:30am Respect Life
- 5:15pm Robert Fields †

**Sunday, March 7**

- 7:30am Carla Claros Mayorga †
- 9:00am Robert Fields †
- 11:30am Kenneth Giblin †
- 5:15pm For the People

**Monday, March 8**

- 8:00am James Cilone †
- 5:15pm Cecil Boyles †

**Tuesday, March 9**

- 8:00am Moira Spillane †
- 5:15pm Danuta Golab †

**Wednesday, March 10**

- 8:00am Macy Drumheller
- 5:15pm Rose Marie Walz †

**Thursday, March 11**

- 8:00am Robert Carey †
- 5:15pm Donna Hedrick

**Friday, March 12**

- 8:00am Charles Maillet †
- 5:15pm Francois & Fan Lang

**Saturday, March 13**

- 8:30am Deceased of the Dominican Laity
- 5:15pm John Gregory

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Lionel Fontenette, Arthur Pullam, Jillian Henderson, Steve Ohmer, Martin Ojeda, Judith Underhill's great-grand-daughter, Tabitha M Warner, Vanessa Thoms Sprogis, Robert Sprogis, Mel Podwyssocki, Lori Jimenez, Gilbert Maestas, Fr Thomas Seagrave, Rosemary Firer, Michael Mitchell, Consuelo Benson, 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.

**Baptism**

We welcome Catherine Immaculée Wilcox and Elizabeth Josephine Wilcox who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**February 28, 2010**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,879.78
Offertory.....	16,543.41
Parish Charities, .....	3,397.48
Other Income.....	295.79

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marta Brannon • 293-8081 x18 • marta@stauva.org

### Charismatic Prayer Meeting

*Light the Fire Within* meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Thomas Hall to praise God in song, formal or spontaneous prayer, silence, even applause or shouts of joy. We are open to hearing God speak through Scripture, teaching, exhortation, charismatic gifts and personal sharing. If you feel the need for a spiritual boost mid-week, come join us.

### 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. 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.**

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent, 7:30pm in the church.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" — Lk 13:2-3

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## ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org

### Theology and Donuts

We are pleased to host Dr Denis McNamara once again for Theology and Donuts on Sunday, Mar 14, at 10:15am. An expert in his field and a captivating presenter, Dr McNamara shows compellingly the importance of Church Art and Architecture in light of the Spirit of the Liturgy. You won't want to miss this exciting presentation!

### Natural Family Planning

SymptoThermal Method classes will be held on Mar 10 & 24 at 7pm. To register, contact [chvillenfp@yahoo.com](mailto:chvillenfp@yahoo.com). For info on all our NFP classes at St Thomas, check the webpage [www.stauva.org/nfp](http://www.stauva.org/nfp).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### What is the Dominican Laity?

To find out please consider joining us for breakfast and our meeting on Sat, Mar 13, immediately following the 8:30am Mass. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary and Morning Prayer. Please RSVP (to ensure that we have enough food to share) to Marta Brannon, [marta@stauva.org](mailto:marta@stauva.org) or 293-8081.

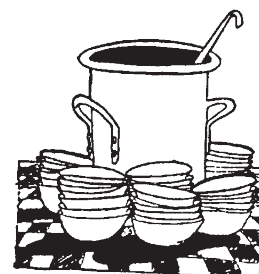


### Family Night

Please join us for Family Night on Fri, Mar 12, in St Thomas Hall. The Knights of Columbus will have a Soup Supper at 6pm following Mass. After dinner, there will be age appropriate activities. Fr Stephen will address adults, as the youth divide by age group activities (pre-k, elementary, middle and high school). The evening concludes with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 in the Church. Babysitting is available upon request from 6:30-7:30. Please contact Julie Balik ([edge@stauva.org](mailto:edge@stauva.org)) to book a sitter.

### Lenten Soup Supper

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a light supper of home made meatless soup, bread and ice water in St Thomas Hall every Friday throughout Lent after the 5:15 Mass. All parishioners are welcome.





## RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### Elementary Education (EE)/Edge/LifeTeen

No EE, EDGE or LifeTeen today. We will resume next Sunday, March 14th.

### Confirmation

Final Confirmation Session - Sunday, March 14th.

### The Mulch Sale Returns

The annual mulch sale has been a long standing tradition and our largest fundraiser of the year. This year you can order online at [http://bit.ly/Mulch\\_Sale\\_2010](http://bit.ly/Mulch_Sale_2010). You can also find order forms and more information online at [stauvaym.blogspot.com](http://stauvaym.blogspot.com) or the SCRIP table. As in the past we will need a small *army* of volunteers to help us deliver all the mulch on Sat, Mar 27 from 8am to 5pm. Please send an email to [youth@stauva.org](mailto:youth@stauva.org) if you and your family are willing to help. As always, we appreciate the support we receive from our community and realize how truly blessed we are here at St Thomas.

### SCRIP Goes Online

Support our Youth Ministry online at [scrip.stauva.org](http://scrip.stauva.org) and earn points on your Credit Card! 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](mailto: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.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 60 and older  
Barbara Brodie • [bb9w@virginia.edu](mailto:bb9w@virginia.edu)

### Senior Coffee

Plan to join us for coffee and conversation at our regular monthly Senior Coffee Break on March 10, 10am-noon in the Community Room. Father Scordo will give us a brief presentation about the coming changes to the liturgy, and there will, as always, be good company and conversation for all. There is no charge to attend, but you're welcome (and encouraged!) to bring in a treat to go with the coffee.

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP  
OF COFFEE



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Michael Horsey • [mlh6r@virginia.edu](mailto:mlh6r@virginia.edu)  
John Hopke • [johnhopke@stauva.org](mailto:johnhopke@stauva.org)

### Adopt-a-Student

Interested in connecting with the undergraduates at UVA? CSM and St Thomas have recently started a student adoption program to bring families and students together for the duration of the student's undergraduate years. Please contact Christine Gallagher with questions and interest at [cmgllghr@gmail.com](mailto:cmgllghr@gmail.com)

### 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).

### Mass on Grounds During Lent

Monday - Friday during Lent (except during Spring Break) there is a noon Mass in the UVA Chapel on Grounds.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

For parishioners aged 21-35  
Stephanie Zilora • [smz5c@virginia.edu](mailto:smz5c@virginia.edu)

### Young Adult Retreat

Sponsored by the Office for Black Catholics. June 4-5 at Shalom House, Montpelier, VA, for Young Adults Aged 18-40. Retreat Leaders: Ansel Augustine and Brian Greenfield. Register by Apr 26. For more information please contact Pam Harris, (804) 622-5104 or [pharris@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:pharris@richmonddiocese.org).

### 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

First Fridays and Third Sundays are back! Starting in Feb, join us at the 5:15pm Mass the first Friday of the month, followed by dinner out. Meet in the Link to join us for brunch on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30 Mass. For info, contact Erin, [ejg7h@virginia.edu](mailto:ejg7h@virginia.edu), or Will, [wbk2e@virginia.edu](mailto:wbk2e@virginia.edu). Rosary Group meets downstairs in the Youth (green/blue) room every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Weekly Bible study meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm, in the library.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

*St Thomas Parish—Twinned with  
St Michel Parish, Saltadère*

**Earthquake Update:** Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Father Blot and our twin parish of St Michel are helping to support about 500 refugees in the community through care at the clinic and education at St Michel School. Watch for updates and recent pictures at the Haiti table. Updates on relief efforts are being posted on the Saltadere website, [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org).

**Diocesan Haiti Gathering:** Our parish is hosting the Diocesan Haiti Gathering on Mar 20. Please take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the work of our diocese in Haiti. The new bishop of Hinche (sister diocese to Richmond) will be a speaker. Help is needed with all aspects of organizing this all day event. If you can help, contact a Haiti Committee member.

**Water Pump-Irrigation Project:** The parishes of St Michel, St Thomas Aquinas and Holy Comforter have been awarded a \$5000 Battaglia Fund grant for an irrigation project for the school garden. On the recent trip to Saltadère, measurements were obtained to assist in planning the project. Information on the project and on how to donate is available at the Haiti Table on the lower level or at [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org).

**Thank you:** To the CSM students who put together a wonderful dinner event to raise money for Haiti. And to Kelly Wilkinson who arranged to donate a portion of proceeds from sales of exhibited art to benefit our twin parish.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee's next meeting will be Mar 7 at 1pm in the Library. **Contact:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Arlington Diocese Men's Conference**

Living Faithfully in Challenging Times, Mar 13, 7:45-4pm, at St Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon, VA. Speakers: Capt Guy Gruters, Air Force Pilot & Former POW; Rev Paul Scalia, Pastor, St John the Beloved; Hon Chris Smith, US Congressman; Most Rev Paul S Loverde, Bishop, Diocese of Arlington. Online registration (\$45) at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). Info: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or contact Tom O'Neill at [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2550.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing**

You are invited to this retreat if the negative consequences from abortion are holding you bound. Attend Apr 9-11 at the Benedictine Abbey in Richmond. Guidance through critical steps of healing leads women and men to process their sorrow, shame, fears, guilt, and grief. Then God's grace, mercy, and love can be accepted to receive healing and reconciliation! Inquire confidentially: Kay Marie & Joe Geiger, Retreat Facilitators at 804-330-3137, or Molly Smith at Church of Epiphany, 804-794-0222. E-mail [kmg4hope@verizon.net](mailto:kmg4hope@verizon.net) Website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**SDI Post-grad Workshops**

The third of four workshops for graduates and current students of Msgr Chester Michael's Spiritual Direction Institute, as well as all interested friends and seekers, will be held from 10-4 on Sat, Mar 20, at the Church of the Incarnation Parish Activities Center. The day includes Practical Spirituality by Msgr Chet, Mass, Lunch & a talk on Practical Aspects of Spiritual Direction by Sr Charlotte Lee, OSB. Donations accepted! If attending please contact Mary Ann Marinchick by Mar 13 at 434-823-4068, or email [m\\_marincic@comcast.net](mailto:m_marincic@comcast.net).

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

**Just one week until CCS's 14th Annual Gala Auction!** Make your online reservation now to join us next Sat, Mar 13, at the Boar's Head Inn Pavilion as we "Celebrate the Journey"! Buy a raffle ticket (prizes: new 46" flat screen TV, a Dell Mini Laptop, Vacation weeks, UVA sports packages & much more!) and/or join us for a fun, memorable community evening. Silent & live auctions, dinner & dancing! This is your last chance to register!

**Designate CCS on your Bishop's Appeal.** If you would like your contributions to the 2010 Bishop's Appeal to return to our local community, please consider designating "Charlottesville Catholic School" on the appropriate line on your pledge card. Your money will go directly to the "CCS Catholic Education Fund" and provide tuition assistance for qualifying families in our local parishes. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

**CCS Applications:** CCS continues to accept applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please visit our website for comprehensive information about CCS and for details about our application process. Though applications received by February 23, 2010 (an extension of our Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline due to weather delays of our Winter Open House) are being considered in the first round of enrollment contract offers, applications received after that date will be considered as seats remain available. If you would like to have a tour of our school, please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at (434)964-0400.

**Diocesan Job Openings**

Visit [www.richmonddiocese.org/human](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/human) to see the latest job openings. Click on "subscribe for job updates" link to receive notifications of job openings.

**Lenten Food Collection**

We will be collecting for the Emergency Food Bank, an all volunteer organization that provides 3 days of food to individuals and families. Needed items: **Pasta/Sauce, Canned Fruits, Fish, Vegetables, Soups, & Beans, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Baby Food, Diapers, Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc).**

**Rice Bowls**

Thank you for picking up a Rice Bowl this Lent! To make the process easier please convert your coins to cash (bills) or to a check made out to St Thomas Aquinas and place in an envelope labeled Operation Rice Bowl and drop it in the collection basket the weekend of March 27/28th.

**IMPACT**

Join us on March 22nd at 6:15PM at UHall when we seek commitments from local decision makers for the implementation of solutions in the issue areas of PreK Education and Interpretative Services. For more info and to sign up to attend the Action please visit the table in the link. We are planning to have 100 St Thomas Aquinas folks at the Action!

