



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have a wonderful opportunity this coming Tuesday to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a total of 10 priests hearing confessions for our penance service. Please plan on taking advantage of this time in order to prepare for the great Easter celebration.

We are also in the process now of examining proposals for a much needed new sound system. Hopefully we can have one installed in short time. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of this new system you can place a check in the offertory and mark it "sound system."

Please note the parking alert below.

God Bless,  
Fr Luke, OP

**Parking Alert**

**The City of Charlottesville has begun to ticket and tow cars parked on Alderman Road and Midmont Lane. Please do not park where there are "No Parking" signs.**

**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) or phone 293-8081x18. Proceeds will benefit the Dominican Priory building project.

**Mulch Sale Deadline: March 21**

It is time for our annual Youth Ministry Mulch Sale! Forms and more information can be found at the SCRIP table or online at [stauvaym.blogspot.com](http://stauvaym.blogspot.com).

**Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010**

- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: *St Patrick*  
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: *St Cyril of Jerusalem*  
Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: *St Joseph*  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 13**

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

**Sunday, March 14**

- 7:30am Roberta Yerks Arminio †
- 9:00am Olive Mierzejewski †
- 11:30am Mr Rosalio Navasquez †
- 5:15pm Monique Kittka

**Monday, March 15**

- 8:00am Michael Smith †
- 5:15pm Morgan Harrington †

**Tuesday, March 16**

- 8:00am Leah Thoms
- 5:15pm Paul Mierzejewski

**Wednesday, March 17**

- 8:00am William L Howell †
- 5:15pm Anton Esterbauer †

**Thursday, March 18**

- 8:00am Olive Mierzejewski †
- 5:15pm John Garibaldi †

**Friday, March 19**

- 8:00am Anne Maillet Dowling †
- 5:15pm Michael Tobin †

**Saturday, March 20**

- 8:30am Kenneth Hammond
- 5:15pm For the People

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Oliver Smithdeal, 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 Podwysocki, 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 Luka Martin Froehlich and Zella Grace Froehlich who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**March 7, 2010**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	\$18,879.78
Offertory .....	22,019.12
Parish Charities .....	4,262.21
Other Income .....	425.00
Dominican Poor Boys .....	4,615.44

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

### Ignite.242

Monday, March 15, 7:30pm, St Thomas Hall  
Join us this Monday for our third Ignite.242 night of the semester. This month we welcome Fr Jack Peterson, a campus minister at Marymount University and UVA graduate. All are welcome. Please note the new date.

### Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30pm, in the Church.

### Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Will not meet this week.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening during Lent, 7:30pm in the church.



### 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.**

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’” — Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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## ADULT EDUCATION

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### 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!

### The Sts Joachim and Anne Society

A monthly discussion on living out the Natural Family Planning Lifestyle. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the community room downstairs. Discussions are moderated by an NFP instructor. The first meeting will be March 17 and all are invited. Please email Lauri, ltamberrino@gmail.com if you have any questions.

### 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 study group meets on select Saturdays at 10am in the Community Room. The next meeting is Mar 20. For information contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### 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.

### Relaxing (& Inexpensive) Family Night Out

Want to get to know your with fellow parishioners? Then come support UVA's Catholic Student Ministry's Relay for life team on Sat, Mar 27, at St Thomas Hall and enjoy fried and baked fish, mac-and-cheese, potato casserole, and salad! Back by popular demand from last year, with all around improvements - we have bought more fish, perfected our frying abilities and will be serving baked fish for those wanting a different option. We will be serving from 5:30pm until 7pm. Drop in any time and support cancer research. Cost is only \$5 per person!

### Knights of Columbus

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](http://www.kofc.org)). Our next meeting will be held in Classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wed, Apr 7 with the Rosary at 6:45pm and General Meeting at 7pm.



## RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### Parents' Brunch

Please join us while your children attend Religious Ed classes next *Sun(3/21)*, 10:10-11:10am. Hear a panel of parents share their experiences and wisdom about raising Catholic children in today's world, while enjoying a complementary brunch.

### LifeTeen

Today, we talked about how God is calling each of us to follow Him on the path to righteousness. In order to do this, we must root ourselves in prayer and service so that we open our ears, hearts, and minds to God's will. The world poses many temptations that pull us off the straight and narrow path, but if you listen carefully, you can hear God's voice calling us and guiding us back home. **Challenge:** Read Matthew 14:25-31 and imagine yourself as Peter. Jesus asked Peter to do something that was scary and seemingly impossible...would you have stepped out into the water? Ask yourself if you've been listening to Christ's call and if you have the faith to walk on the water too.

### Edge

Salvation is a free gift from God but our salvation depends on our soul at death. Grace is the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to be children of God. How can we obtain grace and what is the difference between sanctifying and actual grace? Sanctifying grace we obtain at Baptism. A mortal sin takes it away but it can be restored with the sacrament of reconciliation. Actual grace helps us to perform good actions. Prayer, sacraments, and scripture help to keep us in God's graces. Talk about the sacrament of Reconciliation and the need to receive it often to stay in sanctifying grace. **Challenge:** Sometimes our earthly needs and desires block our view of heaven but our souls long to be united with God. When we struggle to do the right thing and feel we can't, the Grace of God is what helps us. Mortal sin can cause us to lose sanctifying grace but the sacrament of Reconciliation restores us to a state of grace.

### 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. **Deadline: March 21st.** 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.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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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

There is a noon Mass in the UVA Chapel on Grounds Monday through Friday during Lent.

## 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*

**Saltadère Update:** Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. On our recent trip to Saltadère, we experienced the resilience of the people as they welcomed relatives from the capital into their homes and the school.

Student pictures were taken including those students newly arrived from Port-au-Prince.

**Diocesan Haiti Gathering:** Our parish is hosting the Diocesan Haiti Gathering on Mar 20. Approximately 200 people are expected. 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. The committee welcomes your help with all aspects of organizing this all-day event. We will be setting up on Fri afternoon at 2pm and will need help with preparing and serving breakfast and lunch on Sat. If you can help, contact a Haiti Committee member.

**Water Pump-Irrigation Project:** On the recent trip to Saltadère, measurements were obtained to assist in planning this 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). **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Lenten Food Collection**

Thank you for the 90 bags of food collected so far for the Emergency Food Bank. We are continuing to collect the following items during Lent: Pasta/Sauce, Canned Fruits, Fish, Vegetables, Soups & Beans, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Baby Food, Diapers, Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc).

**IMPACT**

Join us on Mar 22 at 6:15pm at U-Hall when we seek commitments from local decision makers to solutions in the areas of Pre-K Education and Interpretative Services in the Legal System. For more info and to sign up to attend the Action please visit the link. We are planning to have 100 St Thomas Aquinas folks at the Action!

**Rice Bowls**

Please turn in your donations for Operation Rice Bowl in the collection basket the weekend of Mar 27/28. Convert your coins to cash (bills) or a check made out to St Thomas Aquinas and place in an envelope labeled Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought**

Invites you to attend a very special public lecture on "Catholicism and Culture" by UVA Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies Robert Louis Wilken, on Thur, Mar 25, at 5pm in UVA Minor Hall Auditorium. Prof Wilken is the author of numerous scholarly works and one of the founders of the St Anselm Institute. For details, please visit [www.stanselmstitute.org](http://www.stanselmstitute.org).

**Can You Do Well While Doing Good?**

Come hear Fr Oliver Williams, CSC, of the Univ of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business speak on this topic Wed, Mar 24, at 7pm in Lecture Classroom 120 at UVA's Darden School. Co-sponsored by the local Notre Dame Club and the Darden School, this lecture is free and open to the public. For info contact Carrie Chiarella at [chiarellaND85@aol.com](mailto:chiarellaND85@aol.com).

**March 23 Adoption Orientation**

Commonwealth Catholic Charities will host a free orientation regarding domestic infant & international adoption, 7-8:30pm at the CCC Richmond office. To register, contact Barbara Smith at 804-285-5900 or e-mail [Barbara.Smith@cccovfva.org](mailto:Barbara.Smith@cccovfva.org).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing**

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)

**Poor Clares Of Bethlehem Monastery**

Come and See Vocation Day, Sat, Apr 24, 10am-5pm, in Barhamsville, VA. Open with Holy Mass at 10am, celebrated by newly ordained Fr John David Ramsey. Talks will be conducted by the Sisters accompanied by a Q&A period. There will be opportunity for prayer, individual counseling by Father and/or by the Sisters, and fellowship with each other. Vespers is at 4pm, followed by Adoration and Benediction. If you would like to spend the night, please bring a sleeping bag and you may "camp out" in our guest room. Please feel free to bring a parent or friend. For further information contact Mother Mary Clare, email [mtstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:mtstfrancis@gmail.com) or phone 757-566-1684.

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

**Charlottesville Catholic School Admissions Update:** We continue to accept applications for Pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are in the process of considering applicants in our applicant pool. If you are interested in learning more about all that CCS has to offer, please call our Admissions Coordinator, Ann Michel, at 964-0400. Appointments may be made for tours Monday through Friday.

**CCS Pre-kindergarten Program Update:** We are happy to announce that we will begin offering a Pre-K Extended Day Program each day that morning pre-kindergarten is held (Monday through Thursday) from 8:30am (drop off as early as 8:00am). If you or anyone you know find this new offering of interest, we still have pre-kindergarten seats available. Please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, for more information or to set up a tour.

**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.

# **MAKE A LASTING IMPACT THIS LENT**

## **IMPACT'S NEHEMIAH ACTION Monday March 22, 6:15 PM @ University Hall**

Hundreds of people from 33 congregations will gather to ask local decision makers to implement solutions in the area of Pre-K Education and Interpretative Services to bring about a greater degree of justice in our area

... believing in the Gospel, ultimately means this: to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one's own need – the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship. Thanks to Christ's action...the Christian is moved to contribute to creating just societies, where all receive what is necessary to live according to the dignity proper to the human person.....  
Pope Benedict XVI (Lent 2010)

We are planning to have 100 folks from St Thomas Aquinas attend. For more information and to sign up to join us, please visit the table in the link