



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Starting on Monday we will have Confessions offered weekday mornings, 8:30-9:30am, through March 31. Confession is one of the ways the Church has to prepare us for Easter. For those conscious of grave sin Reconciliation is required once a year. This is one of the precepts of the Church.(CCC2024, CCL 920)

For those who are not aware, the Church has spoken of our duty to go to Confession and receive the Eucharist once a year as our Easter Duty. It may seem odd to us that the Church would require someone to receive Communion at least once a year. However, in the past the reception of Communion was not as common as it is today. Frequent reception of Communion is more of the norm now which is a good thing. However, there is an important connection between reception of Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. One is to refrain from receiving the Eucharist if they are in the state of mortal sin. Sacramental Confession is needed for the forgiveness of these sins before one can approach the Eucharist.

Our parish is offering ample opportunities for sacramental Confession during this Lenten Season and throughout the year. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

For more information on the precepts of the Church see the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2024.

God Bless,  
Fr Luke, OP

**Parking Alert**

**The City of Charlottesville has begun to ticket & tow cars parked on Alderman Road & Midmont Lane. Please do not park by the "No Parking" signs.**

**Foreign Student Looking for an English Tutor**

Who can help write argument/analysis essays using critical thinking. Also teach grammar systematically. Intermediate level. Please contact danbijj@yahoo.com.

**Bookstore at St Thomas Aquinas**

Tertia Pars Bookstore is located downstairs near the main entrance. 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 or phone 293-8081x18. Proceeds will benefit the Dominican Priory building project.

**Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010**

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: *Annunciation*  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 20**

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

**Sunday, March 21**

- 7:30am Margaret Whitler †
- 9:00am Tranquilla Condotta Girolimetto †
- 11:30am Mr Teofalo Navasquez †
- 5:15pm Taft Riccobono †

**Monday, March 22**

- 8:00am Anthony Vincent †
- 5:15pm Alice Stegeman Ruthe †

**Tuesday, March 23**

- 8:00am Olive Mierzejewski †
- 5:15pm Lorraine Porter †

**Wednesday, March 24**

- 8:00am Waclaw Bninski †
- 5:15pm Charlotte Marie Klis †

**Thursday, March 25**

- 8:00am Mr and Mrs Cirenza †
- 5:15pm Julia Mary Lowery

**Friday, March 26**

- 8:00am Anthony Vincent †
- 5:15pm Beatrice Barcomb †

**Saturday, March 27**

- 8:30am Kristin Hammond
- 5:15pm Latham Murray †

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Carol Finch, Jacob Ojeda, Oliver Smithdeal, Lionel Fontenette, Arthur Pullam, Jillian Henderson, Steve Ohmer, Martin Ojeda, Judith Underhill's great-granddaughter, 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.

**Baptisms**

We welcome Olivia Isabel Goodwin who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

**Early Bulletin Deadline**

Please note that the deadline for the Easter Bulletin (4/4) is noon on Monday, Mar 29.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**March 14, 2010**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	\$18,879.78
Offertory .....	19,756.66
Parish Charities .....	611.00
Other Income .....	860.00
Catholic Relief Services .....	1,925.00

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

### Additional Confession Hours This Week

Confessions will be heard this week, M-F, 8:30-9:30am.

### 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.

### 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.**



*Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6b-7*

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## ADULT EDUCATION

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### Catholicism 101 Foot Prints of God Series

This is a video presentation on Salvation History set in 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 Apr 17. For information contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Easter Vigil Reception

Your help is needed for the reception honoring our Newly Initiated and Adult Confirmandi. If you can assist by bringing hors d'oeuvres or dessert or help with set up and clean up, please sign up in the link next to the coordinator's table. You may also contact Pam at 245-8827 or sackandpam@comcast.net.

### 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)). The 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 8081x16 • michael@stauva.org

### Parents' Brunch

Please join us in the Alderman Rd side of St Thomas Hall during your children's Religious Ed classes today, *Sun (3/21), 10:10-11:10am*. While enjoying a complimentary brunch, hear a panel of parents share their experiences and wisdom about raising Catholic children in today's world.

### LifeTeen

This week we talked about the great gift of the Eucharist and the beauty of time spent in Adoration. We learned about how to see God's love in each of us and how this is connected to the Sacrifice of the Eucharist. We focused on why the Eucharist is the Big Deal!

**Challenge:** Take time this week to visit our Lord in Adoration. Maybe even bring a friend and participate in our Lenten Adoration Challenge! Reflect how you can offer up all of your worries and your joys to Him and also pray for the Holy Spirit to bring you a better understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist.

### Edge

Scripture tells us that at the name of Jesus even the devil trembles. He gave us a free will to accept or reject His love. God has a deep desire for us to spend eternity with Him. If we reject God and His love and forgiveness on earth it will result in an eternity in hell. But God knows we are not perfect and might need Purgatory to have time to cleanse so we can unify with the Father.

**Challenge:** As Catholics we believe the devil is real. He fell from Grace because he wanted to have equal power to God. But Christ has given us the best tools to resist temptation: prayer, scripture and the sacraments. Talk as a family about how to resist temptation and make good choices.

### 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

### 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! 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. Some pictures from the trip can be viewed at the table on the lower level.

**Diocesan Haiti Gathering:** Thank you to all who helped host the Diocesan Haiti Gathering on Mar 20. Committee members Terri Powers, Janet Stack, Kathy Smith, Paul Harnois, Laurie Duncan and many others worked on the planning of this successful event. Thank you to Patrice Schwermer and her colleagues from Richmond for their help. Approximately 200 people from across our Diocese attended. Highlights of the meeting in the next "Station."

**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 about the bi-parish committee, email Paul Harnois at [lphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:lphmch@embarqmail.com).



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PACEM's 2010 Volunteer Recognition Event**

Sun, Apr 18, 4-6pm, The Haven at 1st & Market Sts (sanctuary). PACEM wants to thank you for contributing to our community homeless shelter through stormy cold nights. Enjoy food, music, & friendship. Questions and replies: [marie@pacemshelter.org](mailto:marie@pacemshelter.org).

**St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought**

Lecture: "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, visit [www.stanselmstitute.org](http://www.stanselmstitute.org).

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

Wed, Mar 24, 7pm in Lecture Classroom 120 at UVA's Darden School. Speaker: Fr Oliver Williams, CSC, of the Univ of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. This free lecture, co-sponsored by the local Notre Dame Club & the Darden School, is open to the public. For info email [chiarellaND85@aol.com](mailto:chiarellaND85@aol.com).

**Even Keel: Peer Run, Spiritually Based Support Group**

For persons who have dealt with or are currently struggling with depression. Meets on the 1st & 3rd Fri, 7:30-9pm in room 20 at Incarnation. Contact Patricia Pollock 434 296-7031.

**Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics**

Meets 1st & 3rd Mon, 7-9pm, in room 21 at Incarnation. Contact Mary Moster, [mary.moster@gmail.com](mailto:mary.moster@gmail.com) or 540-246-9125.

**Adoption Orientation**

Hosted by Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Mar 23, 7-8:30pm at the CCC Richmond office. To register, contact Barbara Smith at 804-285-5900 or e-mail [Barbara.Smith@cccova.org](mailto:Barbara.Smith@cccova.org).

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)****Faculty and Staff Opportunities at CCS for 2010-2011**

Seeking highly qualified, energetic individuals for the following positions: Elementary K-5 Teacher; Media Specialist (full or part time); Resource Teacher (Special Education endorsement preferred); Instructional Technology Teacher (part time); Office Administrative Assistant (12 month); After-school Director (part time) State license preferred, not required; & Substitute Teachers. An application for employment is available on the website under "Join our Faculty: [www.cvillecatholic.org](http://www.cvillecatholic.org).

**Admissions:** We continue to accept applications for Pre-K through gr 8. We are in the process of considering applicants so please contact us soon. If you are interested in learning more about CCS, call our Admissions Coordinator, Ann Michel, at 964-0400. Appointments may be made for tours Mon - Fri.

**Pre-K Program Update:** We will offer a Pre-K Extended Day Program Mon-Thur, 12-3pm, for students attending CCS. Call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator at 964-0400 for more info.

**"The Song of Mark"**

Members of the St Thomas Aquinas Folk Choir will be performing in this compelling musical portrayal of the public ministry of Jesus Christ, based on the Gospel of Mark. The musical, written by Marty Haugen, will be performed at the Four County Players Theater in Barboursville, Mar 26-28. For more information, visit <http://www.fourcp.org>

**2010 National Medjugorje Conference at Notre Dame**

May 21-23. Have you wanted to go to Medjugorje? Have you gone to Medjugorje & need a re-charge? This Conference is a great way to experience Medjugorje! Ivanka, one of the alleged visionaries of Medjugorje will be at the Conference along with other wonderful speakers. Info & registration forms in the Link.

**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 table in 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!

**Books for Prisoners**

We are still collecting books to send to the local jail and the state prisons. If you are getting rid of some of your books, please donate any books downstairs in the Catholic Student Ministry room. Thank you!

**Yarn for the Homebound**

Please place any extra yarn you have downstairs near the food collection. Your donation will be given to Meals on Wheels to distribute to the homebound in Charlottesville, Crozet, & Scottsville. Thank you!

