

From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This week the Church enters the most holy week of the year. As we participate in the liturgy, the events of the life death and resurrection of our Lord are made present to us. They unfold in our midst and we participate in them. In a sense we enter into those timeless events as they are made present again to us. The graces conveyed during this week are without compare. The question for each of us is whether we will be truly present to the Lord who is truly present to us. We need to approach these liturgical celebrations with a sense of expectation. Our God is alive and active and He reaches into our lives through the liturgy. Let us travel this week with our Lord. Be open to all He has in store for you. Let this Holy Week be like none other. The Lord invites you to full and active participation in these events for your good. He desires the salvation he has won for you to have an impact in your lives.

We adore you oh Christ and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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.**

**Congratulations**

To Linda Lemieux, St Thomas Aquinas parishioner and adult leader of Boy Scout Troop 17, chartered to the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. She was honored on March 14 at the Diocesan Scout Mass in Williamsburg with the Bronze Pelican award, given by the Diocese to recognize her outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of the Catholic youth in the Boy Scouts of American program.

**Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010**

- Sunday: *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: *Holy Thursday*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: *Good Friday*  
Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42
- Saturday: *Easter Vigil:*  
Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
- Next Sunday: *Easter Sunday*  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 27**

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

**Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday**

- 7:30am For the People
- 9:00am Lisa Fischer †
- 11:30am Eleanor Donlon
- 5:15pm Juan Pablo Manrique

**Monday, March 29**

- 8:00am George McCloskey †
- 7:30pm Irene Gilmore

**Tuesday, March 30**

- 8:00am Olive Mierzejewski †
- 7:30pm Brian Barcomb

**Wednesday, March 31**

- 8:00am Theodore Voneski †
- 7:30pm Thelma Labombard

**Holy Thursday, April 1**

- 7:30pm Thomas & Evelyn Moyles †

**Good Friday, April 2**

- - - No Mass - - -

**Saturday, April 2—Easter Vigil**

- 8:30pm For all in the RCIA

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

LTC Michael Devine, 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.

**Early Bulletin Deadline**

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

**Bookstore at St Thomas Aquinas**

Tertia Pars Bookstore is located downstairs near the main entrance. Books, rosaries, and other religious articles are available. Open on 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.

**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 danbiji@yahoo.com.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**March 21, 2010**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	\$18,879.78
Offortory .....	16,676.76
Parish Charities .....	888.95
Other Income .....	635.00
Catholic Education Assessment .....	1,909.81

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

## ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • [dre@stauva.org](mailto:dre@stauva.org)

### Liturgical Ministers

Please sign up for Holy Week and Easter Masses.

### Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, March 31, the Adoration Challenge will end at 6:00pm. Please note, there will be no Adoration on Wednesday after 6:00pm or on Thursday April 1 or Friday April 2. Eucharistic Adoration will continue with its usual schedule beginning Wednesday April 7 at 8:30am. A sincere thank you to all who participated.

### Please take note of changes effective as of April:

If you are an Adorer already committed to the Wednesday 8:30am through Thursday 8:00am hours then you will need to contact Sylvia Lobo at [srmlobo@hotmail.com](mailto:srmlobo@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or cannot make it to Adoration. If you fall in the time range of Thursdays 8:30am through 5:00pm please contact William Kurtz at [wkurtz@virginia.edu](mailto:wkurtz@virginia.edu). If you are a Friday adorer please contact Charlotte Burns at [charlieburns@hotmail.com](mailto:charlieburns@hotmail.com). **At this time we are looking for Adorers on Fridays from 1-2pm.** For anyone looking to sign up for the first time, kindly contact the appropriate person depending on the day to which you wish to commit.

### Easter Flowers

Memorial donations are being accepted for the flowers which will adorn our Church during the Easter season. A sign up sheet and collection box can be found at a table in the link. Memorial, honorary, and general gifts are welcome.



### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th

Holy Hour from 3-4 pm. The Divine Mercy Novena begins at 3pm on Good Friday. Prayer Pamphlets will be available for those who wish to participate in this wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy, be filled with grace, and then radiate God's love and mercy to others. Our Lord's Mercy grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Mercy Sunday, mercy for even the most hardened sinners!



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:sackandpam@comcast.net).



### 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](mailto: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

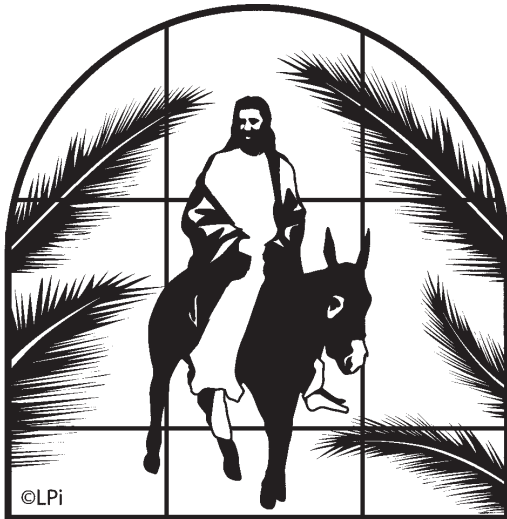
### Lifeteen, EDGE, & Elementary Education

No sessions on Palm Sunday (Mar 29) or Easter (Apr 4). We will meet again on Apr 11.

### SCRIP Goes ONLINE

Support our Youth Ministry online at [scrip.stauva.org](http://scrip.stauva.org) and earn points on your Credit Card! Thanks to all your generous support we have reached \$70k in sales. Since we have had such success with this program we have taken it online! You can 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.



## Palm Sunday

*As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. — Lk 19:36, 37b*

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## 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).

## 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

For info, contact Erin, [ejg7h@virginia.edu](mailto:ejg7h@virginia.edu), or Will, [wbk2e@virginia.edu](mailto:wbk2e@virginia.edu).

- 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.
- 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**

**Highlights from the Gathering:** As twinned parishes from across the Diocese assembled to share the admiration, concern, love and prayers for the people of Haiti, we were struck by the eloquence of Bishop Simon Pierre Saint-Hillien, Bishop of Hinche. Bishop Saint-Hillien and fellow keynote speaker, Dr Robert Maguire of Trinity Washington University, stressed the need for Haiti to develop its Agrarian Economy. They also encouraged the decentralization of resources and government functions. The capital, Port-au-Prince, should not be the only place to seek employment, to interact with the government or to obtain a university education. **Diocesan Haiti Gathering:** Thank you again to all who helped host the Diocesan Haiti Gathering on Mar 20. Those who helped make the day run smoothly include, Judy Zacharias, Bridget Davis and some wonderful young people, Anna, Theresa, Ben, Becca, Maura, Chris and Thomas, as well as Nancy and Paul Dierdorfer, Jim Benedict, John Stack, Joan McDonald and Jerry and Mike from the Knights of Columbus and Panera Bread for the bagels. **Water Pump-Irrigation Project:** This project hopes to enhance the established agrarian economy of the village of our twin parish. 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). **Haiti Table Update:** View latest pictures from the February trip. **Contact:** Paul Harnois at [iphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:iphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Books for Prisoners**

We are still collecting books for the local jail & state prisons. If you are getting rid of some of your books, please donate them 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, and Scottsville. Thank you!

**Justice for Immigrants**

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a postcard campaign to Congress in support of immigration reform. To participate in the campaign, pick up a postcard in the Link this weekend or visit [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) and click on the take action button. This is an important public policy issue which impacts individuals and families in our Church and we encourage you to participate in the campaign.

**IMPACT**

We had 50 STA folks at the Action! The City & County Police Depts & Regional Jail committed to solutions in the area of Interpretative Services agreeing to creation & implementation of Limited English Proficiency plans. The City & County school board members present committed to expand & improve access to publicly funded Pre-K programs.

**Lenten Food Collection**

We are collecting for the Emergency Food Bank. Suggested items: Pasta/Sauce, Canned Fruits, Fish, Vegetables, Soups & Beans, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Baby Food, Diapers, Toiletries.

**Operation Rice Bowls**

Please submit your donations this weekend. Convert your coins to cash (bills) or a check made out to St Thomas Aquinas and place in an envelope marked Operation Rice Bowl and drop it in the collection.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Full-Time Justice & Peace Regional Coordinator**

Is being sought by Commonwealth Catholic Charities for the Roanoke Office. Will be responsible for assisting parishes to develop and implement programs of Social Ministry, identifying and developing leadership for Social Ministry, and providing consultation in the areas of Catholic Social Teaching Education, Respect Life, Global Solidarity and Haiti Ministry, Migrant Ministry and Domestic Poverty, Prison Ministry, and SW Virginia Ministries. The Roanoke Office will have a specialized focus on Respect Life. A Bachelor's degree in theology or ministry required, Master's preferred. Two to five years of social justice/parish ministry experience. If interested, send resume and cover letter to [Human.Resources@cccovva.org](mailto:Human.Resources@cccovva.org).

**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).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing**

From abortion and its lasting effects will be held Apr 9-11 at the Benedictine Abbey in Richmond. The retreat helps women and men to uncover deep wounds buried in secrecy and shame.

**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.

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

Elementary K-5 Teacher; Media Specialist (full or part-time); Resource Teacher (Special Education endorsement preferred); Instructional Technology Teacher (part-time); Office Administrative Asst (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:** Still accepting applications for Pre-K-8. If 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.

**Thanks from the Auction Committee:** We raised approximately \$85,000 at our gala this year. These funds will go to our Catholic Education Fund to assist families who otherwise would not be able to attend CCS.

**Golf Tournament:** Join the fun and CCS community by fielding a foursome, signing up as an individual or sponsoring our 8th Annual Gene Corrigan Golf Tournament. This will be held at Spring Creek Golf Club on Mon, Apr 19, beginning with warm-up and lunch at 11am. For info or to register (required), go to [www.cvillecatholic.org/golftournament2010](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/golftournament2010).

**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.

