

From the
Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. The entirety of Holy Week and the Easter season is a celebration of the Lord's Divine Mercy, but this day in particular is singled out to celebrate this incredible mystery. The Lord's mercy is demonstrated in a powerful way through His passion, death and resurrection. While we were yet sinners Jesus died for us in order to bring reconciliation with the Father.

St Faustina received apparitions from our Lord calling for the Sunday within the octave of Easter to be a celebration of His Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul the Great declared on April 30, 2000 that "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."

Our parish will celebrate this feast in a special way with a Holy Hour at 3:00 pm in the Church. During this Holy Hour we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP

Thank you!

Very special thanks to all who helped clean, prepare and decorate the Church so beautifully for the various Triduum and Easter events. It could not have been done without your help. May God generously bless you this Easter season!

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. Proceeds will benefit the Dominican Priory building project.

Readings for the Week of April 11, 2010

- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 10

- 8:30am Deceased of the Dominican Laity †
- 5:15pm Deacon Frank Veraart †

Sunday, April 11

- 7:30am Olive Mierzejewski †
- 9:00am For the People
- 11:30am Venerando Navasquez †
- 5:15pm Dante & Jennie Maffeo †

Monday, April 12

- 8:00am Roger Millard †
- 5:15pm Fred Porter

Tuesday, April 13

- 8:00am Chase Hammond
- 5:15pm Margaret McManus †

Wednesday, April 14

- 8:00am Deceased Grandparents of Matt & Ginger Grimes †
- 5:15pm Vernon Rock

Thursday, April 15

- 8:00am Thomas Ainsworth †
- 5:15pm Roger Millard †

Friday, April 16

- 8:00am Elda O'Hara Wight †
- 5:15pm Margaret Daisy Molloy †

Saturday, April 17

- 8:30am Dorothy DiSchino †
- 5:15pm Souls in Purgatory †

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-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.

Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you for your participation in the program this Lent! Your contributions will be used in 100 countries throughout the world and here in the Diocese to help alleviate poverty. To contribute please convert your change to cash bills or a check made out to St Thomas Aquinas and write "Operation Rice Bowl" on the envelope or memo line and drop it in the collection basket.

PARISH FINANCES

April 4, 2010

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,879.78
Offeratory.....	37,718.28
Parish Charities	4,823.56
Other Income.....	627.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

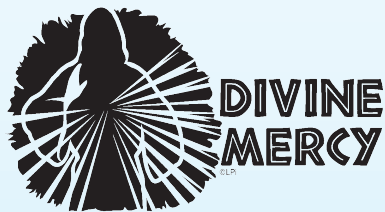
Light the Fire Within meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Thomas Hall to praise God in song, formal or spontaneous prayer, silence, even applause or shouts of joy. We are open to hearing God speak through Scripture, teaching, exhortation, charismatic gifts and personal sharing. If you feel the need for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

Eucharistic Adoration

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 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. If you are a Friday adorer please contact Charlotte Burns at charlieburns@hotmail.com. For anyone looking to sign up for the first time, kindly contact the person depending on the day that you wish to commit to.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Hour from 3-4pm on Apr 11. 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!



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. — Lk 24:1b-3

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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.

Natural Family Planning

Our next STM class series will be held on April 15 and 22, at 7pm. To register, contact chvillenfp@yahoo.com. For information on all classes offered, please see www.stauva.org/nfp. Check out our changing offering of brochures on NFP—on the brochure rack on the kitchen side of the Link near the TV, as well as our facebook page.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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). The next meeting will be held in Classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wed, May 5, with the Rosary at 6:45pm and General Meeting at 7pm.

St Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the Lay Fraternities of St Dominic

Begins formation in June for new Inquirers. If you feel motivated to pursue a vocation to the Fraternities of Saint Dominic, please contact Marta Brannon at 293-8081x18 or marta@stauva.org.





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

This week we focused on the Spiritual (Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Admonish sinners, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offences willingly, Comfort the afflicted and Pray for the living and the dead) and Corporal (Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned and Bury the dead) Works of Mercy. These actions help us grow closer to God through helping others. **Challenge:** Read Matthew 25:31-46 and reflect upon the Works of Mercy. We challenge each of you to do an act of corporal and spiritual work of mercy and serve your community.

Edge

Mary is the perfect example of what it means to be faithful to the call of God. No one is closer to Christ than Mary. As Jesus was dying on the cross, He gave his mother to the world to be a mother to us all. We can pray to Mary and ask her to pray with us and for us. The Rosary is one of the most popular ways to pray with Mary's intercession. **Challenge:** What better time to talk or pray with your family than in the car. Turn off the radio & ipods and spend time together. Plan to say a decade of the Rosary together. Keep inexpensive Rosary beads in the glove compartment. Or play a game. Keep a bag with all the Mysteries of Christ (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, Luminous) and take turns giving clues and guessing which one is which.

2010 Middle School Rally

Join us on May 22 for a one-day gathering of all middle school youth from across the Richmond Diocese for a high energy day filled with opportunities to gather as a Catholic diocesan community. Cost: \$30 for everything, \$15 additional to purchase a "fired Up" t-shirt (optional). Sign up at edge@stauva.org.

Middle School Lock In

St Thomas, Incarnation & CCS middle school youth are invited to get locked in! Fri, Apr 23, 8pm to Sat, Apr 24, 9am. Contact edge@stauva.org to sign up.

SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 60 and older
Barbara Brodie • bb9w@virginia.edu

The April Coffee Break

Wednesday, April 14 from 10am till Noon. This will be the last meeting of the academic year, because we're having a Day of Recollection in May and our Spring Luncheon in June. At this Coffee Break, we'll use our meeting time (10:45 – 11:15) to plan for next year, so bring your ideas and your enthusiasm (as well as any goodies you'd like to share) and help us make the Senior Ministry just what you want it to be! As always, there is no charge to attend.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Day of Recollection: Wed, May 12, 9am till 1pm (lunch included)

Spring Luncheon: Sat, June 19, 11:30am – 1:30 pm
Watch this space for more details on the May and June events.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Jonathan Elliott • jse4y@virginia.edu
John Hopke • johnhopke@stauva.org

St Anselm Institute Faculty/Student Lunch

On Friday, April 16, 12:00-1:30pm, the St Anselm Institute will host its final Doctors of the Church faculty/student lunch seminar on the irascible hermit/cardinal Doctor St Jerome (c.347-420). No prior experience needed, but student reservations are required due to space limitations. Email the Institute at info@stanselmminstitute.org and visit www.stanselmminstitute.org for details.

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.

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to Jonathan Elliott, new CSM chairperson, and Connor Breed, new Vice-Chairperson. Thank you to outgoing Chairperson Michael Horsey and outgoing Vice-Chairperson Christine Gallagher.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

For parishioners aged 21-35
Stephanie Zilora • 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.

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.

Ongoing Events

For info, contact Erin, ejg7h@virginia.edu, or Will, 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

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

St Michel: Please keep our brothers and sisters of our twin parish in your prayers. As the slow work of recovery from the Jan 12 earthquake continues, many refugee families are putting a strain on the resources of the small village of Saltadère. Households formerly of six persons are now as many as sixteen. **Water Pump-Irrigation Project:** Our hope for this project is 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. Also at the table, view latest pictures from the February trip. **Sponsorship Opportunity:** Many thanks to all who have sponsored a child or have renewed a sponsorship. There are still children who await a sponsor. To learn more, stop by the Haiti table or contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com. **Haitian Health Care Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond Fundraiser Apr 23:** If you are interested in the work of this diocesan effort directed toward health care in the Central Plateau, or if you would like to provide financial support, contact Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@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. If you missed filling out the postcards in the link and wanted to participate visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org and click on the 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

Thank you for contributing 197 bags to the Emergency Food Bank this Lent! The contributions will help provide a 3 day supply of food to people in the area who are in need.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

There is no better time than during this Easter season to celebrate the protection of God's gift to us, our children. Thank you for all you do in the effort to protect our children. For info on the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Safe Environment program, please visit www.richmonddiocese.org/safe.htm

The Walk for Life 2010

Sat, Apr 17, 9am at the Student Activities Building, UVA. Help women choose life for their babies! It's a fun morning and easy Walk -- many people bring strollers for their littlest ones. Free food, face painting, balloons, music and a moonwalk. For info call the Pregnancy Center of Central Va at 979-4516.

PACEM's 2010 Volunteer Recognition Event

Sun, Apr 23, 5-7pm, *this is a new date*, at The Haven (1st & Market Sts). PACEM wants to thank you for contributing to our community homeless shelter through stormy cold nights. Enjoy food, music, & friendship. Contact: marie@pacemshelter.org

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 or 540-246-9125.

Life in Christ – Day of Discernment for Women

Sat, May 8, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Richmond. For women ages 15-30. Come witness the joy found in religious, consecrated, married, and single life, and learn to listen for God's call in your own life. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30am, Msgr Mark Lane presiding, and finish at 3pm. No registration fee, please RSVP by Fri, Apr 30, to Bernadette Snyder at bsnyder@richmonddiocese.org. Bring a brown bag lunch – snacks and drinks will be provided. Questions? Call Sr Joseph Marie at 804-288-6245 or Sr Inma at 804-266-2975.

Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)

Admissions: We continue to accept applications for Pre-K through 8 while in the process of considering applicants. We anticipate having limited openings, so please contact us soon. **Pre-K Note:** In the fall, we will offer a Pre-K Extended Day Program (Mon-Thur, 12-3pm for students attending CCS Pre-K). For info call Ann Michel at 964-0400. Appointments for tours may be made Mon-Fri. **Employment at CCS: Immediate Opening:** Part-time evening janitor. **2010-2011 Positions:** See CCS website www.cvillecatholic.org for a listing. **CCS Golf Tournament:** Join the fun & community of CCS by fielding a foursome, signing up as an individual player or sponsoring our 8th Annual Gene Corrigan Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Spring Creek Golf Club on Mon, Apr 19, beginning with warm-up & lunch at 11am. Log on to www.cvillecatholic.org/golftournament2010 for more info or to register (required).

Diocesan Job Openings

Visit www.richmonddiocese.org/human to see the latest job openings. Click on "subscribe for job updates" link to receive notifications of openings. New Listing: Chief Financial Officer

2010 National Medjugorje Conference at Notre Dame

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



Congratulations to those who received the Easter Sacraments at the 2010 Easter Vigil!

The Newly Baptized and Confirmed

Katie (Gianna) Collins*
 Eric (Michael) Huang*
 Amelia (Gianna) Hufford*
 Traci (Martha) Kelly*
 Jaewoo (Thomas Aquinas) Lee*
 Ken (John) Mainfort*
 Jessica (Joan) McCarthy*
 Emily (Francis) Wang Garrahan*
 Jason (Joseph) Woodfin*

Those Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church & Were Confirmed

Lindsey (Thérèse) Aaron*
 Liz (Margaret of Cortona) Alfson*
 William (Benedict) Ayers*
 Leah (Gianna) Fleming*
 Maj-Britt (Joan) Frenze*
 Amy (Poemen) Graeser*
 Chris (Paul) Hackett*
 Marianne (Teresa of Avila) Hackett*
 John (Augustine) Himelright*
 Wende (Joan) Hope*
 Amanda (Theresa Benedicta) Kannapel*
 Annie (Catherine of Sienna) Knepper*
 Steve (Francis of Assisi) Knepper*
 Matt (Erasmus) Koskela*
 Diana (Cecilia) Newsom*
 Sam (Thomas Aquinas) Nicholson*
 Susan (Germaine Cousin) Sullivan*
 Joel (Thomas More) Voss*

Previously-Baptized Catholics Who Were Confirmed

Dan (Peregrine) Boyle
 Chiara (Agatha) Canzi
 Yena (Veronica) Lee

*Those with an asterisk next to their names will be receiving their First Holy Communion this evening.
 Confirmation names are in parentheses.*