



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have an action backed grace filled week ahead of us in the life of our parish. Our annual St Catherine of Siena lecture will be held on Monday at 7:30 pm in the Church. This year Sister Mary Michael Fox, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia (the Nashville Dominican Sisters) will lecture on "Saint Catherine of Siena: Beloved Daughter of the Church". Wednesday night at 7:00pm Bishop DiLorenzo will confirm almost 100 of our high school students. And on Saturday 70 of our grade school children will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep all of these parishioners in your prayers.

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP

Baptism

We welcome Meghan Darling Ayres, Quinn David Wolf Bruen, Corina Marie Frye, and Alexander Paul Molina who through Baptism were received into our faith community.



Confessions

No confessions on Sat, May 1.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2010

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: *St Catherine of Siena*
Rv 1:5-8/Jn7:14-18,37-39
- Friday: *St Pius V, OP*
Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Welcome to the Little Sisters of the Poor who are visiting this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24

- 8:30am Michael Donlon
- 5:15pm Manus Jack Fish †

Sunday, April 25

- 7:30am Ellen Mierzejewski
- 9:00am Lou Owens †
- 11:30am Ulpiena Navasquez †
- 5:15pm For the People

Monday, April 26

- 8:00am Helen Medica †
- 5:15pm Lilia Santos †

Tuesday, April 27

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

Wednesday, April 28

- 8:00am Gennifer Perreault
- 5:15pm Roger Millard †

Thursday, April 29

- 8:00am Ellie Rose Reilly †
- 5:15pm Dominic Vu †

Friday, April 30

- 8:00am Paul Nguyen †
- 5:15pm George Kessler †

Saturday, May 1

- 8:30am Respect Life
- 5:15pm Souls in Purgatory †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Edna Landes, Ashley Sheets, Patricia Hughes, David Hughes, LTC Michael Devine, Carol Finch, Jacob Ojeda, Oliver Smithdeal, Lionel Fontenette, Arthur Pullam, Jillian Henderson, Steve Ohmer, Martin Ojeda, Baby Lillie & family, Tabitha M Warner, Vanessa Thoms Sprogis, Robert Sprogis, Mel Podwysocki, Victoria Amparo Villar, Matthew Grimes, Patrick Howell— 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.

Tertia Pars Bookstore at St Thomas Aquinas

Located downstairs near the main entrance. Books, rosaries, and other religious articles are available. Open Sundays, 8:30am-11:30am. Additional hours available upon request (email tertiapars@stauva.org or phone 293-8081x18). Proceeds will benefit the Dominican Priory building project.

PARISH FINANCES

April 18, 2010

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,879.78
Offertory.....	18,216.65
Parish Charities	2,186.90
Other Income.....	1,022.00

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

Wednesdays from 8:30am through Thursdays until 5:00pm and Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If you are an Adorer already committed to the Wednesdays 8:30am through Thursdays 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. If you wish to sign up for Adoration kindly contact the person depending on the day that you wish to commit to.

May Holy Hour

On Sunday, May 2, the St Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the Dominican Laity invites you to join us in celebrating May, Our Lady's Month, by coming to a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary. We will be praying for our Blessed Mother's intercession for vulnerable unborn babies. We will meet in the Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 1-2pm. We hope to see you there!

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.” — Jn 10:27-30

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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 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 meetings are May 8 & 22. Info: contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Our next STM class series will be held on May 8, 1-4pm. To register, contact chvillenfp@yahoo.com. For info 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

Annual St Catherine of Sienna Lecture

Please join us in the Church followed by a reception in St Thomas Hall. This year, we are pleased to host Sr Mary Michael Fox, OP, who brings great insight and passion. Her presentation, "St Catherine of Siena, Beloved Daughter of the Church", is this **Monday, April 26th at 7:30 PM in the Church.**

Knights of Columbus

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.

2nd Annual Washington Nationals Baseball Trip

Everyone had such a great time last year that we're doing it again. Come see the Nats take on the Philadelphia Phillies on Sun, Aug 1. This Knights of Columbus event is open to St Thomas parishioners and guests. Cost for the game ticket and round-trip transportation via chartered bus to Nationals Park is \$60 per person. We have about 30 seats remaining, so make your reservations today by contacting Tom Dulan (ted8n@virginia.edu; 982-2894 daytime; 973-1997 evening). The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10am sharp and return in the early evening, probably about 7-7:30.

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

Youth Ministry and Religious Education Registration

Registration has gone ONLINE! No more need to worry about getting your papers in on time or waiting in line to register on Sundays! Simply go online to <http://registration.stauva.org>. Don't have a computer or just need some assistance, no problem! We will have onsite registration assistance after all the Masses on Sunday, April 25. Registrations completed after May 1st will incur a late fee.

Family BBQ after LifeTeen Mass

On May 2 all LifeTeen and EDGE families as well as college students are welcome to join us after the LifeTeen (5:15) Mass on Sun, May 2, for our end of the year BBQ! It is a great time for great food and community! Hope to see you there!

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.

SCRIP

We are upping the ante!!! Back in October we set the goal of reaching \$100,000 in SCRIP sales by the end of September. Well it is April and we have sold over \$75,000! Our new challenge to you is to help us reach \$100,000 by the end of the fiscal year, June 30!

Mark 1:17 Youth Retreat for High School Guys

June 25-27 ~ (Rising 10th grade thru graduating 12th grade). Retreat sessions will focus on living what we pray and experiencing God in Prayer, Word and Sacrament, the Church, and Relationships. The retreat will be held at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Reserve your place today, and then come and listen as Jesus says, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17) For more information or to register please contact the Office of Vocations at (804)-359-5661 ext. 206 or by email at amcnulty@richmonddiocese.org. \$30 per retreat participant. Sign Up Today!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Are You in Need of a Babysitter?

Catholic Student Ministry will provide a responsible student. For more information contact Sophia Urban at ssu8qk@virginia.edu.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

For parishioners aged 21-35
Stephanie Zilora • smz5c@virginia.edu

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, eig7h@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.

SENIOR MINISTRY

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

Our Spring Day of Recollection

Will be on Wed, May 12. It will begin with 9am Mass and finish at 1pm. Christopher Gilbert, St Thomas' Director of Religious Education, is speaking on *Reading the Bible: The Heart of the Church*. He is gearing the content of the presentation for those who are unfamiliar with the Bible and those who frequently read it. If you have a Bible, please bring it but Bibles will be available for use. Food of All Nations box lunches are available for \$11 but if you wish to bring your own food please do. Call the parish office by May 10 to reserve a box lunch and select from the following: turkey, ham, chicken and vegetable sandwiches. We will use a little of our luncheon time to explore what might be planned for next year's activities, so come with ideas, thoughts and enthusiasm! Hopefully many can come to enjoy this spring event.

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. In the Easter season, Fr Blot has been busy with 27 weddings, 35 christenings and on Apr 11, 138 individuals were confirmed by the bishop of Hinche. **Water Pump-Irrigation Project:** Our hope for this project is to enhance the established agrarian economy of the village of our twin parish. We are close to our fundraising goal. The next phase will be implementation, and volunteers are needed to assist with this. Information on the project and on how to donate is available at the Haiti Table on the lower level or at www.saltadere.org. **Catholic Student Trip to Saltadère:** In May, a group of students plans to visit our twin parish. Please keep their trip in your prayers and support them as they prepare to be with our twin parish of St Michel and its school. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The committee next meets May 16 at St Thomas Aquinas. Come learn about the next trip and plans for shipping via sea container to Saltadère. To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.

**Food Collection**

We are now collecting items for Holy Comforter's Pantry. Suggested items are: **Canned Fish, Vegetables, Fruits, Soups and Beans, Peanut Butter, and Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, etc.)**

**We're Collecting
Food for the Needy.
Can You Help?**


Care of God's Creation

Continue Earth Day all year, consume fewer resources by recycling paper, bottles and cans, driving your car less, reducing your use of water, eating natural and healthy food, and using energy efficient light bulbs. A Message from Pope Benedict XVI World Day of Peace Jan 2010, *If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation...* it is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen "that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying".

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Be a Voice for Life

Have you wanted to share God's love with someone in crisis? Every day women, teens, and young men walk into our Pregnancy Centers needing a caring person to talk to. If you can listen, you can counsel. We are beginning a new morning counselor training class that runs from 10am-1pm on the days below. There is a \$25 fee to cover materials. Call Pat today at 817-4554 to sign up! We are also in need of receptionists and Spanish speakers! You only need to commit to a few hours each week. Training is held for 8 sessions: Mon, May 3; Thur, May 6; Fri, May 7; Mon, May 10; Thur, May 13; Fri, May 14; Mon, May 17; Thur, May 20.

May 1 Catholic Worker Celebration

All are invited to the Charlottesville Catholic Worker at 911 Nassau Street to celebrate the 77th anniversary of the Catholic Worker movement and to learn about local efforts to provide hospitality to homeless families and to develop a sustainable living center. Come for any part of the day: 2-3pm beekeeping presentation; 3-4pm house tours; 4-6pm food, live music, fellowship, & activities for kids. To learn more check out www.cvillecw.blogspot.com.

Charlottesville Catholic School

Faculty & Staff Opportunities: Immediate Opening: part-time evening janitor. Applications may be downloaded from the Diocesan website www.richmonddiocese.org and submitted to CCS, 1205 Pen Park Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22911, Attention Alan Yost, Principal. For the 2010-2011 School Year: See our website www.cvillecatholic.org for details. Go to the "Join our Faculty" page to download an application from the Diocese of Richmond. **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. Also, we are offering a Pre-K Extended Day Program (Mon-Thur, 12-3pm for students attending CCS). To learn more about CCS, please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at 964-0400. Appointments may be made for tours Mon-Fri.

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.

Employment Opportunity at Church of the Incarnation

Admin Asst (Tues-Fri). Resume should be submitted to Mary Balsam in the Parish Office. Call 434-973-4381 or e-mail mary@incarnationparish.org for a job description. This position requires a completed Diocesan application, available online at <http://intranet.richmonddiocese.org/docs/6101.rtf> or at the Incarnation Parish Office. Deadline: May 10

Pilgrimage in Honor of St Dominic & Our Lady

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Dominicans at St Thomas Aquinas Parish. Visit Spain, France, & Italy Nov 2-13. Led by Fr Luke Clark, OP, pastor. \$3340.00 plus \$410.00 fuel surcharge. Please contact marta@stauva.org or call (434)293-8081x18 for further details.

