



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On the evening of the last day of classes at UVA, some of our Catholic undergrads invited me to go bowling with them. Our scores were nothing to write home about (at least mine weren't), but we had great fun. Please pray for our students as they study for and take their exams this coming week, that their test scores will be something to write home about!

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." As many devout students have discovered the hard way, it is rare that the Holy Spirit grants infused knowledge during an exam if they haven't studied. So also with us: we are lifelong students of our rich Catholic Faith, yet we can't expect the Holy Spirit to remind us of truths we never learned well in the first place. Here at St Thomas, we have excellent opportunities to deepen our understanding of our Faith. In this bulletin, you will find notices about our Catholicism 101 series, a Senior Day of Recollection on reading the Bible, and also our new Tertia Pars Bookstore. I encourage you to browse the bookstore. You will find books of bite-sized prayers and meditations to enrich your prayer life as well as engaging works by such authors as G K Chesterton, Bp Fulton Sheen, Fr Benedict Groeschel, Scott Hahn, and Pope Benedict XVI that will animate and deepen what we learned as young people about our faith (and may have grown a bit fuzzy over the years).

Also, stay tuned for a series of Theology and Donuts presentations by the two Dominican student brothers who will be with us this summer.

May the Holy Spirit come to our aid as lifelong students of God's saving truth.

In Christ,  
Fr Stephen, OP

The St Anselm Institute and Fr Luke Clark invite all active and retired UVA teaching, research, and clinical faculty to the 5:15 Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, May 22. Wear your academic regalia if you have it, but it is certainly not required. We'll assemble, process, and sit as a grand faculty enclave. Please contact the parish office if you plan on participating in the procession. A light reception follows the Mass.

**Baptism**

We welcome Cailin Leanna Houlihan who through Baptism was received into our faith community.

**Readings for the Week of May 9, 2010**

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: *St Antoninus Pierozzi of Florence, OP*  
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: *St Matthias*  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: *Ascension*  
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;  
10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, May 8**  
8:30am Deceased of the Dominican Laity  
5:15pm For the People
- Sunday, May 9**  
7:30am Maggie Bohner †  
9:00am Olive Mierzejewski †  
11:30am Virginia Canfield †  
5:15pm Lilia Santos †
- Monday, May 10**  
8:00am Pauline Meszaros Landes †  
5:15pm Donna Hedrick
- Tuesday, May 11**  
8:00am Deceased Grandparents  
of Matt & Ginger Grimes †  
5:15pm Kate Redford †
- Wednesday, May 12**  
8:00am Deacon Frank Veraart †  
5:15pm Felipe A Napala †
- Thursday, May 13**  
8:00am For the People  
5:15pm Carmina Lobo †
- Friday, May 14**  
8:00am Hugh Stevenson Landes †  
5:15pm George Kessler †
- Saturday, May 15**  
8:30am Deceased of the Dominican Laity †  
5:15pm George Kessler †

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Gilbert Maestas, Fr Thomas Seagrave, MAJ John Gregory, Holly Kilmer, Joanne LaPointe, Stephen Craighead, Alice Cooper, Katherine Hess, Nawhang Thokmey, Tennam Thokmey, Sisson Family, Cross Family, Fred Alter, Reb Bailey, 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, 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.

**Operation Rice Bowl Collection**

Thank you for your participation and contributions to Catholic Relief Services. A total of \$1,243.77 was collected this Lent from St Thomas Aquinas parish. It will be used to help the poor in 100 countries including supporting food banks and soup kitchens in our Diocese.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**May 2, 2010**

Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	\$18,879.78
Offertery .....	18,802.88
Parish Charities .....	2,849.00
Other Income .....	151.00

## 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.

### Monday Holy Hour Has Resumed

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church every Monday from 4 to 5pm just before 5:15 Mass.

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." — Jn 14:26-27a

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## ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org

### 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 May 15. Info: contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

### The Sts Joachim and Anne Society

Offers a monthly discussion on living out the Natural Family Planning Lifestyle on the 3rd Wed of the month at 7pm in the community room downstairs. Discussions are moderated by an NFP instructor. The next meeting is May 19 and the topic is "What do you do if your doctor wants to prescribe hormones?". Please email Lauri, ltamberrino@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to submit a question for group review.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### You Are Invited

By the Filipino-American Rosary Group to the Mayflower Offering and Crowning of the Blessed Mother Ceremony on Sunday, May 30. The schedule:

4:00pm—Set-up in the Hall

4:30—Rosary

5:15—Join the Mass

6:15—Offering of Flowers

6:30—Crowning of Blessed Mother and Procession

7:00—Potluck: please bring main dish + dessert + drinks

8:30—Clean up

For more information please call Helen Harris 971-1044, Evelyn Fulkerson 973-7178 or Estelita Davis 971-6918.



## RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### VIRTUS Training Session

Will be hosted by St Thomas on May 12, from 6-9pm in St Thomas Hall. If you are planning on working in any capacity with our youth and are 18 years or older you need to complete this training. Registration is on line at [www.richmonddioocese.org](http://www.richmonddioocese.org). Contact Julie Balik at [edge@stauva.org](mailto:edge@stauva.org) for additional information.

### Vacation Bible School and Middle School Camp

**Volunteers needed:** August 2 - 6. If you are interested in volunteering for our summer programs please contact Chris Gilbert [dre@stauva.org](mailto:dre@stauva.org) for VBS and Julie Balik [edge@stauva.org](mailto:edge@stauva.org) for MS Camp before May 1.

### 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](mailto:edge@stauva.org).

### 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@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:amcnulty@richmonddioocese.org). \$30 per retreat participant. Sign Up Today!

### 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!

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Jonathan Elliott • [jse4y@virginia.edu](mailto:jse4y@virginia.edu)  
John Hopke • [johnhopke@stauva.org](mailto: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](mailto:ssu8qk@virginia.edu).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

For parishioners aged 21-35  
Stephanie Zilora • [smz5c@virginia.edu](mailto: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](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.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 60 and older  
Barbara Brodie • [bb9w@virginia.edu](mailto:bb9w@virginia.edu)

### Our Spring Day of Recollection

Will be on Wed, May 12, beginning with 9am Mass and finishing 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.

### Senior Coffee

There will no Senior Coffee in May because of the scheduled May Day of recollection.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

**The Haitian Station**

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

**St Michel School:** Students at the school have been studying hard despite many having only one meal a day (the one at the school). They have also made welcome over 40 children who moved recently from earthquake-ravaged Port-au-Prince. The Diocese of Hinche will be having final exams and promotional exams for students of their schools at the end of June. The state exams will be in July. Let us pray for the continued success of all the children of St Michel for whom a good education is a first step to an improved quality of life. **Mothers' Day Cards:** These donation cards, with scenes from St Michel School, will be available on the Haiti table (lower level of church) on the weekend of May 8/9. Your donation (\$20 or more) will support the food program at St Michel School. Thank you. **Catholic Students Trip to Saltadère:** This month, a group of our university 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 [iphmch@embarqmail.com](mailto:iphmch@embarqmail.com).

**Food Collection**

Until the first weekend of June, we will be collecting for the Outreach Ministry at Church of the Incarnation to help with the needs of Hispanic families.

**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."

**IMPACT Celebration/Kick Off Invitation**

You are invited to a Celebration/Kick Off hosted by the congregations in IMPACT on Thu, May 20 at 6:45pm at Union Run Baptist Church in Keswick (3220 Keswick Rd, Rt 731 approx 1/4 mile on left near Shadwell, Va). The successes of IMPACT will be celebrated along with the start of the support drive. If you can't make it to the celebration but would like to support the work of IMPACT checks can be sent to IMPACT (a 501c3 organization) 100 Alderman Rd Ch'ville 22903.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)**

Has limited seats available in a variety of grades. CCS is offering an extended day option from 12–3pm each day that pre-k is in session. Visit their website for more info. To schedule a tour, call Ann Michel at 964-0400.

**University of Notre Dame Folk Choir**

Fri, May 21, 7:30pm at Incarnation. All are welcome.

**Spiritual Direction Institute Post-Grad Workshops**

From 10-4 on Sat, May 22, in the Incarnation Parish Hall. The workshop will include a presentation on ENNEAGRAM by Msgr Chet Michael, Mass, Lunch and a talk on *Prayer, Community & Vocation* by Rev Ben Campbell, Director of Richmond Hill Community. A lunch will be provided – donations accepted! To help with planning these sessions, particularly with numbers for lunch, please contact Mary Ann Marinchick no later than May 18 at 434-823-4068, or e-mail [m\\_marincic@comcast.net](mailto:m_marincic@comcast.net).

**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](mailto: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

**Social Justice Coordinator (30hr/wk beginning in Aug):**

Submit a resume and cover letter to SJ Search Committee, C/O Carolyn Hexter. Application deadline: June 1. For a complete Job Description please visit [www.incarnationparish.org](http://www.incarnationparish.org). This position requires a completed Diocesan application. All applications, resumes and cover letters should be sent to Church of the Incarnation, 1465 Incarnation Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

**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 openings. New Listings: Director of Finance & Development (Part-Time); Part-Time Bookkeeper; History & Social Science Instructor; Theology Teacher.

**IHM National Home School and Parent Conference**

June 11-12 at the Dulles Expo & Conference Center. Free Admission. For more info see [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or call 540-636-1946.

**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](mailto:marta@stauva.org) or call (434)293-8081x18 for further details.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage Rescheduled**

Due to volcanic ash cloud in Europe! Please join Fr Luke for a pilgrimage to a place where "Heaven Touches the Earth"! Experience the extraordinary Graces of this Oasis of Peace. Depart Dulles airport on Sept 30 and return on Oct 10. Poster and flyers are available in the Link with more info and the reservation application. We are also offering an add-on to Italy to visit the Holy House of Loreto, the tomb of St Joseph Cupertino (the flying Saint), San Giovanni Rotondo, and St Michael's Cave. Call Julie Zackrisson at 296-4615 or e-mail at [julianne333@gmail.com](mailto:julianne333@gmail.com) for more information.



## Food Collection for the Church of the Incarnation

Until June 6, we will be collecting items for Hispanic families who are in need.

### Suggested Items:

White Rice

Dried/Canned Beans

Sugar

Sardines – Goya

Canned Chicken/Tuna

Pasta

Cereal

Vegetable Oil

Canned Corn/Tomatoes

Refried Beans

Corn Flour – Maseca

Salsa

Jam

*The collected items will be delivered to the Church of the Incarnation's Outreach Office which distributes groceries on Sunday afternoons. Due to the economic downturn, many Hispanic families are in need of basic necessities.*

**Thank you for you generosity!**