



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Monday we celebrate Memorial Day and honor all those men and women of the armed forces who have died in service to our country. We are blessed with incredible freedoms that we should not take for granted. Many have sacrificed their lives to win and safeguard these freedoms. Chief among these freedoms is the freedom of worship. We will commemorate these fallen soldiers with Mass at 9:00am.

Please keep me in your prayers as I undergo surgery this Wednesday. Even though I will not be able to have visitors while in the hospital I will keep you and your intentions close to me during this time. The doctors tell me I should be back in action in about six weeks. If anything comes up in the mean time, do not hesitate to contact Fr Scordo!

God Bless,
Fr Luke, OP

Ride to Mass Needed

A woman living off Commonwealth Drive needs a ride to Sunday 9am Mass. If you can help please call 971-1171.

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 or phone 293-8081x18). Proceeds will benefit the Dominican Priory building project.

Memorial Day, May 31

Is a National Holiday and the Parish Offices will be closed. There will be only one daily Mass at 9:00am.

Baptism

We welcome Logan Farmer, Virginia Graham Parrish, and Caden Thomas Valentino who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of May 30, 2010

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday: *Visitation of the BVM*
Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: *St Justin*
Pet 3:12-15a,17-18 / Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12 / Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: *St Charles Lwanga & companions*
2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34
Friday: *St Peter of Verona, OP*
2 Tm 3:10-17 / Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: *St Boniface*
2 Tm 4:1-8 / Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Lk 9:11b-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 29

8:30am Michael Moynihan †
5:15pm Kimberly Hammond

Sunday, May 30

7:30am Eugene Taylor †
9:00am Charlie Butler
11:30am For the People
5:15pm Blanche Whitworth †

Monday, May 31—Memorial Day

9:00 am Victoria Yabut †

Tuesday, June 1

8:00am Deceased Grandparents
of Matt & Ginger Grimes †
5:15pm James A. Conway †

Wednesday, June 2

8:00am Lawrence Rowan †
5:15pm Fr Bob Krenik (26th Anniversary of Ord)

Thursday, June 3

8:00am Kevin Holt
5:15pm Kevin Donlon

Friday, June 4

8:00am Mary Ann Ross †
5:15pm George Kessler †

Saturday, June 5

8:30am Respect Life
5:15pm David Valenzuela †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Donald Montgomery, Daniel Schmidt, Amber & Logan Cox, 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, 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 Podwyssocki, 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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Allows the Holy Father to support victims of disaster, war, and oppression and those who are most disadvantaged and in need of emergency assistance. Please use the envelopes in your packets and be generous in the Peter's Pence Collection next week.

PARISH FINANCES

May 23, 2010

Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$22,392.74
Offertory	14,226.54
Parish Charities	1,673.00
Other Income.....	135.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • dre@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.



On June 6, Corpus Christi Sunday, Fr Augustine Thompson, OP, a Dominican of the Western Province who taught at the University of Virginia and helped in the parish from 1999 to 2009, will celebrate his 25th anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Although he does not expect that parishioners and friends from Charlottesville will attend his thanksgiving Mass at St Albert the Great Priory in Oakland that day, he promises all the parishioners, staff, and friends of St Thomas Aquinas University Parish that they will be in his heart and prayers during the celebration. His Mass that day will be celebrated for the intentions of all those he has served as a priest or teacher.

Men's Fellowship Meeting

Have you been through Cursillo but can't find or commit to a group? Are you looking for a group to discuss ideas on how to apply your faith in life? Do you want to grow your faith but don't know how? If you fall into one of these groups please come to our meeting. We meet every Fri, 7-7:50am in the room next to the kitchen. Our discussion starts with the Gospel for the coming Sunday & goes from there. Info: Bill Wilson at wdwilson@mindspring.com or 434-882-4178. All men are welcome.

Natural Family Planning

There will be an upcoming class for SymptoThermal NFP—Sat, June 12, 9am-1pm. Completing this session fills the NFP marriage prep requirement. Of course, NFP classes are not restricted to our engaged couples—married couples always welcome! To register, email chvillenfp@yahoo.com.

Catholicism 101 Foot Prints of God Series

This video presentation on Salvation History is set in the Holy Land and filmed on location with Stephen Ray. Each presentation is a stand alone session. The study group meets on select Saturdays at 10 AM in the Community Room at St Thomas. The next meetings are June 5 & 19. For more information contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Babysitters Needed!

Would you be willing to help parents participate in Adult Education by watching their children for an hour or so each month? Needed times vary. This much needed ministry makes a tremendous impact on families. Thank you. Please contact Chris Gilbert at 293-8081x15.

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 Phillies on Sun, Aug 1. This K of C event is open any parishioners & guests. Cost: \$60/person for the game ticket & round-trip bus. For reservations contact Tom Dulan, 982-2894 (day), 973-1997 (night) or ted8n@virginia.edu. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10am sharp and return in the early evening, probably about 7-7:30.

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, June 2, 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

Summer's Here- Come Celebrate With Us!!

Join us after the 5:15pm Mass on Sunday, June 13, for a family carnival to celebrate the start of summer. It will be complete with corndogs, cotton candy, games, prizes, and more. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

Aug 2-6. Please contact Chris Gilbert, dre@stauva.org, if you are interested in helping.

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. As of April 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!

Vacation Bible School

St Thomas is thrilled to host *Parade Around the Our Father* for children four years old through fifth grade. Parents are encouraged to register children for 5 fun-filled days of exciting lessons, cool crafts, fun games, upbeat music, creative skits, hands-on activities, and delicious snacks. August 2-6, from 9-12 Noon at St Thomas. Register online at registration.stauva.org by June 11th. If you are interested in *volunteering*, please contact Chris Gilbert at dre@stauva.org.

SENIOR MINISTRY

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

The annual Senior Ministry Spring Luncheon will be held in St Thomas Hall on Saturday, June 19. Gather at 11:30am for lunch served at noon. Cost for the salad, sandwich and chips lunch with coffee, tea and water and homemade desserts will be \$10/person. Register at the parish office before June 16. Pay at the office, or put the money in an envelope marked with your name and "Senior Ministry Luncheon" into the Sunday collection. If you'd like to contribute a dessert, email Janet Diller at jandill@embarqmail.com before June 14. There will be a brief (we promise!) business meeting after lunch, where we'll elect a new president and secretary for one year terms, and discuss planning for next year. We hope you'll be able to join us for this last social event of the academic year!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought

Thanks all faculty, students, parents, alumni and friends of the Institute who participated in and supported our activities at the University this past year. We look forward to renewing our 10th year of activities in the fall, beginning with our annual faculty-student dinner in September. If you haven't yet heard about the Institute, please visit our website (www.stanselmminstitute.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, 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



Sketches of Saltadère: These unique and beautiful note cards, created by the students of St Michel, are available at the Haiti table. The cards are perfect for saying thank you or just a simple hello. They are \$2.50 a piece or \$10 for a package of five. The contributions go to support the lunch program at St Michel School.

Thank you for your Sponsorship: Thank you to all parishioners and friends who are supporting the sponsorship program. Remember, this sponsorship money aids the entire school by funding the school's annual operating expenses. If you would like to begin sponsoring a child, there is plenty of opportunity to do so — about 80-100 children do not have sponsors. For info on sponsorship, email sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com.

Catholic Students trip to Saltadère: The group of our university students has returned from a visit to our twin parish. Please welcome them back and watch for updated pictures and information at the Haiti table on the lower level.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The committee next meets June 13 at 1 pm at St Thomas Aquinas. To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.

Food Collection

We will be collecting food for Hispanic families at the Church of the Incarnation until June 6. Suggested items: **White Rice, Dried/Canned Beans, Sugar, Goya Sardines, Canned Chicken/Tuna, Pasta, Cereal, Vegetable Oil, Canned Corn/Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Corn Flour-Maseca, Salsa & Jam.** The items will be delivered to the Outreach Office which distributes groceries on Sunday afternoons to families in need of basic necessities. Thank you!

IMPACT Support Drive

Thank you to the parishioners that attended the Celebration/Kick-Off. If you missed the celebration and are interested in supporting the work of IMPACT, you can send a check to IMPACT (a 501c3 organization) 100 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903 with St Thomas Aquinas Church on the memo line until June 17th.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Employment Opportunity at Church of the Incarnation

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. 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 to see the latest job openings. Click on "subscribe for job updates" link to receive notifications of openings.

Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)

Admissions: CCS has limited seats available for the 2010-11 school year in a variety of grades including pre-k and kindergarten. We are offering an extended day option for our pre-k students from 12 – 3pm each day that pre-k is in session. We invite you to visit our website, www.cvillecatholic.org, to learn more about the exciting things happening at CCS. If you would like to schedule a tour, please call Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at 964-0400.

Music Play Classes: CCS is offering Music Play classes during the month of June. Learn to enhance your child's music development while you have fun with other parents and children. Learn to listen to the music your child is making from birth! Music play is research-based music learning for your child and you from the very beginning. Music Play classes are for children birth to age 3. Classes will be offered only the month of June on Saturday mornings. Please visit www.cvillecatholic.org or contact Shellie Bentz for information and registration by Thurs, June 3.

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 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 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 for more information.

MEMORIAL DAY

The bugle echoes shrill and sweet.
But not of war it sings to-day.
The road is rhythmic with the feet
Of men-at-arms who come to pray.

The roses blossom white and red
On tombs where weary soldiers lie;
Flags wave above the honored dead
And martial music cleaves the sky.

Above their wreath-strewn graves we kneel,
They kept the faith and fought the fight.
Through flying lead and crimson steel
They plunged for Freedom and the Right.

May we, their grateful children, learn
Their strength, who lie beneath this sod,
Who went through fire and death to earn
At last the accolade of God.

In shining rank on rank arrayed
They march, the legions of the Lord;
He is their Captain unafraid,
The Prince of Peace...Who brought a sword.

— *Joyce Kilmer*

