



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

University Parish Ministering to the University of Virginia

Church & Office: 401 Alderman Rd.
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Vigil
5:15PM

Sunday
7:30AM, 9:00AM,
11:30AM, 5:15PM
(9:00PM in the UVA
Chapel during the
school year)

Weekday
Monday–Friday
8:00 AM, 5:15PM
(with Evening Prayer)
Rosary 4:55PM

Saturday
8:30AM

Holy Hours
Mon & Fri 4 - 5 PM

Confessions
Thursday

7:30–8:30 PM

Saturday
9:15–10:15 AM
any time, by
appointment

Pastor: Fr. Luke Clark, O.P.

Parochial Vicars: Fr. Joseph Scordo, O.P., Fr. Stephen Alcott, O.P.

Director of Religious Education: Chris Gilbert

Middle School: Julie Balik

High School & Youth Ministry: Michael Balazs and Kristin Krebbel (Asst.)

Worship: Marta Brannon, T.O.P.

Music Director: Brian Sousa

Business Administrator: Susan M. Phillips

Receptionist: Melanie Bninski

Catholic Student Ministry: Jonathan Elliott - Chair

Assistant Campus Minister/Music Minister: John Hopke

Parish Council: Ron Golden - ron.golden@earthlink.net

Finance Council: Bill Lee - Chair

Building Maintenance: John Michie

Registration: If you regularly attend St. Thomas, we would be happy to have you register. Forms can be found in the lobby of the church or at the parish office.

Baptisms: Parents wanting to baptize their children must be registered in the parish at least 2 months. 2010 Baptism Preparation Classes for 1st time parents are at 1:00PM on Oct 3, & Nov 21. Baptisms take place after the Sun 11:30 Mass.

Weddings: Couples must contact one of the parish priests **at least 6 mos before their wedding date, and C'ville residents must be registered in the parish at least 2 mos.** Arrangements are made in person, and guidelines for marriage in the Church and/or UVA Chapel must be obtained before planning the wedding.

Hospital Visits: Call the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit from one of the priests, the deacon, or a Eucharistic Minister.

Peace & Justice:

Bridget Davis, slainte@embarqmail.com

Knights of Columbus: Andy Wojcik,
GK11324@vakofo.org

Natural Family Planning:
<http://www.stauva.org/nfp>

Meals for New Moms and Special Needs:
Carmen Garcia, 972-9636 or clgarciap@comcast.net

Home Visitation Guild: Communion visits to the shut-in and/or elderly. Violette Lang, 293-4673

Charlottesville Catholic School: PK-8. For information call 964-0400

Virginians Against Domestic Violence: In an abusive relationship? Please call 1-800-838-8238. (This number will not appear on your phone bill.) Or contact one of the priests. Complete confidentiality.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities Counseling Service: 1-800-974-4494

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
www.wmveva.org

Men's Vocation Discernment Group:
Stephen Vaccareo, smv4h@virginia.edu

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, 12 noon. Please contact Melanie Bninski, reception@stauva.org.





The Vicar's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Heh...heh...heh...so he thought he was rid of me! Just to set the record straight: I DIDN'T DIE! Some people thought I had departed this life because some smart-alek said something about a Requiem Mass. No such luck, Boy Wonder!!

Well, we hope all of you survived the traffic on Alderman Road for the first home football game. At this writing I don't know who won....GO HOOS! So you know the New Year is in full swing. Our Religious Education programs will soon start up. RCIA sessions will begin on this coming Wednesday evening. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, or any adult who wants to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is urged to attend the classes. You decide if you want to be a Catholic or want to be Confirmed as an Adult.

Lots of stuff going on here. Check the rest of this bulletin for more details.

Happy September!
Father Scordo

P.S. This past week I did a burial at the cemetery at Monticello....Jefferson's resting place. Probably the first Catholic priest in a long time (if ever) to conduct a burial service there. Look out, Mr Jefferson; here comes Scordo!

2010 Fall Mass/Confession Schedule

On the following dates there will be no morning Confessions or Saturday Vigil Mass here at St Thomas due to the closing of Alderman Road for home football games: 9/4, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/13. On these days the church will be locked up immediately following the 8:30am Mass.

Labor Day Schedule

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th. There will be only one Mass at 9am and no afternoon Holy Hour.

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2010

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: *St Peter Claver*
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4

8:30am Respect Life

No 5:15pm — Home Football Game

Sunday, September 5

7:30am Robinhood Prudencio

9:00am For the People

11:30am Mary Pongrac †

5:15pm Carmelita C Prudencio

Monday, September 6—Labor Day

9:00am Jane Lynn †

Tuesday, September 7

8:00am Joseph A Gagné †

5:15pm Souls in Purgatory †

Wednesday, September 8

8:00am Donna Hedrick

5:15pm Roche Family†

Thursday, September 9

8:00am Rhea Southiere †

5:15pm Madeleine Mitchell †

Friday, September 10

8:00am Phyllis Hammond

5:15pm Michael Tobin

Saturday, September 11

8:30am Deceased of the Dominican Laity

5:15pm Nita de Guzman

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Bob Fehse, Gert & Bob Quinn, Bette Tucker, Theresa Trotta, Fred Alter, Asher Pietrzyk, John C Benson, Mary Strunck, Deidre Dagner, Tabitha M Warner, 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.

Sunday Nursery

Babysitting is available for a small fee (\$3.00 per child) during the 9:00, 11:30 and Sunday 5:15 Mass. The nursery is located downstairs near the water fountains. All children ages birth through 5 years old are welcome. Cash is appreciated.

Scheduling of Events

Now that a new academic year has begun, a reminder to schedule your event before announcing it. Reservations for standing meetings do not carry over from the previous year, so please make sure your events are scheduled if you would like a particular meeting room. Tables in the link are also scheduled in advance. Please contact marta@stauva.org or call 293-8081x18 for more info or to schedule an event or table.

UVA Football Season Parking Passes

Will be available while supplies last for a \$255 donation to our Catholic Education Assessment. Please stop by the Parish Office after 12 noon on Tuesday, September 7.

PARISH FINANCES

August 22 & 29, 2010 —

Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$18,534.25
Offertory 8/22/10	14,089.90
Offertory 8/29/10	15,423.09
Parish Charities	8,393.72
Other Income.....	439.10
Yard sale	4,048.55

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marta Brannon • 293-8081 x18 • marta@stauva.org
 Brian Sousa • 293 8081x19 • music@stauva.org

New Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you are interested please speak with the Mass Coordinator or contact Marta Brannon by phone (434)293-8081x18 or email marta@stauva.org. We are in need of Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. Training sessions will be arranged.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting *Light the Fire Within*

Meets Tues 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 8:30am — Thurs 5:00pm. Thank you to all who responded to our need for adorers. We still need adorers to fill the following hours as quickly as possible.
Wednesday - 10:00am, 4:00pm, 5:00pm
Thursday - 10:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm and 3:00pm.
 Contact information: Wednesdays 8:30am to Thursday 7:00am contact Sylvia Lobo - srmlobo@hotmail.com.
 Thursdays 8:00am to 4:00pm contact Charlotte Burns - charliefburns@hotmail.com.

THE PRIORY PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

At the suggestion of some of our parishioners, the Dominican friars will offer a series of frequently asked questions (and their answers) in the bulletin. If you would like to submit a question, or would like see all of the FAQs thus far, please visit our Priory Project website: www.stapriory.org

Q: Are the Dominicans under the authority of the local bishop? Don't they have their own government as well?

A: The Dominicans are under the authority of the local bishop, for the bishop is the pastor of his diocese, and has the responsibility and authority for all of the ministry that takes place in his diocese, just as the pastor has for his parish. Every Dominican friar also promises obedience to his Dominican superiors (at the worldwide, provincial, and local level) as well as to the rule of life and constitutions that govern the Order of Preachers. So, while the Order of Preachers governs a friar's formation, his rule of life, and his assignments, he exercises pastoral ministry under the authority of the local bishop.

Dominican Priory Cookbook Update

We have collected over 375 recipes for our cookbook "Angels in the Kitchen and Devils at the Table", but we still need more to reach our goal. Surely there are 125 more recipes out there that can be contributed. So far, over 90 people have given us recipes but we know that there are more wonderful cooks that have recipes to share. Remember that September 15 is the deadline for submissions. We are drawing a name each week from those who send in recipes to receive a free copy of the cookbook. This week's winner is: Jean Scanlan. Send your recipes to either patpodwyssocki@comcast.net or jandill@embarqmail.com, or drop them in the box in the Link outside the sacristy. Thanks!

ADULT EDUCATION

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

Women's Little Rock Scripture Study.

Please join us for study, prayer, & support on your faith journey with a diverse group who desire to keep Christ at the center of their lives. We will begin a 12-week study of the Gospel of John on Tues, Sept 14, 9-11am in the Community Room. Written in a poetic and symbolic style, John's Gospel invites you to meditate on God's overwhelming love. Limited childcare available for a nominal fee. If interested or for questions, contact Patty Gazewood at gazewood@gmail.com, or call 973-6802.

Monday Evening Adult Scripture Study Group

Begins Sept 13 at 7pm in the Community Room. We will follow a 10-week course on Psalms followed by a 10-week course on Corinthians. Info: Call Bob or Charlotte Burns at 975-1132 or email charliefburns@hotmail.com.

Catholicism 101

Meets some Saturdays at 10am in the Community Room. The next sessions of Scott Hahn's Series are from the Salvation History Program: Sep 11 (One Holy Family), Oct 9 (One Holy Tribe), Nov 6 (One Holy Nation) and Nov 29 (One Holy Kingdom). Each session is a stand alone presentation. For info contact sackandpam@comcast.net.

The Next Series of SymptoThermal NFP Classes

Will be held on Sept 22 and 29 from 7:30-9pm. To register, please email: chvillenfp@yahoo.com

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council serves in an advisory role to our Pastor & helps him guide the parish through prayer, reflection & development of new initiatives. We ask that you keep our parish & its Pastoral Council in your prayers as it moves toward Council elections on Sun, Oct 24. There are 6 open Council seats. **Opportunities to nominate yourself or fellow parishioners will be available this weekend (Sept 4/5) and next weekend (Sept 11/12).** After the nominations process is complete, posters with candidates' pictures & biographies will be set up in the Link the weekend of Oct 9/10 & will remain up through election Sunday. A take-home version will also be available. Prepare to vote for the candidates of your choice in the elections on Sun, Oct 24. Please take time to participate in this important process in the life of our parish family!

Parish Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 12

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast after the 9am Mass. Menu: delicious pancakes with sausage, apple sauce, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Cost: \$5/individual or \$12/family. Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts Volunteers Needed

For the 11:30am Mass. This commitment requires about 5 minutes before and 30 minutes following Mass. You would be scheduled once a month or less. If interested please call Judy at 978-3803 or email her at jmzacharias@embarqmail.com.

New Kitchen Policy

A new policy is in place for the Kitchen this year. If you would like to use the kitchen for an event, please call the office for reservations and to obtain a key: 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

Welcome Back BBQ and Parent Meeting

If you are registered for any of our religious education or youth ministry programs for K-12th grade, on Sun, Sept 12, there is a welcome back BBQ and mandatory parent meeting at 6:30pm following the Life Teen Mass. There will be activities for youth of all ages during the parent meeting. Sessions begin Sept 19. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Gilbert at dre@stauva.org for K- 5th grade and Kristin Krebbel at kristin@stauva.org for 6th-12th grade.

Reminder: Program Registration

If you have not yet registered for religious education for the 2010-2011 academic year, please take a few minutes to complete the registration found online at <http://registration.stauva.org>. This includes programs for everyone Pre-K - 12th grade and sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion (2nd grade youth) and Confirmation (10th grade youth). If you have questions, please contact us at youth@stauva.org.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Volunteers

There are many different ways you can help out with our religious education and youth ministry programs for youth K - 12 grade including teaching, food preparation, set up and clean up, etc. If you would like to help out with one of our programs or would like more information, please contact us at youth@stauva.org.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Orientation

Students beginning their first year in the Atrium will meet for orientation on 12 September. The morning students will meet from 10:15am to 11am. The afternoon students will meet from 3pm to 3:45pm. Starting 19 September, all CGS students will return to the Atrium for a full work cycle. There will be more information to follow. Please email Jamie at ballengerjamie1@gmail.com with any concerns or questions.

St Thomas Homeschool Group

All homeschoolers are invited to attend a monthly meeting from 9-11am. There will be fellowship, snacks and formation for moms and children of all ages. For girls ages 5-15, there will be a Girls Club where they can live and learn about being a girl! They will have fun from drama games to stitching class and everything in between. Every meeting will include a character talk, focusing on one virtue and a practical discussion to follow. There will be a similar club for the boys. There will be childcare available for children under 5. Over coffee, the moms will read and discuss material to help us and our families grow in holiness through our vocation and provide encouragement to one another. If you plan to attend please contact Victoria Lannon at 434-975-3868 or gregnbuk@embarqmail.com. The group will meet in the Community Room at St Thomas throughout the school year on the First Friday of the month.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Attention All UVA Faculty

The St Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought cordially invites all faculty and their spouses to attend a special 10th Anniversary faculty/student dinner on Fri, Sept 24. If you have not yet received or replied to an invitation, please contact the Institute at info@stanselmminstitute.org, or Charles Kromkowski at 296-9638.

Upcoming Events

For information go to <http://www.csmatuva.org/>

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

For parishioners aged 21-35

Stephanie Zilora • st.thomas.yam@gmail.com

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, contact Erin Greenley at ejgreenley@gmail.com. To receive the weekly listserv announcements, contact Stephanie Zilora at smzilora@gmail.com.

Ongoing Events

Contact: Danny Wasserman at diw7b@virginia.edu or Catherine Morrell at morrelca@gmail.com

Fridays with YAM: This semester we're going to try something a little bit different. Each Friday, starting at 6pm (unless otherwise specified), we will be meeting at the church for regular YAM events. Events will include, but are not limited to, dinner & discussion, bible study, Mass on the mountain, movie nights & game nights. Come out and join the fun!

This Friday: September 10 – Mass on the Mountain. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:45pm. We will carpool out to do some hiking, & Fr Stephen will be saying Mass. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight, and some food or drinks to share!

Next Friday: September 17 - 13th Day. Meet in the Link at 5:45pm to see a film about Fatima.

Wednesday Rosary & Adoration: Join us in the downstairs youth room at 8:30pm to pray the Rosary, and our YAM Adoration Hour in the Chapel upstairs from 9-10pm.

Theology on Tap -- Date Change! Mark your calendars for Sept 15, 7:30pm. More details to come.

Daily Mass held every weekday at 12:25pm in the UVA Chapel (next to the Rotunda).

SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 55 and older

Barbara Brodie • bb9w@virginia.edu

September Coffee Break

Join us for coffee and conversation at the Senior Ministry monthly Coffee Break on Wed, Sept 8. We will gather, as usual, in the Community Room from 10am until about noon. There is no charge to attend, and new members are always welcome. Feel free to bring a treat to share, and plan to enjoy a social morning with other St Thomas Seniors.

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 students of the school, are available at the Haiti table on the lower level. The cards are all-occasion cards (blank on the inside), perfect for birthdays or just a simple hello. They are \$2.50 each or \$10 for a package of five. Thank you for your support of St Michel School.

Sponsorship Program: Thank you to all who came by to say hello at the parish picnic. Our sponsorship program is the main source of funds for St Michel School operating expenses. Look for a sponsorship display in October. To learn more about the sponsorship program, contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com.

Keep Haiti in Your Thoughts and Your Prayers: Save the date! October 2 is the date for the Northwest Regional Haiti Gathering at St Patrick's in Lexington. Registration forms are at the Haiti table. Plan to attend and learn about twinning parishes from our region of the diocese. If interested in carpooling to Lexington, contact anne@stagebridge.net.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be announced in this space. To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at lphmch@embarqmail.com.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)

Job Opportunity: State licensed guidance counselor for immediate full time employment for K through 8th grade. This unique professional & faith opportunity requires a counselor dedicated to excellence in education and to the spiritual and emotional development of youth within the framework of the Gospel & the tradition of the Catholic Church. Please forward resumes to Alan Yost, Principal, at a.yost@cvillecatholic.org.

Admissions: "Inquiry Tours" will be held on the 3rd Wed of each month at 9am throughout the school year. Please RSVP to Ann Michel, Admissions Coordinator, at 434-978-3954 if you would like to attend. If these times do not fit into your schedule we will be happy to arrange an individual tour. Please visit our website, www.cvillecatholic.org to learn more. **Enrollment Update:** Limited seats available for the 2010-11 school year.

We are offering an extended day option for our pre-k students from 12-3pm each day that pre-k is in session. We will begin accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year on Oct 1.

9th Annual All Terrain Run/Walk: Mark your calendars & join us on Sat, Oct 2, for the 5K Run/Walk. All levels of runners/walkers welcome. Visit the school or website for a registration brochure <http://www.cvillecatholic.org/support-ccs/ccs-5k-run/>.

Women's Cursillo Retreat Weekend, Oct 21-24, 2010

Would you like to deepen your relationship with God, ask questions about your faith, & hear about the spiritual struggles & joys of other lay women in your area? The upcoming Cursillo Weekend might be perfect for you! A Cursillo Weekend is a 3-day retreat led by a team of "Cursillistas" – lay people & priests who have previously attended a Cursillo Weekend. Transportation is provided to Camp Overlook in Harrisonburg. Cost: \$30 (donations are accepted after the weekend to help defray the cost). For info see our website, www.valleycursillo.com, contact Fran or Marshall Slayton at valleycursillo@valleycursillo.com or at 434-293-5253, or talk to any member of the team you might know: Spiritual Directors—Fr Dan Bain, Msgr Chet Michael; St Thomas—Liz Spivey; Incarnation—Sally Sargeant, Kate Whelan, & Ann Michel. **Attention Cursillistas:** If you want to be added to the Cursillo email list please contact Fran & Marshall Slayton at valleycursillo@valleycursillo.com or 434-293-5253. Thanks!

Diocesan Job Openings

For latest job openings visit www.richmonddiocese.org/human. Click on "subscribe for job updates" to receive new notices.

Help Someone Choose Life

Do you have a heart for those thinking about abortion? Have you wanted to share God's love with someone who is in need? Every day women, teens, and young men walk into The Pregnancy Center needing a caring person to talk to. If you can listen, you can counsel. We are beginning a fall counselor training that runs during the evenings. There is a \$25 fee to cover materials. Is God speaking to you at this time to join The Pregnancy Center's ministry? There is great joy and blessing in serving others! We also need receptionists and Spanish speakers. You only need to commit to a few hours each week. Training is held for 7 sessions: Mon 9/13, Thurs 9/16, Fri 9/17, Mon 9/20, Thurs 9/23, Fri 9/24, & Mon 9/27.

Meals on Wheels

Is hosting a fundraising barbeque on Sun, Sept 19, from 4-7pm at Ash Lawn. There will be food from Big Jim's, wine and beer from White Hall & Starr Hill, live music, The Gladstones, and a house tour. Tickets are \$40 for adults, and \$20 for children under 12. Call 293-4364 for ticket information.

IMPACT

Another yearly cycle is beginning! The first part is the Listening Process when parishioners attend church meetings to voice their opinions about the most pressing problems in our community. Meetings will be held in September, more details to follow.

Volunteers Needed for Salvation Army Dinners

To shop and prepare St Thomas Aquinas sponsored dinners at the Salvation Army once a month year round. Call Ann Carothers at 434-293-9808 for further details.

Food Collection

We are collecting for the Pantry at Holy Comforter Catholic Church. Suggested items: **canned vegetables, fruits, fish/meats, soups and beans, peanut butter, and toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, etc)**. Also anyone with garden produce surplus can donate it by dropping it off at Holy Comforter Church on Tues, Wed, or Fri mornings 9am-noon. Thank you for your continued support to those in need!

For Those Parishioners Who Donate Sandwiches

To Holy Comforter, please note that you will have to obtain a key from the parish office to open the kitchen. The office hours are 8:30am-4:30pm. Questions? Contact Bridget Davis at slainte@embarqmail.com or 964-1127. Thank you!

