



This year we celebrate Epiphany on its traditional day, as January 6 happens to fall on a Sunday. Falling twelve days after Christmas, this was regarded as enough time for the Magi to travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands. With their arrival, Jesus is now manifest to the outside world. Just as the start in the East symbolized the light of Christ shining for the whole world to see, we are called to manifest Christ in our lives so others can realize the Good News wherever we go.

Readings for this week (Jan. 7-12)

Monday:	1 John 3:22—4:6;	Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 John 4:7-10;	Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 John 4:11-18;	Mark 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 John 4:19—5:4;	Luke 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 John 5:5-13;	Luke 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 John 5:14-21;	John 3:22-30

Scripture for next Sunday (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

God's glory shall be revealed.

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

We are saved through the bath of rebirth.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"You are my beloved Son."

Next Sunday's 1st and 2nd readings prepare us for Jesus' baptism. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah, one who would bring peace and justice to the world. The early Christian community recognized the salvation they had received through baptism, salvation available to all. Then Saint Luke describes the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus as he was praying after his baptism. As we hear these words of Scripture next weekend, let us realize that the Holy Spirit descended upon us as well when we were baptized.



From the Pastor

Some people who follow my social media posts have already seen me offer some opinions on this week's subject. Recently, there was a story that appeared on the local news in Detroit. The story was about complaints that had been made about a homily a priest gave at the funeral for a teenager who committed suicide. People were upset because the priest said the word suicide so many times, and that he wondered aloud if this person could receive salvation after doing something that is against God. I felt bad for the family who had to hear this. I was angry that a priest could cause them that much pain during a difficult time. A few days later, I saw the text of the homily posted on the website for the Detroit Archdiocese. I will admit, there are definitely some things I would have done differently, but most of the criticisms were without merit. I actually thought it was a good homily. It was in no way the homily the media had portrayed it to be.

Here is the real reason I chose to write this. At first, I was angry for one reason. Then I was angry for another. I was angry because I had formed an opinion of someone I had never met, based on a story in the media. The opinion I formed was wrong, because the portrayal of this situation by the media was skewed.

This is not an attack against the media. I am not writing to say all news media is corrupt and biased. However, there is an abundance of bad information out there. Much of it is about our Church. Some of it comes from mainstream media. Much more of it comes from social media outlets. It is very important that we question what we are hearing. We must always be vigilant in seeking the truth and not blindly accept everything we hear to be correct without asking questions.

In the past year we have seen terrible acts of violence committed in our country. At least one was carried out by a man who had been enraged by false information on social media. He seemed to believe he was carrying out a mass shooting to defend our country. This is a rather extreme example, but there are many cases around us where the spreading of bad information is causing harm, like the example at the beginning of this article. It is important to be careful about where we get our information and take care to learn the truth about what we are being told.

Senior High Youth Ministry
(Grades 9-12)

- Sun., Jan. 6—Youth Group (BYC 6pm-8pm)
 - Epiphany Party
- Sun., Jan. 13—Youth Group (BYC 6pm-8pm)
 - More Than Meets the Eye
 - Confirmation Class
- Sun., Jan. 20—Youth Group (BYC 6pm-8pm)
 - Prayer Service / Respect Life
- Sun., Jan. 27—Fun Night!
 - Just Jump

Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)
February 8-10, 2019

Registration Deadline: TODAY, January 6!

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a weekend event held each year to gather high school youth (Gr. 9-12) from all 145 parishes in the Richmond Diocese. The Conference is highly energetic, engaging, and an awesome opportunity for our teens to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian faith.

Registration is now \$190:
includes travel, lodging, and meals.

To register, contact Laura at:

lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org or 276-492-3095.

*Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament*

Every Tuesday



Please join us this Tuesday, January 8, 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us for prayer during the day and for Benediction at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Many husbands and wives seem to be “married” to their career, computer, TV, sports or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next weekends are: March 1-3 in Hickory, NC and March 22-24 in Herndon, VA. Visit <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or call 757-690-1369.

Prayer Group meeting this week:

Wednesday, January 9

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

in the St. Vincent de Paul Center

All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost.
Join us for an hour of prayer!



*Rite of
Christian Initiation
of Adults*

- Catechumens & Candidates will meet this Wednesday, January 9, in the Great Room. 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Inquirers will meet in the church office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer at 6:30 p.m.
- Children’s RCIA will gather in the Great Room before going to class at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about our RCIA,
Please contact Sydney Farnum at
sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org
or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.



Saint Anne’s Choir is on a well-deserved break
and will resume rehearsals on
Wednesday, January 23!

What goes UP ↑

Must come DOWN ↓

Our celebration of the Christmas Season will conclude with the liturgies for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12/13). If you would like to help us “UNDECORATE”, mark your calendars and plan to join with us on Monday evening, January 14, at 6 p.m. Volunteers would be appreciated to help take down the Christmas decorations in the church.



MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

Saturday, January 5 (*Vigil: Epiphany*)

5:30 p.m. †Maria & †Markus Reich

Sunday, January 6 (*Epiphany*)

8:30 a.m. †Gary Hinch

11:30 a.m. Special Intention (Debra Rodham)

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 a.m. †Jeanette Crum

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Vocations

Thursday, January 10

6:00 p.m. †Gary Hinch

Friday, January 11

8:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

Saturday, January 12

5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m. †Robert Rhymer

11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP

**is what I do after I
say "I Believe"....**

Collection Report

(Dec. 22/23 and Dec. 24/25)

Regular Operating (Dec. 22/23)	\$10,076
Christmas Holy Day	\$19,040
Catholic Charities	\$ 3,718
Add'l Social Ministry	\$ 1,082
Add'l St. Anne's School	\$ 580
Add'l Holy Day/Immac. Conc.	\$ 7
Debt Reduction	\$ 50

Upcoming 2nd Collections in January:

January 6th—St. Anne's School

January 20th—Respect Life

Note: Due to the publisher's schedule, the collection amounts for Dec. 29/30 were not available for this bulletin and will be included next weekend.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week:

"A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass"

For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and best-selling author Dr. Edward Sri takes listeners on a journey through the sacred liturgy that is sure to help Catholics experience the Mass more fully as the most powerful and important prayer of the Church. Dr. Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance. Find this CD and many more titles at the CD display in the commons. A \$3.00 donation per CD is appreciated and allows us to re-stock with new CDs. Thank you!



This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 6:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE): *Apostolic Fathers*—Part 2** 9:45am-11:00am. In the Great Room.

Monday, January 7:

- **Adult Faith Formation class is on a short break.** Watch the bulletin for announcement of the next study session.

Tuesday, January 8:

- **Book Club:** 10:30-11:30am at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study is on a short break.** Watch the bulletin for announcement of the next study session.

Wednesday, January 9:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study,** 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Gospel According to Luke*
- **RCIA: 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room.**

For more information about any of the above programs, please email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.



**Baptism Preparation
Class—January 12**

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, January 12, 2pm-4pm in the Great Room.** If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or you are expecting the birth of your child soon, please plan to attend. The nursery will be provided for siblings, if needed. **To register,** please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email her at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than Wednesday, January 9.**

Pray for Vocations!

*“Opening their treasure chests,
they offered Him gifts.”*

Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest? Contact the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 to speak with Father Michael Boehling or Father Brian Cappuano; or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Upcoming Buechner Lectures in 2019:

King Institute for Faith & Culture

January 28—Kate Bowler of Duke Divinity School

February 25—Holocaust Survivors Speakers Bureau

March 11—Justo González (Hispanic Theological Ed.)

For more info go to: faithandculture@king.edu

or [Facebook.com/kingfaithandculture](https://www.facebook.com/kingfaithandculture)

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The *25th Anniversary* of Saint Anne's Friendship Club will meet **Thurs., Jan. 17, 11:30a** at the Cracker Barrel, Exit 7. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, January 15 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

The Odd Couple.... is a play by Neil Simon which premiered on Broadway in 1965 (then a film in 1968 and a TV series in 1970). *The Odd Couple* will be presented by Glasgow Theatre Co. at the Cameo Theatre in downtown Bristol on **January 18/19 and 25/26/27**. The plot concerns two mismatched roommates: the neat, uptight Felix Unger and the slovenly, easygoing Oscar Madison (*Martin Robinette*). Other characters include Murray (*Fr. Chris Hess*) a New York City Policeman and Cecily the English upstairs neighbor (*Meg Carty*). Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the performances. Watch the bulletin for ticket information.