



We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles whom Paul recognized as now being copartners through the gospel, and the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid Him homage.

Readings for this week (January 8-13)

Monday:	Isaiah 55:1-11;	Mark 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Samuel 1:9-20;	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Samuel 4:1-11;	Mark 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a;	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19;	10:1a; Mk. 2:13-17

Scripture for next Sunday (2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Your bodies are members of Christ.

John 1:35-42

They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

Two of the readings next Sunday involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, though it takes a few attempts and some advice from Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points him out, "Behold the Lamb of God." These are the same words we hear before Communion. The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are requested for **Millie Venardi**, the mother of **Pam Balaban**, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Pam & Ed at 6005 Old Jonesboro Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

Christmas flowers donations: Many thanks to all who donated for our Christmas poinsettias. If you had sent us a note to publish as a memorial/honorarium and forgot to send your donation, please send to the church office this week. Thank you.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Jan. 7—**
 - **Confirmation Class** (9:45am)
 - **Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - Epiphany Party!
- **Jan. 14—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - "The Church"
- **Jan. 18 & 19—March for Life Pilgrimage**
 - Washington D.C.
- **Jan. 21—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - "What does it mean to say, I do?"

Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)

February 9-11, 2018

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

Registration deadline: January 9!

Cost: \$150 (includes travel, lodging, meals)

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This **Tuesday, January 9, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Please join us for an hour of prayer and for Benediction at 4:30pm. Thank you to all who come to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday. We still need someone to commit to the 1pm-2pm hour and someone to commit to the 3:30-4:30pm hour. If you are willing to commit to one of these hours, please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32 to let us know you will cover one of these hours every Tuesday. Thank you!

March for Life

"LOVE Saves Lives"

Friday, January 19, 2018

If you are unable to go to Washington D.C. and participate in the annual March for Life, please consider joining us here, at St. Anne's, for Prayer to end abortion and for respect of all life from conception to natural death. You will have two opportunities for prayer.

- **Friday, January 19**, we will have a 3-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Exposition is at **Noon** and Benediction at **3 p.m.**
- **Sunday, January 21, Evening Prayer for Respect Life at 6 p.m. in the Church**—followed by a reception in the Great Room provided by the Council of Catholic Women. The Council would like for everyone to bring a donation of baby items or a monetary donation to the prayer service and they will take the donations to Abortion Alternatives.

“UN-DECORATING”

We'll be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church and commons this Monday night (Jan. 8) starting at 6pm if you would like to lend a hand. If you would like one of the poinsettias to take home, you can stop by the parish office Monday between 1pm and 7pm.



Thank you to all volunteers that signed up to help with *Family Promise*. As you know, we did not host a family this time since the expected family was not ready to begin the process during our hosting week. Thank you for those who donated items — all non-perishables were taken to the Family Promise day center for the family that will be coming in. We will host again in April.

Blessings to all,
Merylen Ott

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our regularly scheduled gathering this **Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 10:00 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us.

Prayer Group meeting this week:

- **Wed., Jan. 10, 2:45-3:45 p.m. in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

Parish Life Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting this **Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the School Conference Room. New members are always welcome and appreciated!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., January 10**, in the Great Room, **6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30 p.m.** before going to class.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

- **No Confessions/No Mass this Thursday, Jan. 11**
- **No Mass this Friday, Jan. 12**

(Fr. Nicholas will be in Richmond for the Installation of our new Bishop — the Most Reverend Barry Knestout.)

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 18-29)

You are invited to a **Young Adult Ministry Social Gathering** at the Rectory with Fr. Nicholas this **Saturday, January 13, at 7 p.m.** Please join us for an evening of fellowship and to discuss ideas for Young Adult Ministry. Spouses welcome! Please **RSVP by this Wednesday, January 10** to sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32 to let us know that you will be there. The parish nursery can be provided if needed for your children. Hope to see you there!



The Respect Life Committee members are reminded of the regularly scheduled planning meeting this coming **Saturday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m.** in the parish office conference room. New members (men and women) are always welcome and appreciated!

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet next Thursday, January 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Ed's Pizza (1387 Volunteer Parkway, Suite 4, Bristol, TN). Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-88-7827 by Tuesday, January 16 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are welcome!

HOLY WATER:

There are holy water bottles available by request in the church office.

Fr. William Saunders, pastor of Our Lady of Hope parish in Potomac Falls, VA, writes that holy water offers " *blessings for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism.*" There is no specific prayer to pray when using holy water, other than the Sign of the Cross, "*In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*" Other prayers can also be offered, such as "*By this holy water and by Your Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord.*". You can also pray an Our Father or the Saint Michael the Archangel prayer when using holy water. Stop by the office if you would like to get a holy water bottle so you can have holy water in your home. Keep in mind that the holy water in the font has already been blessed by the prayers of the priest.

Please also keep in mind that holy water from the church font is NOT for drinking.



**Mass
Intentions
Of The Week**

Saturday, January 6 (Vigil: Epiphany)

5:30 p.m. †Vito Cericola

Sunday, January 7 (Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. †Frank Herzins

11:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for our President and
elected officials

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Special Intention: "In Thanksgiving"

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. †Loretto de Martino

(No weekday Mass Thursday, January 11)

(No weekday Mass Friday, January 12)

Saturday, January 13 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Barbara Fiala

Sunday, January 14 (2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Thomas J. Boehling

11:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for the Stewart family

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

Please take note: No Mass this Thursday or Friday
(January 11/12) - Fr. Nicholas will be in Richmond for the
installation of our new Bishop.)



Collection report

Regular/Operating Dec. 24	\$11,252
Holy Day/Christmas	\$19,502
Add't Social Ministry	\$ 103
Special donation	\$ 605
Endowment Fund	\$ 500
Pastor's discretionary fund	\$ 5,000

Collection totals for Dec. 30/31 were not available for this
publication and will be included next weekend.

January Second Collections:

- January 6/7 St. Anne's School
- January 21 Respect Life

Reminder: We now take up our second collections during
the Preparation of the Altar (Offertory) - immediately
following the first "regular operating" collection.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 7:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am
-11:00am** in the school library. "Eucharist—
Discovering the Mass in the Bible" by Brant Pitre.
**Session Five-Part 2-Mysteries of the Tabernacle:
*The Bread of the Presence***

Monday, January 8:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation 1:00pm-2:30pm** in
the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***True Reformers: St.
Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy***

Tuesday, January 9:

- **Book Club—Saint Mary Magdalene-Prophetess of
*Eucharistic Love, 10:30am-11:30am*** in the Saint
Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm**
in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***Mary, Queen of
Heaven-The Annunciation: The day creation held its
breath.***

Wednesday, January 10:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, "Letters from Prison"
1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **RCIA at 6:30pm** in the Great Room.

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

Next Sunday, January 14, in Sunday Morning Adult
Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Six—
Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, Fishes—Part 1.**
Join us in the Great Room any Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for
SMARE.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey course

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9-week biblically
based program on money management. You will learn how
to get out of debt, build wealth for your retirement, and give
generously. On average, families save \$2300 and pay \$5700
in debt in just the first 90 days. The class will begin on
January 22, 2018. For more information, please contact
parishioner Mark Donlon at donlonknoxville@aol.com, or
423-335-1001.

Looking ahead just a bit....

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15
for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. (*The Bulletin deadline
is still noon on Monday*).



Sign up this weekend (January 6/7) or next weekend (January 13/14) or contact Rosie M. in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org to come donate Blood here on **Wed., January 17, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Please consider *Giving the Gift of Life this New Year!!*

Deacon James here next weekend

Deacon James O'Reilly will be here with us next weekend (January 13/14) and will preach at all of our Masses. Please plan to extend a warm "welcome back!" to Deacon James.

Diocesan Fuel & Hunger Fund: We recently received notice from the diocese that we will receive a \$5,000 grant for Bristol Faith in Action from the Fuel & Hunger Fund. These funds are for direct assistance (not for operating or administrative costs).

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes—Spain and France

Fr. Tom Mattingly, Pastor at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Williamsburg, VA will be the Spiritual Director for a 13-day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Spain and France from September 17-29, 2018. The itinerary includes three nights each at Fatima & Parish, two nights in Lourdes and one night each in Burgos, Racamadou, and Nevers. Cost is \$4100 per person. Deposit is \$450 with final payment due by June 17. Package includes Round-trip air from most East coast cities, superior tourist class hotels, all fees and gratuities, escorted guides, air conditioned motor coaches, and daily breakfast and dinners. For information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, toll free at 1-888-544-4461 or email jtag1964@verizon.net.

Resolve to have healthier relationships with counseling.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities counseling offers a variety of issues such as depression, anxiety, marital problems, anger issues, grief, domestic violence, adjustment issues, custody cases, and co-parenting issues. Learn more at www.cccofva.org/counseling-services.

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