

Both today and next Sunday the Gospel readings describe Jesus calling His disciples. In today's passage from John, John the Baptist leads two disciples to Jesus. Jesus invites them to follow Him and they do, choosing not only to remain with Him but also to invite others in turn. In the first reading, Samuel is called to serve the Lord and he too responds affirmatively. Each one provides an example to us today.



Readings for this week (January 15-20)

- Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm. 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk. 3:20-21

**Scripture readings for next Sunday
(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Ninevites turned from their evil way.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

There is an urgency in next Sunday's readings. Nineveh will be destroyed if the people do not repent within forty days. Saint Paul tells the Christian community in Corinth that "time is running out". Jesus proclaims, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Deadlines can inspire us to action. As we listen to the readings next weekend, imagine how the folks addressed by Jonah, Paul, and Jesus responded to this urgency.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are asked for **Jeanne Leppert**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes may be sent to her family c/o her daughter, Kathy Cullop, 23434 Woodway Rd., Bristol, VA 24202.

Parish Office Closed on Monday, Jan. 15 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. (Bulletin deadline is still noon on Monday, leave on voicemail 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bridol.org.)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
NEEDED!!**

We are in need of more parishioners willing to serve in the ministry of assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion. Often times our current EMHCs are having to serve every other weekend. Please consider being part of this most important and fulfilling ministry. You need to be in good standing (Full Communion) with the Church. Teens who are 16+ and have been Confirmed may also serve. We will be setting up a training session soon — if you would be willing to be trained and serve at Mass, please contact Chris Neal or Rosie Mansfield in the parish office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: This Tuesday, January 16, 9:15am-4:30pm. Please join us for an hour of prayer and for **Benediction at 4:30pm.** We still need someone to commit to the 1pm-2pm hour and someone to commit to the 3:30pm-4:30pm hour. If you are willing to commit to one of these hours please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bridol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32 to let us know you will cover one of these ours every Tuesday. Thank you!

WINTER COLLECTION

**For
VMS and HVES**

KNIT HATS & MITTENS

TOILETRIES

Bring in Items: Jan. 20/21



Social Ministry is collecting knit hats and mittens for the children at Highland View Elementary School (HVES). We are also collecting toiletries to be distributed to the students at HVES and Virginia Middle School (VMS). The schools have requested shampoo, soap or bath gel, deodorant, wash cloths or loofahs. Travel size or regular size is appreciated. **Please bring your contributions to the Commons NEXT weekend January 20/21.**

Valentine's Dinner to Celebrate Marriage—Feb. 9

Are you looking for an alternative to your usual Valentine's Day dinner this year since Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday? Look no further. The Evangelization Team is sponsoring a catered Valentine dinner for married couples. Save the Date on your calendar: Friday, February 9th. A delicious dinner will be catered in the Great Room. We will have music provided by Chris Neal, door prizes, and lots of fun. Fr. Nicholas will bless the marriage of all in attendance. Look for ticket sales later this month.

YOUTH DOINGS...

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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?”
- **Jan. 28—Fun Night!**
 - Just Jump

Prayer Group meeting this week:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 17, 12Noon-1:00pm in the Chapel.**
All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

Evangelization Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting this **Wednesday, January 17 a 3 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome and appreciated!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wednesday, January 17**, in the Great Room **6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer **at 6:30pm.**
- **Children’s RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Greatroom at **6:30pm** before going to class.

RCIA Notes: As we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord this past week, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

SAVE LIVES!!

DONATE BLOOD!!

The Marsh Regional Bloodmobile will be at St. Anne’s this **Wednesday, January 17**, from **2:30 to 6:30 p.m.** (at the Msgr. Hickie Center/bingo hall). Will you **Give the Gift of Life???** Contact Rosie M. in the parish office to schedule a time or simply drop by the Bloodmobile on Wednesday... 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org. Donors receive free T-shirt and refreshments!

Please take Note!!

- No Confessions/No Mass Thurs., Jan. 18
- No Mass on Friday, Jan. 19

(Father Nicholas will be at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.)

St. Anne’s Friendship Club will meet this 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 this Tuesday, January 16 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are welcome!

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting next **Monday, January 22, at 4:00 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

SPECIAL NOTES.....

I very much appreciate all the prayers, warmth and caring of all of you in the St. Anne Catholic community at the passing of my brother, Neal, and for your kindness and prayers for our family. I am truly blessed to be part of this faith community.

Love in Christ Jesus,
Sue Pingo

Dear Friends at St. Anne Catholic Church,
Thank you so much for your generous donations to many children receiving services in Early Intervention at Highlands Community Services. We got to see their faces light up as we delivered their Christmas gifts, but hopefully you all have the pleasure of knowing that you made a difference to so many children who needed it most. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Natalie Huffard and the
Early Intervention Staff
at Highlands Community Services

***Come Celebrate Mass
with our New Bishop
The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout
Sat., Jan. 27—11 a.m.
at Saint Anne’s!***

We are very pleased to announce that Bishop Knestout will be at St. Anne’s to celebrate a regional Mass on **Saturday, January 27 at 11 a.m.** (this will be a weekday liturgy). All are welcome to attend. There will be a brief reception following the Mass so that you will have the opportunity to greet our new bishop.



Masses For The Week

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*)

Tuesday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (Lin Ramsey)

Wednesday, January 17

8:30 a.m. †Donna Moffitt Jen

No weekday Mass on Thurs., Jan. 18 & Friday, Jan. 19

Saturday, January 20 (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Susan Johnson

Sunday, January 21 (*3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Kathleen Guy

11:30 a.m. †Dave Rodham

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

E-Giving Report (Dec. 17-31)

Regular/Operating	\$3,740.
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 150.
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 20.
Social Ministry 2nd Collection	\$ 223.
Catholic Charities 2nd Collection	\$ 238.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 230.

Collection Report

(Dec. 30/31 and Year-end donations)

Regular/Operating	\$14,708.
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 945.
Social Ministry	\$ 130.
Catholic Charities	\$ 115.
School	\$ 1,033.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND
YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!!**

2017 Statements: We hope to have the 2017 Statements run off, signed and ready for you by the end of this week.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey course

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.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, Jan 14:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am -11:00am** in the Greatroom. **"Eucharist-Discovering the Mass in the Bible"** by Brant Pitre. **Session Six-Part 1-Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, Fishes**

Monday, Jan 15:

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

Tuesday, Jan 16:

- **Book Club-Saint Mary Magdalene-Prophetess of Eucharistic Love, 10:30am-11:30am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **Mary, Queen of Heaven-The Sorrowful Mother: A Sword Shall Pierce Your Side**

Wednesday, Jan 17:

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

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

Next Sunday, Jan 21, in Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Six-Part 2-Miracles of Jesus: Water, Wine, Loaves, Fishes**. Join us in the Greatroom any Sunday at 9:45am for SMARE.

CDA MEETING: JANUARY 22

Members of the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of the meeting on **Monday, Jan. 22** at the KofC Hall. Social Hour from 6:30-6pm. Meeting starts at 6pm. Bring your ideas for new projects for the coming year.

Please come and join us, we look forward to seeing you there! Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, 276-591-1134 or Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827. The CDA theme is **"For Him, we live and move and have our being."** Acts 17:2



Evening Prayer at Cathedral: Feb. 15

VA bishops invite all to the liturgy for legislators, needs of Virginia—**Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth** at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond on **Thursday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m.** Join with Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge and Richmond Bishop Barry Knestout to pray for our civic leaders.

*January is “Respect Life Month”
for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond*

Please join us in prayer for the End of Abortion and for the Respect of all Life from Conception to Natural Death.

• **March for Life—Washington DC—Friday, Jan. 19.**

If you are unable to go to Washington DC and participate in the annual March for Life, please join us here at St. Anne’s for prayer.

- **Friday, January 19**, we have a 3-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. Exposition is at **Noon** and Benediction is at **3pm**.
- **Sunday, January 21, Evening Prayer for Respect Life at 6pm 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.



Upcoming dates for Preparation to receive the Sacraments—Mark your calendars:

- The next preparation for the **Sacrament of Baptism** will be held on **Saturday, April 21** at 2:00pm in the Great Room.
- Preparation Classes for the **Sacrament of Eucharist** begin on **Sun., Feb. 11** at 9:45am in the School Library.
- The next class for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4** at 9:45am in the Brady Youth Center.

If you have any questions about preparing to receive a sacrament, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

ORDINARY TIME: “Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there are 33 or 34 weeks in the yearly cycle in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time” (Universal Norms, 43). Ordinary Time began on January 9 and runs thru February 13, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season, and it will resume again when the Easter season ends, Monday May 21, the day following Pentecost.