

This weekend our Diocese begins its year-long celebration of our Bicentennial. The Scripture readings at all the parishes in the Richmond Diocese this weekend will be special readings chosen for the Bicentennial and replace the readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings this weekend are:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 25

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Matthew 18:15-20

“Shine Like the Stars” — The beautiful Bicentennial Book of the Diocese of Richmond is available for purchase in the parish office. The cost is only \$35. If you haven't gotten a copy yet, you should consider purchasing this wonderful celebration of the history of our diocese.

Readings for this Week

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: (Memorial) 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 13:44-46
Wed.: (Prayer for Unborn) Is. 9:1-6; Phil. 4:6-9; Mt. 5:1-12a
Thursday: 1 Sam. 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
Friday: (Memorial) Ephesians 3:8-12; John 15:9-17
Saturday: (Feast) Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Scripture for next Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Let there be no divisions among you.

Matthew 4:12-23 (or) 4:12-17

Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.

The road on which we walk is one of dramatic change. Next Sunday Isaiah preaches about darkness and distress being replaced by light and rejoicing. Paul encourages his divided audience to unite in the name of Jesus. In Matthew, Jesus calls the first apostles and they leave their way of life and follow him. As we hear next Sunday's readings, let us notice how people are changed by the Light of the world.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet today, **Sunday, January 19**, in the **Great Room, 9:45am-11:15am**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the parish office conference room after opening prayer in the **Great Room, at 9:45am**.
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway **by the Great Room** at 9:45am before going to class.

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



I planned to continue writing about what I started last week. I am planning to take it up again next week. There is something else on my mind right now. Last week, the news broke of the passing of Neil Peart at age 67 from brain cancer. This was a shock since most people, myself included, had no idea he was sick because he was such a private person.

Some reading this may know exactly who this is and others may not have heard of him. Neil Peart was the drummer for a Canadian rock band called Rush. I have been a fan of his since I was in high school. He was an incredibly talented musician who inspired many other musicians. He was also the primary lyricist for the band. He wrote almost all the lyrics sung by the band's lead singer. In the second half of his life, he even wrote several books. I enjoyed his music and his writing.

Why am I writing about this now? Because, as much as I admired his writing, I did not always agree with him. He was an atheist, and his lyrics often contained references to modern philosophy and secular humanism. Even when I disagreed with him, I had respect and admiration for the genius I saw in his work, and I was very sad to hear of his passing.

We live in a society that is becoming more and more polarized. We are becoming a society where it is harder to disagree with someone and still respect that person. There is growing belief that disagreeing with a person is the equivalent of hating that person. This will not lead us to a good place.

There are many reasons we can and should disagree with other people. There are many things we see in this world that should make us angry. Even when this is the case, there is nothing that should drive us to hate. I invite everyone reading this to spend some time reading the Gospels. Read the parts we do not often hear during the Mass readings. Spend some time getting to know the man Jesus Christ. One thing about his teaching and example will become very clear. There will always be cause for disagreement and anger with what we see happening around us. Nothing good will ever come from hating another person.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Jan. 19 — Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Meet in the church at 5:45 p.m.
- **Jan. 26 — Fun Night! (3:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Quantum Leap
- **Feb. 2 — NO SHYM**
 - ◆ Super Bowl Sunday
- **Feb. 5 — Parish Family Night (5:30pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Community Service Project!
 - ◆ Meet in the Great Room for dinner
- **Feb. 7-9 — SHYM @ DYC**
 - ◆ Richmond
- **Feb. 9 — NO SHYM**
 - ◆ Returning from DYC

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Jan. 19 — Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Meet in the church at 5:45 p.m.
- **Jan. 26 — Fun Night! (3:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Quantum Leap
- **Feb. 2 — NO JHYM**
 - ◆ Super Bowl Sunday
- **Feb. 5 — Parish Family Night (5:30pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Community Service Project!
 - ◆ Meet in the Great Room for dinner
- **Feb. 9 — NO JHYM**
 - ◆ SHYM Returning from DYC

Parish Office Closed this Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. (Bulletin deadline is still 12noon Monday—leave msg. on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, January 21. Please join us in the Chapel any time between **9:00am-4:30pm.** Benediction is at 4:30 p.m.

New Scripture Study begins this Tuesday, January 21
“The Origin of the Bible:

Human Invention or Divine Intervention?”

Have you ever wondered: How did we get the Bible? Where does the Bible come from? And why are there different Bibles? Dr. Brant Pitre takes you through a study of the origins of the Old and New Testaments. Particular focus is given to the history of how the canon, the official list of books in the Bible, came to be. Dr. Pitre explores the reliability and authorship of the Gospels and whether or not we can have confidence that the canon of Scripture is reliable. Sign up in the commons to join the group. Class begins this week so if you did not sign up, just show up at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center at 6:30pm.**

January is Respect Life Month in the Diocese of Richmond

Please take advantage of the opportunities listed below to join other Catholics in our diocese as we work together for respect of all life:

This evening, Sunday, January 19, 6pm: We will again have an **Evening Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Human Life** as we near the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22. Please plan to attend this very special prayer service next Sunday evening. There will be a simple reception following the service. Thank you!

Friday, January 24, 12Noon-3:00pm: While others are in Washington D.C. participating in the March for Life, those of us who couldn't attend the march will be having a special **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Chapel from **Noon to 3 p.m.** Please take some time from your busy schedule to join us on Friday the 24th as we pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life from the womb to natural death. Stop by the Chapel any time, no need to signup. Benediction will be at 3pm. Thank you!

9 Days for Life—January 21-29: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, **9 Days for Life**, Tuesday, January 21—Wednesday, January 29. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. Sign up a www.9daysforlife.com.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

CD of the week: *Humanae Vitae*—50 Years Later.

Janet Smith, Ph.D., a seminary professor and internationally known author and speaker, provides important context for why *Humanae Vitae* is considered the most controversial, and one of the most important, encyclicals promulgated by the Church in modern times. She discusses how this document written by Blessed Pope Paul VI served to prophetically warn the world of the dire consequences associated with artificial contraception and faithfully witness to the beauty of God's plan for sex within marriage. Pick up this CD and many others at the CD display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD enables us to restock with new titles. Thank you!

New Scripture Study began Wednesday, Jan. 15th
It's not too late to join!

“The Book of Revelation”

Join us to learn three things which Revelation aims to accomplish: 1) console people in situations of persecution; 2) present a particular interpretation of historical events that focuses on the justice and sovereignty of God and the triumph of good over evil; 3) persuade readers to keep covenant with God by living in a way that assures they will be among God's elect in the end time. Join us on Wednesday afternoons as we study the Book of Revelation. Please sign up in the commons or email sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org or call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 so that your study materials can be ordered.



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Saturday, January 18 (*Vigil: Second Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. † Agnes Hurt

Sunday, January 19 (*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. † Patricia Fleenor

11:30 a.m. † Ron Davis

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

Tuesday, January 21

8:30 a.m. † Mike Arnold

Wednesday, January 22

8:30 a.m. † Frances Perry

Thursday, January 23

6:00 p.m. † Mike Arnold

Friday, January 24

8:30 a.m. † Mike Arnold

Saturday, January 25 (*Vigil: Third Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. † Dorothy Beitler

Sunday, January 26 (*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Respect Life

11:30 a.m. † Joe Oberle

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



COLLECTION

January 11/12, 2020

Regular/Operating \$9,664.
Add'l School 2nd Collection \$ 230.

Upcoming Second Collections

(This weekend Jan. 18/19) Respect Life
(1st Sunday/Month: Feb. 1/2) St. Anne's School
(February 22/23) Bristol Faith in Action

2019 Contribution Statements are available to be picked up in the commons. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

NEW CENTER OPENING

Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center (AA&CPC) is having their **Ribbon Cutting** at the new Center this **Wednesday, January 22 at 11:30 a.m.** And their **Special Ceremony honoring the Knights of Columbus** for their contribution for the ultrasound machine will be held on **Tuesday, January 28 at 12Noon**, also at the new Center. The new Center is located at 17 24th St., Bristol, TN.

PARISH DIRECTORIES: If you had your photo taken for the parish directory and did not pick up your copy last weekend, please stop by the parish office during office hours to get your copy.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 19

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) 9:45am-11:00am in the **School Library**. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. **Jesus Revealed--Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names— "True Vine"**

- **RCIA** in the **Great Room, 9:45am-11:00am.**

Monday, January 20

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation** due to parish office closed for Martin Luther King Holiday. Join us next **Monday, January 27** for **Pillar 3 of the Catechism— "Life in Christ". 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

Tuesday, January 21:

- **Book Club: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. 10:30-11:30am** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center "The Origin of the Bible: Human Invention or Divine Intervention?"**

Wednesday, January 22:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study this week. "The Book of Revelation". 1:00-2:30pm** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are welcome to join the group!

- **Wednesday Prayer Group, 2:45pm-3:45pm** in the **Saint Vincent de Paul Center.** All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer!

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

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting on **Monday, January 27, at 4 p.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

**CDA Meeting
Monday, January 27**



Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2020** at the **Bristol Columbian Center.** **Social time is from 5:30pm to 6:00pm.** Our regular meeting will follow at **6 p.m.**

Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, at 276-484-6883. Please come and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

The CDA theme is —

"For Him, we live and move and have our being"

Acts 17:2

Prayer Shawl Ministry members are reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, January 22 at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!

*Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Thurifers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

Please notify the parish office by 4 p.m. this Wednesday, January 22, of dates you are unable to serve in **February and March**. Pick up your schedules when you come to Mass next weekend, Jan. 25/26. **THANKS!!**

FINANCE COUNCIL members are reminded of their meeting (combined December/January meeting) this **Thursday morning, January 23, at 7 a.m.**, in the School Conference Room.

Looking Ahead:

“First” Tuesday Adoration is **Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE:

Parish Family Night returns Wednesday, February 5 dinner, prayer, presentation by *Fr. Chris*, activities for teens and children! Check the bulletin next week for more details.

**Catholic Diocese of Richmond
Bicentennial Prayer**

Father of lights,
the radiance of your Son has guided the advance
of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond
for two centuries, strengthening our Church
from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son
may dispel the darkness of our sins,
so that as our love increases more and more,
we may dare more than ever to fearlessly
proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life,
may we shine like stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.