

ORDINARY TIME

Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle 33 or 34 weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time began this past Monday and continues through March 5 (the day before Ash Wed. and the beginning of the Lenten season). It will resume when the Easter season ends (June 10, the day following Pentecost).

Readings for this Week: (Jan. 21-26)

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
(or options for Day of Prayer for Unborn)
Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6
Thursday: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12
(or Memorial: Eph. 3:8-12; John 15:9-17)
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 (or) 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Luke 10:1-9

Scripture for next Sunday (3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law and understood what was read.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

We are Christ's body.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled.

On the 2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time Jesus begins his ministry (*in John's Gospel*) by changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Next Sunday he begins his ministry (*in Luke's Gospel*) by preaching at his synagogue in Nazareth. Ironically, the passage he was to read summed up his mission. "Today," Jesus said, "this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to continue to fulfill Christ's mission. Let us discover what we are called to do.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Victor Guarry**, the son of **Jeri Whitely**, who died recently in Oklahoma. Notes may be sent to Jeri at 23188 Young Dr., Bristol, VA 24202.

Your prayers are asked for **Phyllis Hanlon**, the cousin of **Greg Chudzik**, who died recently in Buffalo, NY. Notes may be sent to Greg & Peggy at 9 Tipperary Circle, Bristol, TN 37620.

Parish Office/School closed this Monday, Jan. 21 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The bulletin deadline is still 12N Monday (leave items on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

Flower Memorial: In addition to those listed previously, a donation was given toward our Christmas flowers by John & Neta Seneker in loving memory of deceased family. (*Our apologies for this omission in the earlier listing.*)

From the Pastor

Last week, I ended my article with a mention of modern philosophers who attempted to redefine the origin and nature of humanity. This week I am going to discuss a specific example of this. One of the first of the moderns to do this was Machiavelli. Machiavelli did not like the political authority the Church had over the nations in Europe. He knew that the only way he could eliminate the political authority the Church had was to first eliminate the spiritual authority. To put it more simply, if he could weaken the religious beliefs of the people, they would be less willing to accept the authority of the Church.

In his book, *The Prince*, Machiavelli describes how to be an effective leader. Many people have read this and believe Machiavelli has a good understanding of human nature and his conclusions are solid. I will admit, much of what he wrote seems to make sense. This is only because we recognize in his writing behavior that we are used to seeing in our world.

Here is the real problem with Machiavelli's work. He departed from the belief that humanity is ordered to the good, meaning we are good by nature. He began with the idea that we are evil and chaotic by nature, and we have made ourselves good by our own efforts. When Machiavelli expressed ideas like it is better to be feared than loved, he emphasized his idea that people are evil by nature. Following this idea, the only way a leader can be truly effective is by mastering the evil nature of his own people. This seems to make sense to many who read it, because we have all seen people in positions of authority put this into practice.

There is a lot more I can say about this, but I want to keep it short and simple. Machiavelli wanted to promote the idea that humanity is not good by nature and any good that exists in society is due to our own efforts. He did this because believing that is the first step on the path to believing there is no God. I do not agree with Machiavelli's ideas, but I have to admit what he did was brilliant. He took human behavior that we have all experienced, and explained it in a way that led people away from believing in God. The more we understand about the rise of atheism in our world, the better we will be at teaching the truth of our faith.

A BIG THANK YOU

Maulen Craiger, Curtis & Johanna Montgomery, and Rebecca Stout for all you did to make the Christmas play a wonderful experience for our Sunday School children.

ATTENTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Just a reminder!! KofC Meeting is TODAY, **Sun., Jan. 20** at 4 p.m. at the Msgr. Hickie Center. Rosary at 3:45 p.m.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Sun., Jan. 20—Youth Group (BYC 6pm-8pm)**
 - Prayer Service / BYC
- **Sun., Jan. 27—Youth Group (3:15pm-7:30pm)**
 - Just Jump
- **Sun., Feb. 3—NO SHYM**
 - Super Bowl
- **Sun., Feb. 10—NO SHYM**
 - Returning from DYC

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday***

Please join us this **Tuesday, January 22, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

***Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players
St. Augustine & St. Benedict***

Begins this Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center, 6:30pm-8:00pm. We will have a 2-week study of St. Augustine and a 2-week study of St. Benedict. Please sign-up at the table in the commons to join the group.

Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., January 23, 2:45pm-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., January 23, in the Great Room. 6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- **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 RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannd-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

2019 CATHOLIC CALENDARS: Many thanks to our generous sponsors: **Tony & Marilyn Broglio** and **Bill & Rose Marie Burriss**. We appreciate your generosity! *(If you didn't pick up a calendar and would like one, we do have a few left in the parish office.)*

FAREWELL—THANK YOU—BEST WISHES

We wish to express our gratitude to Deacon Steve Helbrecht for his years of dedicated service as our Director of Finance and Development. Deacon Steve is retiring from his job here, but will continue to minister to the people of God as a Deacon for the Diocese of Knoxville.

Welcome Beth Barnett! This week we extend a warm welcome to Beth Barnett as our new Director of Finance and Development for the parish and school.

***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 20, 6 p.m.: We will have an ***Evening Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Human Life*** as we near the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on the 22nd. Please plan to attend this very special prayer service this evening. There will be a reception provided by the Council of Catholic Women following the service. Thank you!

It's not too late to join 9 Days for Life—January 14-22: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, **9 Days for Life**, which continues through Tuesday, Jan. 22. 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 at www.9daysforlife.com.

Did you Know? This Tuesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual **"Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children"**. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. www.usccb.org/January-22

Ministry Fair this Weekend for Respect Life Ministry— Please take a minute to stop by the table in the commons to pick up materials concerning Respect Life Issues and be sure to sign-up if you would like to join the committee and help with our efforts of promoting the respect of all life from womb to natural death. Thank You!

Thank You!

Thank you Mike Farnum and the volunteers you assembled to once again provide a wonderful pancake breakfast. The children (SSR/JHRE), their parents, and catechists really enjoyed it.

Adult Faith Formation Committee (AFFC) members are reminded of our planning meeting next **Monday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

Saturday, January 19 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Frank Hanson

Sunday, January 20 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Fleenor

11:30 a.m. †Dibrel Eugene "Sonny" Inge

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

Tuesday, January 22

8:30 a.m. †Larry Gray

Wednesday, January 23

8:30 a.m. †Joseph F. Smith

Thursday, January 24

6:00 p.m. †Dorothy "Dot" Hackley

Friday, January 25

8:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers

Saturday, January 26 (Vigil: 3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Jeff Walling

Sunday, January 27 (3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Jeanette Crum

2:00 p.m. †Emilia Cruz (Spanish Mass)

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 20:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class/ SMARE: Peter-Part 2** 9:45-11am in the **Greatroom.**

Monday, January 21:

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

Tuesday, January 22:

- **Book Club:** 1030-1130 at the St. Vincent de Paul Ctr. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30-8:00pm, Pivotal Players-St. Augustine-the Teacher.** Sign up in the commons to join the study group.

Wednesday, January 23:

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

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



CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection Report (January 12/13)

Regular Operating	\$11,697.52
Add'l Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 33.00
Add'l St. Anne School 2nd collection	\$ 1,158.00
*Maintenance Reserve Fund (F4)	\$ 203.00

Building DEBT has been Paid Off! Thank you St. Anne's parishioners who have so given so generously over the years to Campaign 2013 and the Debt Reduction fund! The "gray envelope" will be deleted from the envelope packet (beginning with the March envelopes). Donations received in the gray envelopes after the debt was paid have been placed into our ***Maintenance Reserve Fund**. We will also change this on our E-giving listing.

LIVING OUR MISSION: For those who are paying on your diocesan Living Our Mission pledges, please continue to do so and complete your pledges! Monies returned to the parish will now go to our Maintenance Reserve Fund.

2nd collection this weekend is for **RESPECT LIFE**, to support national and diocesan Respect Life efforts.

Members of the **Catholic Daughters** are reminded of their meeting on **Monday, Jan. 28** at the Columbian Center. Social time 5:30 and meeting begins at 6 p.m. Angie Martin of Hope House in Kingsport will be the guest speaker. Catholic ladies interested in joining CDA please contact Carol Reynolds, 276-591-1134.



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week: "The Holy Spirit—Third Person of the Trinity". On this CD Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played since the creation of the world. Drawing upon Scripture and tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Find this CD and many more titles at the CD display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated and allows us to re-stock with new CDs. Thank you!

Book Club to begin new book in early February

"From Slave to Priest"

The Inspirational Story of

Father Augustine Tolton (1854-1897)

Join us on Tuesday mornings, **10:30am-11:30am** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center for book club. We will begin our new book, "From Slave to Priest" in early February. Sign-up now at the table in the commons so your book can be ordered.

"An inspiring account of Augustine Tolton who persevered against all odds to become a Catholic priest. Tolton's perseverance in his vocational commitment is a powerful lesson for us all." Justin Cardinal Rigali

Acts of the Apostles Study will begin February 6

The Wednesday Scripture Study group will begin a new study on Wednesday, Feb. 6—Acts of the Apostles. Acts tells the story of the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the early Church from its beginnings at Pentecost, following the Ascension of Jesus. No cost—materials provided. Please sign up at the table in the commons to join this study.

Rosary Leaders Needed: In order to continue to pray the rosary prior to the 11:30 Mass, we need more rosary leaders. If you are willing to lead the rosary prior to the 11:30 Mass, please contact Sydney Farnum as soon as possible at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Training can be provided, if needed.

PARISH PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Anyone interested in being on the team for the **2019 Parish Directory** should please contact Linda Williams at 276-494-6103 or email her at LMEWMS@aol.com with your name and phone number and subject Parish Directory Team.



Give the Gift of Life Wed., Jan. 30, 2p-6:30p at the Msgr. Hickie Center. Signup this weekend or next, or contact Rosie M. at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

Don't Miss It! - The Odd Couple at the Cameo Theatre in downtown Bristol on Jan. 18, 19, 25, 26 at 8p and January 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets are general admission and **only \$15**. Call or text 423-797-8482 or go to <http://tickets.glasgowtheatrecompany.org/> (Parishioners **Meg Carty**, **Martin Robinette** and **Fr. Chris Hess** are in the cast!)

Evening Prayer for Respect Life

Sunday, Jan. 20

Join us this evening at **6 p.m.**

to pray for Respect Life

(a reception will follow Evening Prayer)



Valentine's Dinner for Couples—Friday, Feb. 8

Buy your tickets Jan. 26/27 & Feb. 2/3 after Mass!!

Be sure to stop by the table in the hallway outside

the Great Room to get your tickets to our

Valentine Dinner for Couples.

The Evangelization Team and the Parish Life Committee are co-sponsoring a catered Valentine dinner for couples. A delicious catered dinner of Chicken Calvados with sides, salad, and dessert will be held in the Great Room. We will have music, door prizes, and lots of fun. Get your ticket the next two weekends—**Cost is \$25 per couple paid with ticket purchase.** Make checks payable to St. Anne Catholic Church. Hope you will join us for a fun-filled evening.