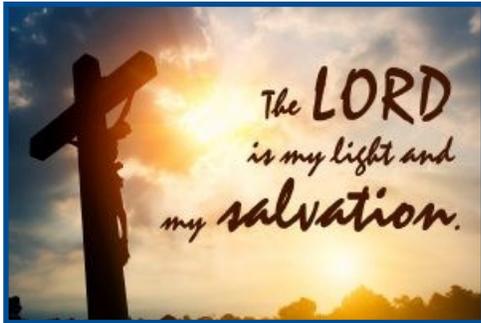


Twice today we hear the words *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light"*. Even though we just heard these words a month ago at Christmas, it is appropriate to hear them again. Jesus began his mission by fulfilling the words of the great prophet Isaiah. Today we contemplate the mission we are called to and pray that we can fulfill the plan God has for us.



Weekday Scripture Readings

(January 27-February 1)

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: (Memorial) Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16; Matthew 23:8-12
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25
Friday: (Memorial) Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 18:1-5
Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

Scripture for next Sunday

Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord will come to the temple.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Christ became like his brothers and sisters in all things but sin.

Luke 2:220-40 (or) 2:22-32

Mary and Joseph present the Lord Jesus in the temple.

Next Sunday the words from the first reading, *"And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek"*, could be placed right in the middle of the Gospel, as Simeon and Anna recognize in the infant Jesus *"the Christ of the Lord"* whom they had sought. The author of Hebrews explains that Jesus had to become like us to bring us salvation. Listening to next Sunday's readings, let us pray that we are able to recognize the One whom we seek in our world today.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Bernard "Bernie" Separ**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Cecilia "Ceil" at 131 Spring Branch Rd., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are requested for **Clotilde Jones**, a member of our parish family, who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o "the family of Clotilde Jones" at 277 Jonesboro Dr., Bluff City, TN 37618.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

This week I am going to write a double rant. There are two things that make me angry that I would like to discuss. The first is anti-Semitism and hatred in general that I have been discussing in recent weeks. The second is fake news. Why discuss these together? Because they are related and are both very dangerous if we are not paying attention to them.

First I need to say a little more about fake news. Unfortunately, we hear it mentioned so much that its meaning is being lost. There are many major news outlets that show bias in their reporting. Some of them are even inaccurate with their facts at times. This is not fake news. Fake news refers to completely false stories that have been made up for the purpose of misleading public opinion on various issues.

What does fake news have to do with hatred and bigotry? In October 2018 a gunman attacked a synagogue in Pittsburgh killing eleven people and wounding six. His social media posts reflected his belief that a non profit organization created to aid Jewish refugees was bringing terrorists into the U.S. to kill Americans. He believed that by killing innocent people he was defending our country. While this is likely a mentally unstable individual, it is also obvious that he was influenced by false stories spread through social media. I once believed these were harmless stories no one would ever believe. I was wrong. This should scare everyone.

This is something that is dangerous to us all. There have been a number of false stories circulated through social media for the purpose of generating hostility and hatred toward Christianity. I anticipate that with a presidential election approaching the amount of false information being distributed through social media will only be increasing. It is important that we pay attention to what is out there and that we learn to fact check the stories we are hearing before reacting to them. It is equally important that we speak up when we hear false stories encouraging people to commit acts of hatred. We all have a role to play combating this misinformation.

A special note...

I want to thank all those who have kept me in your prayers. I was certainly going in the wrong direction with my health. Thank you to each of you not only for your prayers, but also for your cards and phone calls. May the peace and love of Christ be with each of you today and always.

Andy Cyzick

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA

- ◆ Catechumens & Candidates will meet today, Sunday, January 26, 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 9:45 a.m. before going to class.

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
this Tuesday, January 28

Please join us in the Chapel any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Benediction is at 4:30 p.m.

Special Ceremony
Honoring the Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, January 28 at 12 Noon

Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center (AA&CPC) is having a Special Ceremony honoring the Knights of Columbus for their contribution for the ultrasound machine. The ceremony will be held at the new AA&CPC Center located at 17 24th St., Bristol, TN. If you know an *Ultrasound Technician* who is interested in helping with the new machine to save the lives of the unborn, please encourage them to volunteer at the new Center. Call 276-494-6883 or 423-968-HOPE. Everyone is invited to attend the Special Ceremony this Tuesday at noon.

Youth Doings...

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- 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 @ NYC
 - ◆ Richmond
- Feb. 9 — NO SHYM
 - ◆ Returning from NYC

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- 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 NYC

CDA Meeting: January 27

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are reminded of their meeting this Monday, Jan. 27, 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 276-494-6883. 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”



Spot light on...

PARISH FAMILY NIGHT

“The Book of Revelation”
Wednesday, February 5

- 5:30-6:15pm Optional Dinner (sign up in the commons for dinner)
- 6:30-7:00pm Evening Prayer in the Church
- 7:00-8:00pm Fr. Chris' Presentation in the Great Room

Come for the entire evening or any part of Parish Family Night!

Children & teens will meet with their own age group during the presentation.

The dinner menu will be available in next week's bulletin. Sign up this weekend and next weekend to attend the dinner. No cost!

PRAY for VOCATIONS!

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email him at vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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*)

Tuesday, January 28

8:30 a.m. † Stephen Vargo

Wednesday, January 29

8:30 a.m. † Hedwig Meussen

Thursday, January 30

6:00 p.m. † Jenifer Kelly

Friday, January 31

8:30 a.m. † Felipe Ayala, Sr.

Saturday, February 1 (*Vigil: Presentation of the Lord*)

5:30 p.m. † Joe Oberle

Sunday, February 2 (*Presentation of the Lord*)

8:30 a.m. † Marion Kyle

11:30 a.m. In honor of our guardian angels

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



Collection (*January 18/19*)

Regular/Operating	\$7,515.67
Respect Life 2nd Collection	\$2,213.00
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 2.00
Social Ministry	\$ 100.00
St. Anne's School	\$ 23.00

Egiving (*January 1-15, 2020*)

Regular/Operating	\$5,065.00
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 35.00
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 160.00
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	\$ 35.00
Respect Life	\$ 85.00
St. Anne's School	\$ 420.00
Social Ministry	\$ 55.00
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 158.00
Maintenance Reserve (former Bldg. Fund)	\$60.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections

Weekend of: Feb. 2	(<i>St. Anne's School</i>)
Weekend of: Feb. 23	(<i>Bristol Faith in Action</i>)

**Diocese of Richmond
Fuel & Hunger Grant 2020**

St. Anne's was awarded \$7,000 from the 2020 Diocese of Richmond Fuel & Hunger Grant which we have forwarded to Bristol Faith in Action to be used for direct assistance to those in need in our local community.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, January 26

- **NO SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) this week. Join us next Sunday, February 2, 9:45am-11:00am in the **School Library**. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. **Jesus Revealed—Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names—“Dawn From on High”**
- **RCIA** in the Great Room, 9:45am-11:00am.

Monday, January 27

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: Pillar 3 of the Catechism—“Life in Christ”, 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Tuesday, January 28

- **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, 6:30-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *“The Origin of the Bible: Human Invention or Divine Intervention?”*

Wednesday, January 29:

- **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 St. 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.

**Symphony of the Mountains
Special Concert**

The Symphony of the Mountains invite you to a special concert in honor of Black History Month entitled **“The Magic of Heroes” Our Voices Rise Together**. This concert will be held on **Saturday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.** at the Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport, TN. The concert will feature soloists Carami Hilaire and Kenneth Overton, and a choir of area choirs and choral groups. (See the flyer on the parish bulletin board) or contact the Symphony of the Mountains for more information at 423-392-8423.

Is God calling you to grow closer to Him?

Lay orders are a wonderful way to encounter God and grow in holiness. If you are looking to enhance your spiritual life, consider visiting the Lay Dominicans! They meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Salem, Virginia on the third Saturday of each month, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer and a Rosary. Breakfast follows as the meeting begins and they finish the meeting at noon. Visit them and see if you're being called in a new direction! For more information, contact the Blessed Pier Giorgia Frassati fraternity at Dominicans515@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools Week

This week is Catholic Schools Week 2020!

The current Catholic Schools Week theme is:

“Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.”

This theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

This year we are celebrating **St. Anne Catholic School's 70th anniversary** — this week take time to thank God for the blessing of having a Catholic school in our parish!!

Looking ahead just a bit....

- ⇒ “First” Tuesday Adoration, Feb. 4, 9a to 9p
- ⇒ Parish Pastoral Council, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
- ⇒ Pastoral Council Retreat, Saturday, Feb. 8
- ⇒ Confirmation Retreat, Sunday, Feb. 16

“Shine Like the Stars” — The beautiful Diocese of Richmond Bicentennial Book (The 200 year history of our diocese and photos and information about every parish!!) is available for purchase in the parish office. Cost is \$35.

2019 Contribution Statements: If you didn't pick up your statement last weekend, stop by the table in the commons this weekend. Thank you for helping us save on our postage costs. Those not picked up will be mailed next week.



Thank you to all who made the **Parish Directory** a success: the **Committee, reviewers**, and especially the photo contributors: **Ken Johnson, Chris Neal, Martin Robinette & Fr. Chris**

Thank you!
*Linda Williams &
Angela Costagliola*

Finance Recorder needed: We are in need of someone to record the minutes, type them and email them to the office for the Finance Council meetings. If you might be interested, please contact Fr. Chris or Jim Tilley.

Many thanks to Mia Johnson for serving as our Finance Council Recorder for the past several years!!