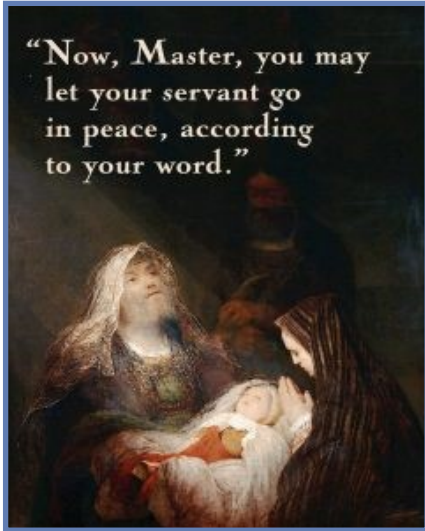


Forty days after Jesus was born, in accordance with the Torah, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to be presented to the Lord. What they could not have known is that Simeon and Anna would recognize the six-week-old child as the Savior of the world. Let us challenge ourselves to recognize Jesus in the faces of those we meet.



Weekday Readings (Feb. 3-8)

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-251, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: (Memorial) 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Luke 9:23-26
Thursday: (Memorial) Galatians 2:19-20; Matthew 28:16-20
Friday: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Scripture Readings for next Sunday
(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 58:7-10

When your fasting feeds the hungry, a new day dawns.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul's message doesn't rest on his own wisdom but on the power of the Spirit.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The image of light flows through the selections from scripture next Sunday. Isaiah tells us that our acts of charity provide light and dispel gloom. The psalmist compares a just person to a light in the darkness. Jesus tells his disciples to let their light shine for all to see. Even the Gospel acclamation reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and gives us the light of life. Listening to next Sunday's readings, let us reflect on how we can be light for others.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are requested for St. Anne parishioner **Frances "Fran" Killeen**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to her family c/o 262 Booher Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

We ask your prayers for **Ralph McElheny**, the father of **Don McElheny**, who died recently in New York. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Don at 357 Spring Lake Rd., Bristol, VA 24201.

from the
Pastor's desk 

By now most everyone has heard about the death of Kobe Bryant last Sunday in a helicopter crash. He was a professional basketball player who recently retired after a twenty year career with the Los Angeles Lakers. He was only 41 when he died and his thirteen year old daughter died with him. I am not huge basketball fan so I never really followed his career. I was surprised to learn one thing I never knew until after his death. Kobe Bryant and his family were practicing Catholics. They were regular attendees at a parish in Orange County, CA.

I am not going to make him out to be a saint here. He faced some scandal in his career and had his own personal struggles. What I have learned though is how open he was about his struggles and how at his worst times, it was his Catholic faith that gave him strength to face his challenges.

It is sad that I did not know these things until after he died. It is inspiring to see someone who is so respected and influential able to discuss their faith the way he did. I hope there will be more like him who are able to make an impression on people not only because of their talents, but because of their faith.

Whenever I hear about someone like Kobe Bryant, I am reminded that this is not limited to people who are well known. Each of us has an opportunity to share our own faith and let people know how our lives have been affected because of our faith. We can all share stories about how our faith has made a difference in our lives. There is a reason we all come to Mass every week. There is a reason we hold this to be such an important part of our lives. Imagine how many people could benefit from knowing that about our lives.



Monthly Papal Intentions

To better know "the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions", the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."

February 2020—Listen to the Migrant's Cries

That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet today, **Sunday, February 2**, in the **Great Room, 9:45am-11:15am**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the 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 at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email her at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

A Special Note...

We want to say "Thank You" for all the prayers you said for us during Bob's recent surgery and rehab stay. Prayers work miracles! Be certain that you are in my prayers too.

Best Regards,
Lin Ramsey

YOUTH DOINGS...

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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
- **Feb. 16 — Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - ◆ Getting to "The Good Life"
 - ◆ Confirmation Retreat (BYC 2:00pm-5:00pm)

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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
- **Feb. 16 — Youth Group**

Bereavement Committee members are reminded of our meeting this **Monday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

"First" Tuesday
ADORATION of the
Blessed Sacrament

February 4

9 a.m.—9 p.m.

Sign up in the commons this weekend or stop by the Chapel at any time this Tuesday (9 a.m. thru 9 p.m.) to spend time in prayer with our Lord.



Parish Family Night
"The Book of Revelation"
This 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 a baked potato bar and salad bar. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for dinner after Mass this weekend, please email or call Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32 **no later than Noon on Tuesday.** No cost!



Saint Anne's Choir

The St. Anne's Adult Choir would like to invite any people 9th grade—adult, to join the choir. This is a great opportunity to serve God with song during the Mass. The choir is now rehearsing for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter and we need all voices who are willing to serve. For people who cannot commit all year, singing seasonally is a good way to serve without a full commitment. Please see Chris Neal or contact him in the church office if you would like to join. Rehearsals are each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (no rehearsal this week due to Parish Family Night Feb. 3); and we alternate weekend Masses. Please consider joining the St. Anne's Choir. We have so many good voices in the church that need to be used for God's glory.

In Joyful Song,
Chris Neal



Mass Intentions

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*)

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 a.m. † Marilyn Mellett

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 a.m. † Jack Mellett

Thursday, February 6

6:00 p.m. † Lori Haberstroh

Friday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Patricia Doyle

Saturday, February 8 (*Vigil: 5th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. † Marion Kyle

Sunday, February 9 (*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. † Christine Kupfer Messick

2:00 p.m. † Francisco Morales (*Spanish Mass*)

Symphony of the Mountains Special Concert

The Symphony of the Mountains invite you to a special concert in honor of Black History Month which is entitled "*The Magic of Heroes*" **Our Voices Rise Together**.

This concert will be held 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.



Parish Support

Collection Report (*January 25/26*)

Regular/Operating	\$9,902.00
Add'l Respect Life	\$ 141.00
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 34.00
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 20.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

- ⇒ (this weekend, Feb. 2) St. Anne's School
- ⇒ (Feb. 23) Bristol Faith in Action

Note: There is only one collection taken up on Ash Wed. (Feb. 26) which will be for Regular/Operating.

2019 Tax Statements: If you did not pick up your 2019 statement or receive it in the mail, please contact the office.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb. 2

- ♦ **SMARE (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) 9:45-11am** 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, 9:45-11:00am.**

Monday, Feb. 3

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

Tuesday, Feb. 4

- ♦ **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, Feb. 5

- ♦ **Wednesday Scripture Study will be on a break until after Easter while Clint is recuperating. Watch the bulletin for a start-up date for "*The Book of Revelation*". 1:00-2:30pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!

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

A Note of Thanks from Bristol Faith in Action:

Dear Fr. Chris,

I wanted to personally thank St. Anne Catholic Church for the generous donation of \$7,000 for Fuel & Hunger assistance to our families. We are deeply grateful for all of your support. Please share with your parishioners.

Blessings,

DeVonne Phipps

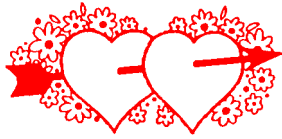
Executive Director/BFIA

World Day for Consecrated Life: Today (*Feb. 2*) is observed as **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means for the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." (St. John Paul II, 1997)

CAFÉ CENTRAL/RIVERS WAY: Since 2014 students with differing abilities from TN High & VA High have prepared and served lunches at Café Central (located at Central Christian Church/Bristol, TN) Lunches served on Thursdays/Fridays and are \$5 which includes coffee/tea and dessert! **Help support a program that makes a difference in these students' lives.** To sign up for a lunch, go to www.bit.ly/bristolcafe. Please sign up by Wednesdays of the week you would like to attend lunch. The Menu for **Feb. 6/7** is **Beef Taco Salad and Bread Sticks**.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

Are you ready for “*a living encounter with the Lord in his people?*” Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**Valentine Luncheon
Monday, February 10**

**All women of the parish are invited to a
Covered Dish Valentine Luncheon**

Sponsored by: The Council of Catholic Women
Date: Monday, February 10
Place: Columbian Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: DeVonne Phipps, Executive Director
Bristol Faith in Action

Sign up in the commons this weekend (Feb. 1/2) or next weekend (Feb. 8/9). Please bring your favorite dish to share with us. Join us for an afternoon filled with fellowship, door prizes and more... !

**10th Annual CUPCAKE Fundraiser
Healing Hands Health Center**

**Let Healing Hands Surprise someone for you
with a delicious cupcake from Blackbird Bakery!**

- * For a donation of **\$50 each**
- * Delivery available to Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City, Piney Flats, Blountville, Bluff City, and Abingdon on **Friday, February 14th**
- * Special delivery can be requested for Thursday, Feb. 13 if needed
- * Senior Citizens often feel forgotten on Valentine’s Day. **“Surprise a Senior”** by anonymously donating a cupcake for nursing home residents
- * **Order deadline is Friday, February 7 !!**

Please order online at healinghandshealthcenter.org or contact Jodi Kemple at 423-573-4327 or email her at jodi@healinghandshealthcenter.org.

Pastoral Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. and also the PPC retreat next Saturday, Feb. 8!

Looking Ahead A Bit...

The Parish Office will be closed Fri., Feb. 14 (*for Vacation*) and Mon., Feb. 17 (*for Presidents’ Day Holiday*). Bulletin deadline will still be noon on Monday, Feb. 17, leave message on main voicemail or email.