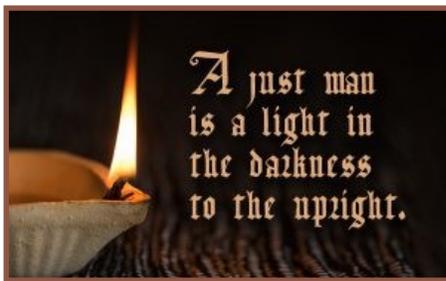




During these days in the middle of winter, when nights are long and sunshine can be scarce, we realize the value of the sun. It brightens our day and our mood. It gives life, warmth, and light.

The light of Christ can do the same. With the light of Christ, we can bring light to the darkness in our world: injustice, violence, conflict, fear, poverty, and countless other shadows. Let us resolve to let the light of Christ shine forth wherever we go and whatever we do.



Readings for this Week (Feb. 10-15)

Monday: (Memorial) Song of Songs 8:6-7; Luke 10:38-42
(Weekday) 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
Friday: (Memorial) Acts 13:46-49; Luke 10:1-9
Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Scripture for next Sunday (6th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Sirach 15:15-20

There is set before you fire and water, life and death.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

*Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has prepared for us.*

Matthew 5:17-37 (or) 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

In the 1st reading next Sunday, Sirach teaches us that we have the ability to choose between right and wrong. Choosing to trust in God and to keep the commandments is the way to salvation. Jesus extends the commandments when speaking to his disciples, telling them that they must do more. May the Holy Spirit, invoked by Paul in the 2nd reading, reveal God's wisdom and guide us in our behavior.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Marie Emilie Green**, the daughter of Bill Green, who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Emilie's family c/o her sister, Audrey McClintic, at 365 Walnut Hill Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

 **Pastor's Notes**

This Monday is the Memorial of Saint Scholastica. The readings for St. Scholastica's memorial are beautiful, but there is also something special about the readings for the day. The Ordinary time readings this week continue to follow the story of King David. Monday's readings tell the story of King David's son Absalom having himself named king by his supporters so he can try to take his father's throne. The reading begins with David being given this news and he immediately commands his people to get up and flee Jerusalem so that Absalom will not overtake them.

Some might suggest that David was a coward, because the first thought that came to him was to get up and flee from his son who was trying to take the throne. Anyone who would call David a coward should remember this is the same person who walked onto the battlefield without armor and defeated Goliath with a sling. David was a warrior king. He made a name for himself and won the admiration of the people through his skill on the battlefield.

If David was not fleeing because of cowardice, then why exactly did he flee? He fled because he was not going to let any opponent bait him into a confrontation on their terms. His success on the battlefield came from the fact that he was in control of what happened on the battlefield and not his opponent. Fleeing Jerusalem allowed him to stay in control and fight the battle later on his terms.

I have reflected on this story often, because I think it is relevant to all of us. There are many things we face in this world that can make us angry. There are many things people can do that can draw us into a confrontation that we may not need to have. It does not show cowardice if we decide not to act in haste and be drawn into a conflict. There is actually great wisdom in taking a step back so we can discern the best way to deal with the challenges that lie ahead.

Please Take Note:

- ◆ There is NO weekday Mass this **Friday, February 14** (Fr. Chris has diocesan meeting in Salem.)
- ◆ The Parish office will be closed this **Friday, Feb. 14** (Rosie M. vacation).
- ◆ Parish office will be closed next **Monday, February 17** (Presidents' Day Holiday). The bulletin deadline will still be 12N—leave message on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

Special Notes...

The family of **Bernard "Bernie" Separ**, who went to be with Our Lord on January 15, wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, and special memories shared in person and in writing. We also appreciate your generosity in making memorial donations to St. Anne's Church and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The family of **Clotilde Russo Jones** would like to thank the parishioners for their prayers and kind expressions of sympathy. Clotilde had been a member of the parish for over 50 years and she loved her church.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA*

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet today, **Sunday, February 9**, in the **Great Room, 9:45-11:15 a.m.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room after opening prayer in the **Great Room, at 9:45 a.m.**
- **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 our RCIA, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email her at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.



Valentine Luncheon
This 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. 8/9). Please bring your favorite dish to share with us. Join us for an afternoon filled with fellowship, door prizes and more... !



*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament*

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this Tuesday, February 11. Please join us in the Chapel any time between **9:00am—4:30pm**. Benediction is at 4:30pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry members are reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. New members are always welcome to join us.

Parish Life Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting this **Wednesday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church office conference room. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Mike Farnum know. New members are always welcome to join the committee.



Saint Anne's Choir

St. Anne's Adult Choir would like to invite anyone (Teens Grade 9-12 and Adults) to join our 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 those who can't commit to the choir 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.** We alternate singing at the weekend Masses. Please consider joining the St. Anne's Choir! We have so many good voices in our church that need to be used for God's glory.

In Joyful Song,
Chris Neal

**2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Building Our Family of Faith**

The 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church:

- ⇒ **Advancing Social Ministries**
- ⇒ **Cultivating Catholic Leadership**
- ⇒ **Empowering Parish Communities.**

Your support for the Annual Diocesan Appeal directly benefits Saint Anne's parish. For the past several years, Saint Anne's has applied for and received grant monies (for Bristol Faith in Action) from the Richmond Diocese Fuel & Hunger Fund, which is supported by the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We have been blessed for many years with seminarians who have been assigned to our parish on summer assignment and also on their pastoral year... the ADA supports our diocesan seminarians. Also, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected in the Appeal. (We recently received another parish sharing check from the 2019 ADA in the amount of \$2,324.77). You will be receiving more information in the coming weeks about the 2020 Appeal. **We encourage you to generously support this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal!**



Mass Intentions

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)

Tuesday, February 11

8:30 a.m. † Mike Arnold

Wednesday, February 12

8:30 a.m. † Jonathan Mendoza-Onate

Thursday, February 13

6:00 p.m. † Joseph Smith

(No Weekday Mass on Friday, February 14)

Saturday, February 15 (Vigil: 6th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. † Kevin Corbett

Sunday, February 16 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Emilia Cruz

11:30 a.m. † Ron Davis

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



PARISH SUPPORT

E-Giving Report (January 16-31, 2020)

Regular/Operating	\$3,630.
School (2nd Collection)	\$ 260.
Respect Life (2nd Collection)	\$ 254.
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 353.
Maintenance Reserve (former Bldg. Fund)	\$128.

Collection Report (February 1/2)

Regular/Operating	\$15,303.34
School (2nd Collection)	\$ 3,360.00
Add'l Respect Life	\$ 10.00
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 575.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 100.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

February 22/23	Bristol Faith in Action
Feb. 29/March 1	St. Anne's School
March 21/22	Catholic Relief Services

Note: There will be one collection taken up at Masses on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th, for the operating fund.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!

"Let your light shine before others"

Perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

Call Fr. Brian Capuano, 804-359-5661 or

Email vocations@richmonddiocese.org

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, Feb. 9

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) is on a **Winter Break** until the **1st Sunday of Lent**. Join us then as we begin our Lenten study, **"No Greater Love"**.

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

Monday, Feb. 10

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11

- **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. 12

- **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!

- **Wednesday Prayer Group** will also be on break until after Easter.

For more information about any of the above programs,

Email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org

or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32

CLIENT SERVICES COORDINATOR WANTED

Bristol Faith in Action

BFIA is seeking a Client Services Coordinator (20 hours per week) Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30a to 2:30p. For more information about this position, see the parish bulletin board. To apply, contact DeVonne Phipps, Executive Director, at director@bristolfia.org.

PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT

Yellowstone National Park!

October 11-16, 2020

Father Michael Cummins (Pastor of St. Dominic's in Kingsport, TN) will be offering a retreat in our nation's first National Park from October 11-16. The days will consist of wildlife viewing in the park early morning through early afternoon, followed by Mass, retreat talks, and prayer opportunities in late afternoon and evening. The cost for the pilgrimage/retreat is \$1,995 (airfare not included).

For more information please contact St. Dominic Catholic Church in Kingsport, TN at 423-288-8101 or email stdomchurch@aol.com.

To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope.

(Bishops of Japan as quoted in "Laudato Si")

**St. Anne's Friendship Club
Thursday, February 20**

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at **Johnny Brusco's** at the Pinnacle. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, Feb. 18 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

**40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally
Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m.**

40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion that takes place twice a year. **The next vigil begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26.** In preparation, please join us for the kick-off rally on **Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2:00 p.m.** The rally will be held in the sanctuary at Grace Point Church (1318 Shelby Street, Bristol, TN). Please pray over the rally and the campaign and make plans to attend. You are welcome to bring others who might want to get involved. For more information, contact Angie Bush at 423-482-1324.



Symphony of the Mountains invites you to "The Magic of Heroes" Our Voices Rise Together on **Sat., Feb. 15** at 7:30 p.m. at the Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport, TN. (See the flyer on the parish bulletin board)

Looking Ahead a Bit on the Parish Calendar...

- ◆ Theology on Tap (for Young Adults): Wed., Feb. 19
- ◆ Regional **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Knestout: Sat., Feb. 22 at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Installation of Fr. Chris as Pastor, by Bishop Knestout, Sat., Feb. 22 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass
- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26**, Masses: 12:15 & 7 p.m. LENT BEGINS!!

**Coming Soon... "No Greater Love —
A Biblical Walk through
Christ's Passion"
(A Lenten Study)**

Watch the bulletin for more details of days and times that this Lenten study will be offered. Plan to include studying Christ's Passion on your Lenten spiritual journey.

Ignite the Fire Within! Pipestem Holy Spirit Conference: March 13-15, Pipestem Resort State Park, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Bluefield, WV. See the parish bulletin board, or contact Loretta Hammond at 304-320-5723 (dlhammond@wvva.net).