

We are called to be disciples of Jesus. It is not enough just to believe; we are asked to take up our crosses and follow Him. We are challenged to make sacrifices. We are challenged to live out our faith. We are challenged to be the face of Jesus to those whom we meet. Let us look for ways that we can better live out our faith.

Readings for this week (Feb. 11-16)

Monday:	Genesis 1:1-19;	Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Genesis 1:20—2:4a;	Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17;	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday:	Genesis 2:18-25;	Mark 7:24-30
	(or) Acts 13:46-49;	Luke 10:1-9
Friday:	Genesis 3:1-8;	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday:	Genesis 3:9-24	Mark 8:1-10

Scripture Readings for next Sunday
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed are those whose hearts turn away from God.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Christ has been raised from the dead.

Luke 6:17, 20-26

The Beatitudes

It's time to choose sides. The selections from Jeremiah and Luke each describe the favorable consequences for one group of people and the unfavorable consequences for the opposite group. Jeremiah distinguishes between those who place their trust in God and those who place their trust in others. In Luke's Gospel Jesus reassures those who are suffering while warning those who are prospering. It is sobering. Let Saint Paul's proclamation of Christ's resurrection be of comfort to all of us.

YOUTH DOINGS...

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- Feb. 8-10 — **DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference)**
 - Feb. 10—NO SHYM (returning from DYC)
- Feb. 17 — **Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - *Our Father's Plan*
- Feb. 24 — **Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - *The Mystery Revealed Pt. 1*
 - **Confirmation Class**
- Mar. 3 — **Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - *Necessity of the Sacraments*
 - **Confirmation Class**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday

Please join us this **Tuesday, February 12, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30 p.m.** in the Chapel.



I am going to revisit something I have discussed often in the past, but it is worth bringing up now. This continues my discussion about philosophers, and connects to my homily from last weekend. René Descartes was a French philosopher and mathematician in the 16th century. He is probably most famous for the statement, "I think, therefore I am." Many people are familiar with that quote. I believe it is one of those quotes we have heard so many times that we really do not take the time to contemplate what it really means.

In 1641, Descartes wrote *Meditations on First Philosophy*. One of the arguments Descartes made in this text was that everything we see with our eyes must be doubted, and only what we see in our minds is truly real. I hope everyone reading this will realize how absurd that is and question why anyone would write that. This was one more attempt by modern philosophy to redefine the role of humanity in the world and to give humanity authority over nature that we simply do not have. As absurd as these ideas are, Descartes's writing continues to have great influence in our world today.

Why did I choose to write this now? Some of the things I said in my homily last week explain exactly why I disagree with René Descartes. I believe that each one of us were created in the image and likeness of our God. Each one of us was created by God with a purpose. I believe that we will always find the greatest amount of joy and fulfillment in our lives when we seek to become everything God created us to be. I do not exist simply because I think I exist, I exist because my God created me out of love with a specific purpose that is a part of His plan for our world.

THANKS

Thank you to our **Blood Donors** — we had 25 donors at our recent Blood Drive which means as many as 75 lives were saved because of your generosity! Marsh Regional Blood Center supplies 25 Hospitals and 12 cancer centers throughout NE Tennessee and SW Virginia with lifesaving blood. Mark your calendars now for our next visit from the Bloodmobile: **Wednesday, March 27th** and plan to come ***Give the Gift of Life!***

“The Mass” - by Bishop Robert Barron
Begins today, Sunday, February 10
9:45 a.m. in the Great Room

Join us as we take a deeper look at the “source and summit” of our Faith, the Eucharist. Bishop Barron brings to light the Blessed Sacrament’s reality as sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God and most importantly, the Real Presence of Christ. This series will be offered in our **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education class at 9:45am-11:00am** in the Great Room and if you miss it on Sunday, you can join us in RCIA on Wednesday evenings where we will also be studying “The Mass”. The RCIA presentation begins at 7 p.m. Be sure to read the bulletin each week to see what episodes we are covering on Sunday and on Wednesday.

BLAST from the PAST

Come and bring your loved ones to the Highlands Youth Ensemble’s 13th annual *Valentines Cabaret*:

Sun., Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. at Milligan College (or)

Mon., Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barter Theatre

St. Anne Parishioner **Grace Mehlferber** is a member of the Youth Ensemble. For more information, see the poster on the parish bulletin board.



Valentine Luncheon

St. Anne’s Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a covered dish luncheon

this **Monday, February 11** at **12:30 p.m.**
at the Columbian Center.

Sign up in the commons this weekend (Feb. 9/10) and let us know what dish you will bring to share. Contact Eileen Gibney for more information: egibneysas@yahoo.com.

PRAYER PATH
Completion



St. Anne’s Boy Scout Troop 21 is pleased to announce the completion of a 180-foot stone-edged foot path connecting the lower lot of the Parish Life Center to the entrance of Saint Anne’s School.

—The path and landscape renovation was completed under the leadership of Boy Scouts **Joseph Kreutzer** and **Beckham Schiesz**

—The path was funded by the **Bush family**
in memory of Ray Bush, Jr.

The path, which can be viewed from the area near the flag poles, is already widely used by school staff and visitors for travel and reflection. Please take a moment to check it out!

“From Slave to Priest”
The Inspirational Story of
Father Augustine Tolton (1854-1897)

Augustine Tolton was able to spend long hours of prayer in the church where he was a janitor. He attended classes taught by friendly priests and nuns who saw in his eyes a deep love of God, the Church, and his people. Denied theological training in America, his friends helped him to receive his priestly education and ordination in Rome. He later became the pastor of St. Monica’s Church in Chicago. This book study **begins this Tuesday, February 12**. Book Club meets on **Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30am** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

Please sign-up in the commons so your book can be ordered. Cost of book: \$16.95.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, February 13 at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!



Catechumens, Candidates, Inquirers, and Children’s RCIA are reminded that we do **NOT** meet the next two Wednesdays, **February 13 and February 20**. We will resume on **Wednesday, February 27**, in the Great Room, **6:30pm-8:00pm**. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Living the Eucharist - Lent 2019

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.”

Pope Francis

Share the Joy this Lent!

- Learn about the true meaning of the Mass,
- Better understand the rituals and symbols of the Eucharist,
- Discover new ways to make the Sunday Mass readings come alive, and
- Grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ together with your fellow parishioners.

Join a small group or participate with your family. Watch the bulletin each week for more information about Living the Eucharist and how to sign-up.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9

5:30 p.m. †Rachel McCollum

Sunday, February 10

8:30 a.m. †Jeff Walling

11:30 a.m. †Jeanette Crum

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

Tuesday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Niki Savage
and all who mourn the loss of a loved one

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Special Intention "In Thanksgiving"

Thursday, February 14

6:00 p.m. †Dorothy "Dot" Hackley

Friday, February 15

8:30 a.m. Spec. Int./wedding anniversary

Saturday, February 16

5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

Sunday, February 17

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. †Gary Hinch

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

From Archbishop Joseph F. Nauman of Kansas City, KS
Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities

The following statement was issued by the USCCB on February 1 in response to the introduction of a bill in the Virginia legislature that would allow a baby to be aborted at nine months. Although the bill was defeated there, a similar bill was passed by the New York legislature and signed into law by its Governor.

"A Virginia lawmaker has introduced a bill which would allow a baby to be aborted at nine months, even if the mother is just about to give birth. This legislation shocks the conscience and is made more egregious by the Governor of Virginia suggesting the permissibility of denying care to infants born alive during the abortion. This senseless disrespect for new human life is horrifying. We join the bishops of Virginia in urging all people of good will to stand up to protect unborn and born infants from legislation that would permit their gruesome deaths."

(Bishop Knestout's statement can be read on the Diocese of Richmond's main webpage at www.richmonddiocese.org)

Love Shouldn't Hurt— On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.— more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. Commonwealth Catholic Charities offers a 24-week program that teaches the harmful consequences of abusive actions. It teaches ways to handle conflicts and identify feelings, attitudes, and behaviors. For more information, go to www.cccofva.org/counseling.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!! Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying *"Whom shall I send?"* Are you being called to be a priest? Contact Fr. Michael Boehling, 804-359-5661.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, February 10:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE):** *The Mass-A Privileged Encounter* - Lesson One. 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. All are invited. No need to sign-up.

Monday, February 11:

- **Adult Faith Formation** class is on a winter break and will resume class on **Monday, March 4**. Next study session will be *"Living the Eucharist"*. Watch for sign-ups in the commons.

Tuesday, February 12:

- **Book Club:** 10:30-11:30a at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *"From Slave to Priest"*. Please sign-up in the commons so your book can be ordered.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study**, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *Pivotal Players—Saint Benedict—Part 1*.

Wednesday, February 13:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study**, 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *Acts of the Apostles*
- **NO RCIA this week**

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

Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., Feb. 13, 2:45pm-3:45pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center

All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Building Our Family of Faith

With a goal of over \$3.2 million, the 2019 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas: Advancing Social Justice, Cultivating Catholic Leadership, and Empowering Parish Communities. We look forward to sharing more about the Appeal in the near future. Many of you will soon receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the Appeal. It is our hope you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous pledge.

E-Giving Report (Jan. 16-31)

Regular/Operating	\$3,325.
School 2nd collection	\$ 230.
Solemnity of Mary/Holy Day	\$ 10.

Collection Report (Feb. 2/3)

Regular/Operating	\$11,884.51
School 2nd collection	\$ 3,631.91
BFIA	\$ 325.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 135.00
Solemnity of Mary/Holy Day	\$ 2.00
Add'l Respect Life 2nd collection	\$ 20.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

Feb. 23/24	Bristol Faith in Action (BFIA)
March 2/3	St. Anne's School

Abingdon High School Chorus
Proudly Presents "Grease"
March 1/2 and March 8/9

Come see the musical Grease (*the family friendly school version*) at Abingdon High School! St. Anne parishioner & school alum **John Bush** (Eugene) and school alum **Aisling Ringrose** (Sandy) are in the cast. Performances are on Fridays (March 1 & 8) at 7 p.m. & Saturdays (March 2 & 9) at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Cost: \$8/adults or \$5/students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, online at <http://tickets.ahschorus.com> or by contacting Angie Bush at angiebush@comcast.net or 276-274-6081



St. Anne's Friendship Club
St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet **Thursday, February 21 at 11:30 a.m.** at **Greene's Seafood**, 1817 West State Street, Bristol, Virginia.

Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, February 18 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!!

Don't forget the parish website! Listen to the homily, read the bulletin, check out latest news and the parish master calendar, read the parish history... www.stannes-bridol.org

Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

- **Presidents' Day Holiday** (Mon., Feb. 18), the parish office will be closed; but the bulletin deadline will still be 12N (leave messages on office voicemail/email).
- **Attention Liturgical Ministers!!** Notify the office NLT 4 p.m. Wed., Feb. 20 of dates you are unable to serve in March/April (schedules will be in the commons for you to pick up the weekend of Feb. 23/24).
- **ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6 (Lent begins!)**
(Masses at 12:15p and 7 p.m.)

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.



Prayer Chain: Our email prayer chain of dedicated folks pray for requested intentions. If you are interested in being part of this group, contact the parish office. If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the office. (*Due to privacy concerns, we must have permission from the individual or immediate family member to place a request.*)