

We remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when He was met by crowds of disciples who joyfully welcomed Him to the holy city. As our palm branches are blessed, we welcome Jesus into our lives, When we leave today with our blessed palms, let us praise God with joy, for Christ has won the victory over sin and death, winning for us our salvation.



Weekday Readings

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-37
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Scripture for the Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday: Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jn. 13:1-15

Good Friday: Is. 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
John 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday: Gn. 1:1,26-31a; Gn. 22:1-18; Ex. 14:15—15:1;
Is. 54:5-14; Is. 55:1-11; Bar. 3:9-15, 32—4:4;
Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11;
Luke 24:1-12

Scripture for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Luke 24:1-12

Next Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

He died on the cross, but now has risen from death to new life.

We are filled with hope — for Jesus Christ has won victory over the grave. He has redeemed humanity.

Special Notes...

Words fail as we search for an adequate way to thank everyone in the St. Anne community for the love and support we continue to receive after losing Wes. We are upheld daily by the prayers and comfort offered by everyone in our faith community. Thank you all for being blessings to each of us.

Kristie, Alex, Jacob, & Cooper Fayler and Don McElheny

To all the parishioners of St. Anne Catholic Church — you are the most wonderful people I know. Your help with my recovery from my illness has been wonderful. The food, flowers, prayers, and visits are very rewarding and I am most grateful. I can never thank you enough for all you have done to inspire and lift my spirits. May God bless every one of you. I will keep you in my prayers.

Agnes Hurt

EASTER FLOWERS

If you'd like to make a donation toward our Easter Lilies in memory of or in honor of a loved one... please notify the office NLT noon this Monday, April 15. They will be printed in our Easter bulletin.



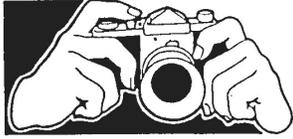
A Message from Father Chris...

I want to continue writing about atheism and how we can answer objections to our faith. It can be very complicated and intimidating, even for those who have a very strong faith. I recently listened to one person commenting on faith speaking about those who believe in God. He said there are those who believe in God, because they believe God has spoken to them and given them various directives as to how they should live their lives. He said that is all well and good, but there are many others who claim God has spoken to them and they all have very different stories about what they have been told. Some people in the world carry out terrible acts of atrocity and claim God told them to do it. With this going on, how can we give credit to anyone who claims God has spoken to them?

I'm going to start with something the Church has taught for a very long time. We believe that God has revealed himself to humanity little by little since the beginning. We also believe that Jesus Christ is the fullness of God's revelation. Everything God intended to reveal to humanity reached its fullness in Christ. When people, even within our own Church, claim to have experienced a revelation from God, the first thing the Church examines is whether this revelation reinforces what was revealed through Christ, or whether it is a completely new teaching. If it is something completely new that has not been taught before, there is little chance it comes from God. God has already revealed to us everything we need to know for us to enter a relationship with him and come to live with him for eternity.

The second thing I want to talk about is how we experience God's revelation ourselves and how we know that he is truly speaking to us. God does not seek to dominate our lives. He does not seek to enslave us or force us to carry out his will. He reveals to us what we were created to be so our lives can find fulfillment in him. When I wrote last week that our lives were ordered to the good, what that really means is that our lives were ordered toward God who is nothing but good. In other words, we were created to find our way to God. Since every human being was created to know God and to find their way to him, elements of truth can be found anywhere. Anyone can experience God's revelation whether they have faith or not. However, we must always look carefully at what people say comes from God. Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's revelation gave up his life for us. Anything that leads us to set our own good aside for the sake of another comes from God. Anything that leads us to seek only our own good does not come from God. Anything that leads us to seek what we want to the detriment of those around us, does not come from God.

This can indeed be complicated, but when we take the time to reflect on these simple truths as well as what has been revealed to us in the Scriptures, we can see that God is very present in our lives and that he reveals himself to us every day. Even those who claim God does not exist are experiencing his revelation and can learn to see his presence.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

SIGN UP in the commons THIS weekend or on Apr. 27/28 to have your photo taken for our **new parish directory**. (NO sign-ups on Easter weekend.) Photos will be taken in May. Participating families will receive a directory and an 8x10 portrait. We hope all our families will participate!!

Respect Life Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting **Monday, April 15 at 4 p.m.** in the Conference Room. New members are always welcome to join us.

There will be **NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, April 16**. Plan to join us at the **Altar of Repose after Holy Thursday Mass**.

Children's Choir: St. Anne's Children's Choir will sing at the **11:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday** (April 21). Rehearsal this Wed., April 17 at 3:20 p.m. (Rehearsals last approx. 30 minutes.) Grades 2 thru 8 are invited to sing. If you have questions, contact Chris Neal (423-268-1520).

There will be **NO RCIA** this **Wednesday, April 17**. All inquirers, catechumens, and candidates are encouraged to attend the **Holy Thursday Mass and Good Friday Service**. For more information about our RCIA, contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Easter Vigil Reception—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Would you be available to help with the reception for the Easter Vigil? We need folks to come that morning to prepare the food, we need servers who will set up and serve after the Vigil, and we need folks who can stay and help clean up. If you can help, please contact Mike Farnum at 423-956-4622. Thank you!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet on **Holy Thursday, April 18th, at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Olive Garden** Restaurant at Exit 7, Bristol, VA. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, April 16th to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!!

PRAYERS for our TROOPS!!

During Holy Week, please remember our military who are deployed overseas and away from their families. Former Saint Anne's pastor Fr. Tom Ianucci, is currently in the Middle East celebrating Easter Masses with our ground troops. Please keep him and our soldiers in your prayers!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for St. Anne parishioner **Bob Douglas** who died recently. Notes may be sent to his wife, Mary, at 121 Sunrise Ave., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are also requested for the following who have died recently:

- Norma Denning**, the aunt of Christine Jenkins
(1077 Mt. Holston Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618)
- Betty Williams**, the sister-in-law of Linda Williams
(108 Oakcrest Circle #2, Bristol, VA 24201)
- Vincent Thach B. Pham**, the brother of Jimmy Pham
(302 Henry's Lane, Bristol, VA 24202)
- Robert Hallee**, the son-in-law of Maryanne Nutteville
(191 Jarrell Dr., Bluff City, TN 37618)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!

- No weekday Mass and No Adoration this Tuesday, April 16. There WILL BE Confessions Tuesday, 5-6p.
- Weekday Mass on Wed., April 17 at 8:30a.
- No morning Mass and No Confessions on Holy Thursday, April 18. (Mass at 7 p.m.)
- No Mass Good Friday. Stations at 12N (& 130/Span.) Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.
- No Confessions on Holy Saturday, no Mass at 5:30p; Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Masses: 830a/11:30a & 2p/Spanish

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Good Friday, April 19 and **Looking Ahead a Bit...** office closed Apr. 22 & 23. (*Bulletin deadline still noon on Mondays, leave message*); NO Mass/Adoration/Confessions April 22-26.

Evangelization Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled meeting this **Wednesday, April 17, 3:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

The Book of Exodus

By entering into the liberating journey with Israel, we can more deeply encounter the God of freedom and life ourselves. Plan to join us on Wednesday afternoons beginning **April 24** to study the Book of Exodus. We meet in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1:00-2:30pm**. Please sign up in the commons to join the group. Everyone welcome. No cost. Materials will be provided.

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our planning meeting on **Monday, April 29, at 4pm**, St. Vincent de Paul Center. (NOTE: this is a change from our regular 4th Monday meeting due to Easter.)

PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER

St. Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a part-time Music Teacher. Inquire at 2211 E. Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, TN 37601 or call 423-282-3397.

MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

Saturday, April 13 (*Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*)

5:30 p.m. †Lynn Marie Murphy

Sunday, April 14 (*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*)

8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor

11:30 a.m. †Don Ward

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

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 a.m. †Bob Douglas

Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m. †Bud Karban

Holy Saturday, April 20 (*The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*)

8:30 p.m. †Milly Venardi and Tony Venardi

EASTER Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord., April 21

8:30 a.m. †Tonette Davidson

11:30 a.m. †Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Greany, Sr.

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

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Apr. 14—Youth Group (BYC 3:15pm-8:15pm)**
 - Masterpiece Mixers
- **Apr. 21—NO SHYM (*Happy Easter!!*)**
- **Apr. 28—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - Divine Mercy Prayer Svc. / Catholic Jeopardy
 - Meet in the Church at 5:45 p.m.
- **May 5—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - Abortion Alternatives Speaker
 - Cinco de Mayo Party!

Diocesan Youth Work Camp—Wise County, VA
(Saturday, June 22 thru Friday, June 28)

(Open to all rising 9th graders thru graduated 12th graders)

Work Camp is not just a youth event. It's an opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of those in need right here in Southwest Virginia! Also an opportunity to fulfill service hours you may need for high school programs.

Take advantage of Early Bird Registration thru April 25!

Contact Laura Cochrane to register...

276-492-3095 or lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

Sr. High Youth Ministry is in need of chaperones and contractors for Work Camp!

Contractors don't have to be licensed or a professional, but someone knowledgeable/experienced with home improvement....knowing how to safely operate a range of tools, work with different materials, and able to teach others what you know. *Please contact Laura if you are willing to help out as a CHAPERONE or CONTRACTOR!*

COLLECTION REPORT: (April 6/7)

Operating: \$12,250.35 School 2nd collection: \$2,287.60

Add'l Catholic Relief Svcs. \$35; Ash Wed. \$10

One Collection on Holy Thursday, Apr. 18 is for the local poor.

On Easter (Apr. 20/21) there is one collection for both the regular Sunday AND Easter Holy Day (together in same basket).

RESPECT LIFE

"There are six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that plots wicked schemes, feet that are quick to run to evil, the false witness who utters lies, and the one who sows discord among kindred."

Proverbs 6:16-19

Catholics in the Bristol area are responsible for the prayer vigil on **Fridays from 12N to 4pm** at the Bristol Women's Center (at the corner of W. State & Slaughter streets). We begin with the Rosary at Noon. Please join your Respect Life Committee and Catholics from St. Dominic's, Christ the King and St. Mary's as we support pro-life. Parking is available in the old K-Mart parking lot.

SAVE the DATE: Sunday evening, May 5, Joe Kerns from **Abortion Alternatives** will be here as a guest speaker in the Great Room at 6:30pm. Joe will share his personal testimony of how and why Pro-Life work has affected and been essential in his life. Plan to join us!

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, April 14:

- **NO Sunday Morning Adult Religious Ed. (SMARE) today-Palm Sunday, or next week-Easter.** We will resume our study of the Mass on **Sunday, April 28.**
9:45am-11:am in the Great Room. All are invited.

Monday, April 15:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation will not meet this week, April 15 or Easter Monday, April 22.** We'll begin our study of "The Mass" on **Monday, April 29.**
1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center

Tuesday, April 16:

- **Book Club:** 10:30-11:30a at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. "*From Slave to Priest*"
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study will not meet this week, April 16 or next Tuesday, April 23.** We'll resume **April 30, 6:30-8pm**, St. Vincent de Paul Center

Wednesday, April 17:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30pm**, St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Book of Exodus*
- **NO RCIA this Wednesday, April 17 or next week, April 24.** RCIA will resume our schedule on **Wed., May 1** at 6:30pm in the Great Room

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., April 17, 2:45pm-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

All are invited to attend. No preparation.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

AUTHOR VISIT: Jerry Pallotta is our guest speaker for St. Anne's 26th Annual Judith Rosenfeld Memorial Author Visit. Jerry has been writing books for kids for over 30 years. His latest series, *Who Would Win*, is a creative collection of books that describes what would happen when various animals battle each other in the wild. Please join us for dinner on **May 6 at 5:30 p.m.** The cost for dinner is \$12/person and registration is needed by April 25. A **free presentation will follow dinner at 6:30 p.m.** Contact Angie Bush, at 276-669-0048 or abush@stanne.schoolbristol.org for more information.

FOOD PANTRY AT BFIA is in need of the following: Peanut Butter, Canned meats & fruits, Soups, Tuna Helper, canned or pouched tuna, snack items, baby food; bleach, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant. (Put in the blue box near the wheelchair lift.) - THANKS!

ATTN: LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!

Please notify the parish office by close of business Wednesday, April 24th of dates you are unable to serve in May & June. Pick up schedules weekend of April 27/28.

Mark your Calendars: DIVINE MERCY Prayer Service on **Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m.**



(no Mass or Adoration Tues., April 16)

There WILL BE CONFESSIONS Tuesday, 5-6 pm.

Weekday Mass (Wed., April 17) - 8:30a in the church

HOLY THURSDAY (April 18)

— **7 p.m. Mass** (w/incense) *Sacred Triduum Begins!*

— Altar of Repose (*after Mass until 11 p.m.*)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 19)

— Stations of the Cross (English at 12N; Spanish at 2p)

— **Good Friday Service** (with Holy Communion) **7 pm**

— Via Dolorosa at 9:15 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 20) (NO 5:30p Mass)

— Food Blessing at 10a, Chapel

— **Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.** (w/incense)

(A Reception will follow the Easter Vigil)

EASTER SUNDAY (April 21) NOTE MASS TIMES!!

— Masses: **8:30a, 11:30a**, (and 2pm/Spanish)

(Incense at 11:30a & Spanish Mass)

For those who will be traveling and unable to be with us for our Holy Week or Easter liturgies... we wish you a blessed Holy Week and a very Happy Easter!!