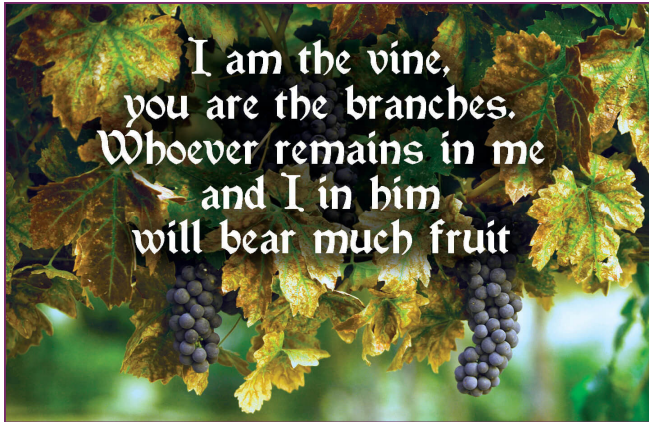


*In a way, Easter Time for the Church is like springtime for the world, and for those of us who live in the northern hemisphere, it is wonderful that they coincide. The world around us celebrates new life: trees and plants are budding, animals have come out of hibernation, the sun is out longer. As Christians, we also celebrate new life: Jesus is risen, the readings recount the infancy of the early church, we have new life in the Lord by our baptism. Let us celebrate this new life as we continue celebrating this holy season.*



**Readings for this week (April 30-May 5)**

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18;	John 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28;	John 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6;	John 15:1-8
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 15:1-8;	John 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31;	John 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10;	John 15:18-21

**Scripture for next Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter)**

**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

**1 John 4:7-10**

God is love.

**John 15:9-17**

No one has greater love than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

*Next Sunday the focus of the readings is on others. Peter preached to the Gentiles, people outside the Jewish community, and was surprised that the Holy Spirit came to them as well. John writes that we are to love one another as God loves us. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to love one another as he loves them, that is, with a self-sacrificing love. This, truly, is the love that we are called to have for others.*

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Mary Lynn Snapp**, the aunt of Bearl Jenkins, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Bearl & Chris at 1077 Mt. Holston Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at our main altar this weekend and on the side altars of the Chapel, are given by Cathy Dorula, in joyful celebration of the Baptism of her grandson, **William Field Lester**.

**WELCOME FATHER ERIC!**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to **Father Eric Baffour Asamoah** who will be with us for the next few months.

We send our prayers and best wishes with **Father Nicholas** as he begins his medical leave. May God bless him and bring him good health.

**THANK YOU!!**

Our thanks to **Mary Monroe** for having served as the Pastoral Council Recorder for the past several years. We greatly appreciate the work she has done for the Pastoral Council in this capacity.

**“First” Tuesday ADORATION  
of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Join us this Tuesday, May 1, for “First” Tuesday Adoration in the Chapel, beginning at **9:15 a.m.** and concluding with **Benediction at 9 p.m.**

Please sign up in the commons this weekend so we know that the Blessed Sacrament will not be left alone.

***Will you spend an hour  
with our Lord in prayer?***

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Recorder for Pastoral Council**

A volunteer is needed to serve as the recorder for PPC meetings. This would require attending the monthly meeting (*usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.*), taking minutes, typing the minutes and submitting them electronically to the parish office. If interested, please contact Rosie M. in the parish office at 276-669-8200 or email [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

**Attention Pastoral Council members:**

Just a reminder of your meeting this Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m. in the School Conference Room.

## YOUTH DOINGS...

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9-12)

#### Upcoming Schedule:

- **April 29—Fun Night! (3:15pm-8:00pm)**
  - Masterpiece Mixers
- **May 6—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - “Language of the Body”
- **May 13—NO SHYM**
  - Mother’s Day!
- **May 20—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - “What would Jesus do?”

### *Eucharist—Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence*

*by Bishop Robert Barron*

*Mondays 1:00pm-2:30pm*

*St. Vincent de Paul Center*

In *Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence*, Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ’s presence in our lives as it is given to us in the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, the “source and summit of the Christian life”. This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God, and the Real Presence of Christ. This study session will run 2-3 weeks and begins tomorrow, **Monday, April 30**. Please sign up at the table in the commons to join the group (or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org)). No cost for materials.

### Prayer groups meeting this week:

- **Wednesday, May 2: Noon—1:00pm in the Chapel AND 2:45pm—3:45pm in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

### *The Pastoral Letters*

*Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm*

*St. Vincent de Paul Center*

The two letters to Timothy and the single letter to Titus have been called the “Pastoral Letters” since they deal largely with issues regarding pastoral care in Pauline communities. Join us for this new study beginning on **Wednesday, May 2**. Please sign up at the table in the commons to join the group (or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org)). No cost for materials.

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

#### **RCIA**

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., May 2**, in the Great Room, **6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- **Mystagogy** will gather in the Great Room at **6:30pm** and move to another location.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the parish office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Children’s RCIA & Mystagogy** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30pm** before going to class.

For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

### **CAMP CATERPILLAR**

*A place for young hearts to grieve and heal together*  
Camp Caterpillar is a free, one-day camp designed for children and teens who have experienced the death of a loved one. Trained volunteers serve as camp buddies and accompany participants through activities led by professional social workers, counselors and nurses. Volunteers are always needed. Camp Caterpillar will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Warriors’ Path State Park in Kingsport. To learn more, volunteer, or register, contact Ballard Health Hospice at 423-844-5252 or visit [balladhealth.org](http://balladhealth.org).



### **WELCOME**

We would like to welcome the following newly registered parishioners!

- **Peter & Anna Nelson and Peter**  
(KofC Insurance agent)  
136 Grubb Ln., Bristol, TN 37620  
610-413-7390
- **Joseph & Jenny O’Hara and Finn**  
419 Bradley St., SW, Abingdon, VA 24210  
832-392-7401; 276-623-7531
- **Clayton & Jamie Pierce and Douglas**  
508 Luttrell St., Bristol, VA 24201  
276-494-0285; 818-201-4648



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 28** (*Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter*)

5:30 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

**Sunday, April 29** (*5th Sunday of Easter*)

8:30 a.m. †Annette "Nettie" Mellett

11:30 a.m. †Tom Rasnic

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

**Tuesday, May 1**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Pat Flanagan

**Wednesday, May 2**

8:30 a.m. †Ervin Johnson

**Thursday, May 3**

6:00 p.m. †Frank Hanson

**Friday, May 4**

7:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers

**Saturday, May 5**

5:30 p.m. †Frank Hanson

**Sunday, May 6**

8:30 a.m. †Thalia Cooper

11:30 a.m. †Chloe Stewart

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

### COLLECTION REPORT—April 21/22

Regular/Operating \$11,112.90

**2nd Collections:** This weekend the 2nd collection is taken up to help defray the cost to our parish for the subscriptions to the **Catholic Virginian** (diocesan paper). Next weekend's 2nd collection (May 5/6) will be for St. Anne's School and May 12/13 the 2nd collection will be for Diocesan Home Missions. Reminder: 2nd collections are taken up immediately following the regular operating collection during the Offertory.

### MUSIC EVENT—ORGAN CONCERT

**Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.**

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

**124 East Main St.—Abingdon, VA**

All are invited to a special concert by Dr. Stephen Hamilton at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8** at St. Thomas Episcopal in Abingdon. Dr. Hamilton has been one of our nation's leading organists and organ teachers and this concert is being done as a memorial for Miss Frances Eller, who had established the organ program at V.I. College. Schery Collins, an accomplished flutist, will join Dr. Hamilton. There is no fee but donations will be accepted. A Reception will follow. See the poster on the parish bulletin board for further details.

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

**Sunday, April 29:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education.** "Priest, Prophet, King" **9:45-11:00 a.m.** in the School Library. All are welcome to attend.

**Monday, April 30:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation. Eucharist: Sacred Meal & Sacrifice.** All are welcome to join this study group. **1:00pm-2:30pm** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.

**Tuesday, May 1:**

- **Book Club. 10:30-11:30am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *To Light a Fire on the Earth* by Bishop Robert Barron
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. "Eucharist—Discovering the Mass in the Bible: *Lamb of God—The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb*"

**Wednesday, May 2:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Book of Hebrews*
- **RCIA: 6:30pm** in the Great Room.

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

### ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP Jubilee House Retreat & Conference Center Abingdon, VA (JULY 15-20, 2018)

This five day intensive course in traditional icon painting focuses on silence and process. The tradition of Painting (writing) Icons is still today a living art offering a gentle journey toward wholeness. The icon itself is a bi-product of spiritual dedication, manifested as a mysterious and unique portrait of the human spirit. (\$800 includes room and board, instruction and materials. Please confirm your enrollment with a deposit.) Contact: Karen & Bob Vaughan, [info@jubileeretreat.org](mailto:info@jubileeretreat.org) or call 276-619-0919.

**NOTE:** Rosie M. will be on vacation this week, May 2 thru May 6. Betty Fitton will be in the office during regular office hours (9a to 4p).

**Save the dates for Vacation Bible School:  
June 18-22 — 9 a.m. to noon  
Grades K—5th**

Junior High Students can be volunteers at VBS.  
If you are working on getting Community Scholar  
hours this will go towards that.

### **Vacation Bible School 2018**

At *Splash Canyon* VBS, your children will learn that God is with us, God gives us life, God is faithful, God gives hope, and Jesus is our Savior!

The Canyon will be **opening on June 18 until Jun 22 from 9am to 12noon**. Please mark your calendars and watch for registration material so your children do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

#### ***Building Our Family of Faith***

If you have not yet responded to the Bishop's Appeal, we encourage you to do so which helps provide funds for many worthwhile programs AND helps our parish as well! Many thanks to all who have responded generously to this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal.



### ***BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN***

The Catholic Daughters will be kicking off their Baby Bottle Campaign, the weekend of May 5-6, benefitting Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center (100 percent). A large baby bottle will be available in the Commons for your contribution or you may pick up your very own small baby bottle and return to any member of CDA after Father's Day. (If you wish to donate by check, please make payable to "**CDA**" and write "**baby bottle**" on memo line) **Help CDA save the unborn!**

### **BLOOD DRIVE: MAY 16**

***Calling all BLOOD DONORS!!  
Will you GIVE the GIFT of LIFE?***

Please sign up in the commons on May 5/6 or 12/13 to come donate blood here on **Wed., May 16** between 2p and 6:30pm. Questions? Contact Rosie in the parish office.