

*Easter Sunday was two weeks ago now, but Easter Time extends for fifty days, giving us a lengthy period to fully celebrate all the ways in which God brings new life into the world. As trees bud and flowers bloom, as days grow long and the weather warms, we glory in the new life emerging around us.*

**Readings for this week (May 6-11)**

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15;	John 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a;	John 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8;	John 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40;	John 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20;	John 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42;	John 6:60-69

**Scripture for next Sunday—4th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas preach to the Gentiles.

**Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

The Lamb of God is our shepherd who leads us to life-giving water.

**John 10:27-30**

No one can harm one of Jesus' lambs.

The mission of the early church comes to a pivotal juncture next Sunday: Paul and Barnabas begin to preach to the Gentiles. If they are to "*be instrument(s) of salvation to the ends of the earth,*" they must reach out beyond the synagogues. After all, the Good Shepherd, as Jesus is portrayed in next Sunday's Gospel, gathers all to himself. Indeed, all of us "*are his people, the sheep of his flock.*"

## Congratulations

We welcome our newest members to the Catholic faith:

**Tripp Biosca and Mae Biosca** received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

**John Eaton and Danelle Peters** were brought into the Church this weekend with the Rite of Full Communion (Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist).

**Kevin Nelson and Kallie Gonzales** were Confirmed last weekend.

*May you know of our prayers  
and God's abundant blessings!*

### THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with **Family Promise** the week after Easter. The week was successful. It worked out well for such short notice.

Blessings,  
Merylen Ott and Jim Yencha



Last week on my day off, I spent several hours driving and even more time hiking. That means I had plenty of time to listen to commentary on the radio and plenty of time to contemplate issues. There has been a lot of attention paid to violent attacks around the world motivated by hate. Attacks on synagogues, attacks on mosques, attacks on Catholic churches, and the FBI just thwarted an attempt to place bombs in the U.S. as retaliation for the mosque attacks in New Zealand. Now violence is inspiring even more violence.

It is very hard to single out any particular group as being responsible for all this. Obviously there are multiple groups carrying out these attacks against a broad group of targets. Some of it is about religion, some of it is about politics, and some of it is about people who have completely left the world of common sense. In all of this, I think there is one common thread. Anger. People are being driven by anger and it is leading more and more to violence.

I have addressed this issue before, and I am sure it will warrant more discussion in the future. Anger itself is not a bad thing. Some things should make us angry. I am angry every time I hear about innocent people being killed because someone attacked a church. As angry as I am, I will not let my anger move me to violence. Our lives should not be controlled by our anger.

I am sure I will be writing more about this in the near future. To keep this short I will close with one thought. What can each of us do to teach people how to respond to anger? How can we set a better example that inspires peaceful and not violent responses to anger? Some have told me these issues are happening in other places and do not involve our community. I remind them that there was a violent attack fueled by rage in our own diocese just two years ago in Charlottesville.

Yes, we should absolutely be angry when we see something like that happen. At the same time we cannot forget that the way we respond to our anger can inspire either a peaceful solution or a violent one.

**Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center  
Presentation by Joe Kerns**

Please join us this evening—**Sunday, May 5**—as we welcome Joe Kerns from **Abortion Alternatives**, as a Guest Speaker in the **Great Room at 6:30 p.m.** Joe will inform us on the many services provided by his organization and especially their current project of placing an ultrasound machine in a location near the Women's Health Center so that young women going in for an abortion can receive a free ultrasound and see their baby before having an abortion. Plan to join us and bring your family and friends!

**Operation Rice Bowl  
2019**



Don't forget your Rice Bowl donations. The return date has passed and the money counted, but if you still have your rice bowl, please bring it by the church office this week so that we can send your donation in to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you!

**Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)**

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **May 5—Youth Group (6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - Abortion Alternatives Speaker
  - Cinco de Mayo Party!
- **May 12—NO SHYM**
  - Mother's Day
- **May 19—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
  - The Mystery Revealed
- **May 26—NO SHYM**
  - Memorial Day Weekend

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Walter Grabowski**, the father of **Karen Blackard**, who died recently in Michigan. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Karen at 1629 Overhill Rd., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are requested for **Mary Akosua Fordham**, the mother of **Fr. Stephen Opoku Boaheng**, who passed away in West Ghana, Africa. Sympathy notes may be sent to Fr. Stephen at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 3314 Sandra Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

We ask your prayers for **James Edward Crump**, the brother of **Cassie Rice** who died recently in South Carolina. Notes may be sent to Cassie at 501 Glenway Ave., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for **William "Bill" Hart**, the brother-in-law of **Glenda Stockwell**, who died recently in Chicago. Notes may be sent to Glenda at 715 Mosby St. SW, Abingdon, VA 24210



**"First" Tuesday  
Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament**

this **Tuesday, May 7**  
**9 a.m.** (after morning Mass)  
until **9 p.m. Benediction**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, May 8**, at 10 a.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
RCIA**

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, May 8**, in the **Great Room, 6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the **office conference room**. Stop by the **Great Room** for opening prayer at **6:30pm**.
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the **Great Room** at **6:30pm** before going to class.
- **Mystagogy** will meet in the **school library** after opening prayer in the **Great Room** at **6:30pm**.

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

**Parish Life Committee Members** are reminded of our planning meeting this **Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30pm** in the school conference room.

**SOUP KITCHEN  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Soup Kitchen provides approximately 1,000 meals daily to people in the Bristol area. St. Anne's parishioners volunteer weekdays May 1-14. **We still need people to assist on May 6, 8, 9, 10 and 14.** The Soup Kitchen requires two adult volunteers per day beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the Soup Kitchen facility on the United Coal Company campus (*which is located only a few blocks away from St. Anne's.*) Work lasts less than 90 minutes. If you are willing to serve our community and help out in the Soup Kitchen, please contact Kristie Fayler at [faylermom@gmail.com](mailto:faylermom@gmail.com) or 276-591-6921.

**Mother's Day Reminder:**

There will be NO Religious Education Classes—**Sunday School of Religion (K-8), Senior High Youth Ministry, or SMARE (Adult class)** on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.



### Liturgy Intentions For The Week

**Saturday, May 4** (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter*)  
5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

**Sunday, May 5** (*Third Sunday of Easter*)  
8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor  
11:30 a.m. †Patricia Wilson  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**Tuesday, May 7**  
8:30 a.m. †Lou Pingo

**Wednesday, May 8**  
8:30 a.m. †Thomas Brooks

**Thursday, May 9**  
6:00 p.m. †Wes Faylor

**Friday, May 10**  
8:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers & †Betty P. Miller

**Saturday, May 11**  
5:30 p.m. †Isabelle Murphy

**Sunday, May 12**  
8:30 a.m. †Theodora Thomas  
11:30 a.m. (Mass Int. scheduled/name not yet given to ofc.)  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners



### PARISH SUPPORT

#### COLLECTION REPORT

Regular/Operating (4/21)	\$ 9,453.50
Regular/Operating (4/28)	\$ 9,830.56
Holy Thursday/local poor	\$ 1,580.00
Easter Holy Day	\$11,739.50
Catholic Virginian 2nd Collection	\$ 1,869.00
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 38.00
Add'l Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Bldg/Maintenance Reserve	\$ 134.61

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS (May & June)

May 4/5	Saint Anne Catholic School
June 1 & 2	Saint Anne Catholic School
June 8/9	Diocesan Home Missions (*note)
(*last week's bulletin listed the Home Missions Collection for May 12—that was an error)	
June 22/23	Holy Father/Peter's Pence

### PRAY for VOCATIONS!

**“Were not our hearts burning with us...”**

Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord as a priest? Contact the diocesan vocations office and speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano (804-359-5661) or email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

#### Sunday, May 5:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE)** - “The Mass—*Preparing for Sacrifice*” 9:45am-11:00am in the School Library. All are invited.

#### Monday, May 6:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center**— “The Mass—*God Speaks Our Story and Responding to God*”. All are welcome to join us!

#### Tuesday, May 7:

- **Book Club:** 10:30-11:30 at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **New Book:** “*Into His Likeness—Be transformed as a Disciple of Christ*” by Edward Sri
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study:** New study— “**A Biblical Explanation of the Mass**” by Dr. Brant Pitre. 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

#### Wednesday, May 8:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study,** 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Book of Exodus*
- **RCIA: 630pm 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.

**Prayer Group meeting this week: Wednesday, May 8, 2:45pm-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

All are invited to attend. No preparation.



Many thanks to all our liturgical ministers who served during Holy Week and Easter — the Altar Servers and Thurifers, our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Mass Coordinators, our Ushers... and thank you to the three people who brought up the Sacred Oils on Holy Thursday, the 12 parishioners who participated in the Washing of the Feet, and to the four newly Confirmed Teens who carried the large cross on Good Friday... Your prayerful participation in our liturgies and your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated!!

With gratitude,  
Rosie M.

**PLANTING DAY—Saturday, May 11**

Adults & Teens who'd like to help us with "planting" on the parish grounds this coming Saturday are invited to come and bring your work gloves/yard utensils—we'll work from **8:30am to 11:30am** Saturday morning.

**St. Anne's Friendship Club** will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 11:30a at 620 State, Bristol, VA. Call Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827 by Tues., May 14 to reserve your spot. New members are always welcome to join us!

**Save the dates for Vacation Bible School:  
June 17-21 — 6:30pm-8pm  
Grades K-6th**

Jr. High students can be volunteers at VBS.

If you are working on getting Community Scholar hours this will go towards that.

**Vacation Bible School 2019**

At *Roar!* VBS, your children will learn that when life is unfair, scary, changes, sad

God is GOOD. When life is Good, GOD IS GOOD!

Please mark your calendars and watch for registration materials so your children do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

**Pastoral Council** members are reminded of their meeting Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the school conference room.



**Special Event: May 13, 6:30pm**

All women of the parish are invited to join with the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) to celebrate the Month of Mary by participating in a Special Program of Meditation and Prayer honoring Mary, Mother of God. A light supper will be provided. After the prayer service there will be a business meeting to plan for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Please join us at **6:30pm on Monday, May 13** at the Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN).

**BABY BOTTLE Campaign**, sponsored by the CDA, has begun!! 100% of donations benefit **Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center (AA&CPC)** which provides ultrasounds and assistance to women in the Bristol TN/VA area *who choose the gift of life*. This weekend there is a **large Baby Bottle** available in the Commons for your donations. **Smaller Baby Bottles** for individual contributions are available from members of the Catholic Daughters, Knight of Columbus, and Respect Life Committee. If you give a check, please make it payable to "CDA". *Thank you for your support and respect for life!*