

Last week the word “**remain**” was repeated over and over in the second reading and the Gospel. This week the word is “**love**”. In both his first letter and his Gospel, John writes “**love one another**”. It is a command to all Jesus’ disciples, from the apostles at the Last Supper to all of us gathered around the table of the Lord today. To love each other as we are loved by God is what we are all called to do.



**Readings for this week (May 7-12)**

MONDAY:	Acts 16:11-15;	John 15:26—16:4a
TUESDAY:	Acts 16:22-34;	John 16:5-11
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1	John 16:12-15
THURSDAY:	Acts 18:1-8;	John 16:16-20
FRIDAY:	Acts 18:9-18;	John 16:20-23
SATURDAY:	Acts 18:23-28;	John 16:23b-28

**Scripture for next Sunday (Ascension of the Lord)**

**Acts 1:1-11**

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

**Ephesians 1:17-23** or \***Eph. 4:1-13** or \***Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13**

Christ is seated at God’s right hand.

\*To the extent of the full stature of Christ.

**Mark 16:15-20**

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God.

Next Sunday we celebrate the day when Christ was raised in glory, returning to His Father in heaven. But in the readings the emphasis is on what His disciples are asked to do. In the first reading, Jesus tells them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Paul talks about building up the body of Christ. Mark writes that they are to proclaim the gospel to the whole world. As we hear the Word of God next Sunday, let us listen for the things that we can do to continue the mission of Jesus.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Louise Gray**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her husband, Larry, at 15517 Monticello Dr., Bristol, VA 24202.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by

**Gene & Gina Rossetti**

in celebration of their

**67th wedding anniversary!**



**Operation Rice Bowl 2018**

Thank you to all who contributed to our Annual Lenten “**Operation Rice Bowl**”. Due to your generosity, we were able to send a donation of \$1,872.21 to Catholic Relief Services.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Catholic Daughters are kicking off their Baby Bottle Campaign this weekend May 5/6, benefitting Abortion Alternatives & Crisis Pregnancy Center (100 percent). A large baby bottle is in the Commons this weekend 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!**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday**  
**“Come let us adore Him”**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** We have Jesus-Eucharist, present and living in the midst of mankind. Adoration enables us to discover the person of Christ living in His Eucharist by the power of the Spirit. Little by little we discover Jesus-Eucharist living amongst us and find our love and adoration for Him growing intensely. A life of adoration is an anticipation of eternal life — a foretaste of glory divine — a life of joyful expectations. Please join us this **Tuesday, May 8, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Join us for an hour of prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm**.

**BLOOD DRIVE: MAY 16**

**Calling all BLOOD DONORS!!**

Please sign up in the commons this weekend (May 5/6) or next weekend (May 12/13) to come donate blood here on **Wednesday, May 16**. The Marsh Regional Bloodmobile will be at the Msgr. Hickie center on that date from **2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Questions? Contact Rosie M. in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).



**Give Blood.**  
**Give Life.**

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **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?”
- **May 27—NO SHYM**
  - Labor Day Weekend!

**Prayer Shawl members** are reminded of our gathering this Wednesday, **May 9, at 10 a.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** New members are always welcome to join us!

**Prayer Group meeting this week:**  
**Wednesday, May 9: 2:45-3:45 p.m.**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

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

***Parish Life Committee***

(planning for the Parish Picnic begins now)

The Parish Life Committee will have its planning meeting this **Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school conference room. We are beginning to plan the Annual Parish Picnic and need lots of help. If you are willing to help with the parish picnic on July 22, please join us at the planning meeting this Wednesday.

***CHOIR RESUMES!***

St. Anne’s Choir will resume rehearsals this **Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.** and the Choir will sing on Ascension weekend at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.



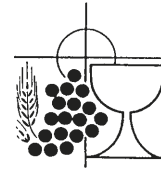
***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA***

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., May 9**, in the Great Room, **6:30pm.-8:00pm.**
- **NO Adult Mystagogy** this week.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer **at 6:30pm.**
- **Children’s RCIA & Mystagogy** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30pm** before going to class.

As our Blessed Mother brings us to her Son Jesus, it is our task also to bring others to the Lord. Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith — someone unbaptized, or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being Confirmed. 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.

**Communion Breakfast**

All parishioners are invited to attend a Communion Breakfast sponsored by: The St. Anne Council of Catholic Women



Date: **Saturday, May 12**  
Time: **9:00 a.m.**  
Place: **St. Anne Church**  
Celebrant: **Fr. Francis Musolooza**  
(Chaplain for CCW)

The Mass will honor all priests who have served Saint Anne’s parish. Please sign up in the commons after Mass THIS weekend (May 5/6). After Mass we will have breakfast in the Great Room. If you would like to bring a breakfast dish to share, please indicate that information on the sign-up sheet.

For more information, please contact Eileen Gibney at 423-652-7425 or [egibneysas@yahoo.com](mailto:egibneysas@yahoo.com).

***SAINT ANNE’S SCHOOL***

**Admissions Open for next school year!!**

St. Anne’s School is still admitting students for the next school year! It is not too late to apply for tuition assistance and we would LOVE to have your family join our family here at St. Anne’s School!! If you are interested in receiving more information, please call 276-669-0048 or go to our website ([www.stanne.schoolbristol.org](http://www.stanne.schoolbristol.org)).

***SUMMER CAMPS at St. Anne’s School!***

Summer can be tiring for parents and for kids! Good news for you and your child... St. Anne’s School will be offering summer camps this summer! We are still working out the details, but if you are interested, please contact the school and we will put you on the list to receive more information! Call the school office at 276-669-0048.

**Sunday School of Religion & Junior High of Religion Happenings**

- \* **May 6** SSR/JH 9:45am-11:15am
- \* **May 13** No SSR/JH **Happy Mother’s Day!!!**
- \* **May 20** SSR/JH 9:45am-11:15am prayer service in the Chapel at 10am for SSR
- \* **May 20** is our last SSR/JH classes for school year 2017-18
- \* **May 20** Picnic for SSR/JH students, catechists, and their families. 3:30pm-5:30pm  
Place to be announced



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 5** (*Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter*)

5:30 p.m. †Frank Hanson

**Sunday, May 6** (*Sixth Sunday of Easter*)

8:30 a.m. †Thalia Cooper

11:30 a.m. †Chloe Stewart

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

**Tuesday, May 8**

8:30 a.m. †Thalia Cooper

**Wednesday, May 9**

8:30 a.m. †Albert & †Amelia Carriera

**Thursday, May 10**

6:00 p.m. †Virginia Mae Page

**Friday, May 11**

7:30 a.m. the †Family of John E. Casey

**Saturday, May 12** (*Vigil of Ascension*)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

**Sunday, May 13** (*Ascension of the Lord*)

8:30 a.m. †Ruth Taylor

11:30 a.m. †Lorraine Smith

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

**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**  
**Room at the Table for One More**  
**(Commonwealth Catholic Charities)**

This May, during National Foster Care Awareness Month, we challenge you to think about becoming a foster parent and providing a place at your table to a child who needs security, stability, and love. To read our FAQs and learn more about fostering, visit [www.cccofva.org/foster-care](http://www.cccofva.org/foster-care).



**CHURCH SUPPORT**

**Collection Report (April 28/29)**

Regular/Operating \$10,642.00

2nd Collection/Catholic Virginian \$ 1,906.60

Annual Diocesan Appeal/Parish proceeds  
(4th round of funding—2017 Appeal) \$787.00

**Second Collections**

Reminder: 2nd collections are taken up immediately following the regular operating collection during the Offertory. Upcoming 2nd Collections are:

- this weekend/May 5/6: St. Anne's School
- May 13/14: Diocesan Home Missions
- June 2/3: St. Anne's School
- June 9/10: Holy Father/Peter's Pence

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, May 6:**

- **No Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education (SMARE).** SMARE is now on summer break. Classes will resume in **September**.

**Monday, May 7:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation. Eucharist: *Real Presence*.** All are welcome to join this study group. **1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

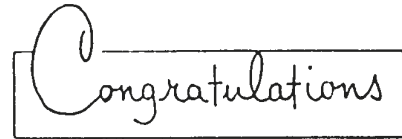
**Tuesday, May 8:**

- **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-Miracles of Exodus: *Manna and Water*"**

**Wednesday, May 9:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Pastoral Letters***
- **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.



Congratulations to the winners of the **Catholic Daughters Education Contest.**

The theme of the contest was:

***"Finding Joy in My Life"***

**ESSAY**

- Division 1—First Place—Sophie Kiser
- Division 1—Second Place—Joey Ramirez
- Division 2—First Place—Claire Kreutzer
- Division 2—Second Place—Fiona Duffy

**POETRY**

- Division 1—First Place—Keegan Olson
- Division 1—Second Place—Margaux Trombetta

*CDA congratulates and thanks all the students who participated in the contest.*

**Monthly Papal Intention**

To better know "*the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions*" the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be "*the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God.*"

**(for May)—Pope's Intention for Evangelization:**

The Mission of the Laity. That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

***The Mystery of God  
Who God Is and Why He Matters***

Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God is Not Great*. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God? Join us in our Monday Adult Faith Formation Class as we address these topics in *The Mystery of God*. This study series is scheduled to begin **Monday, May 14, 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Please sign up at the table in the commons to join the study group.

**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.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on **Thursday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m.** at **Burger Bar Meeting Room** (8 Piedmont Ave., Bristol, VA). Call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tues., May 15 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome!

**ATTENTION PARENTS!!**

Please remember that our building is not secure during liturgy. Often we see young children leaving the worship space to use the restrooms or go get a drink of water. We strongly encourage you, for the safety of your children, to accompany them when they leave the worship space. There are times when people come in from the parking lot who are looking for help, or perhaps coming in to look for a restroom to use, etc. Our ushers are often very concerned by the number of unattended children who come and go during Mass, and many feel the need to "watch" to be sure they are safe; but it is not the ushers' responsibility to monitor their safety in the hallway or the restroom. So PLEASE... go with your children if they leave Mass. Thank you for your understanding of this request.

**MAY is the month of MARY**

**'Tis the month of our Mother  
the blessed and beautiful days  
When our lips and our spirits  
are glowing with love and with praise.  
All hail to dear Mary, the guardian of our way...  
To the fairest of queens!  
Be the fairest of seasons sweet May.**