



In today's Gospel, Jesus promises His disciples that God will continue to dwell with them and with all who love Him. He also promises that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will continue to enlighten them. But He leaves them one more thing — *peace*.

Peace to keep their hearts from being troubled. Peace to protect them from fear. Peace to stay with them forever.

On this Memorial Day weekend, let us reflect on the peace that only God can provide.

Readings for this Week (May 27-June 1)

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:	Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16;	Luke 1:39-56
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28;	John 16:23b-28



Scripture for next Sunday (Ascension of the Lord)

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Christ is the head of the church;
where he is we are called to follow.

(or) **Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23**

Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven.

Next Sunday's selections from Scripture are bookended by two accounts of Jesus Christ's ascension to heaven. Saint Luke, who wrote both accounts, emphasizes in each that Jesus left the apostles with a mission and a promise. They were to be Christ's witnesses, and they would receive power with the coming of the Holy Spirit. We received the Holy Spirit in baptism, so as we listen to these readings next Sunday, let us reflect on how we are called to witness.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *Agnes Hurt*, a member of our parish family, who died this week. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o 505 Glenway Ave., Bristol, VA 24201

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY!

Sunday, May 26th

Mass at 10:30a (instead of 11:30)

A Message from Father Chris....

Some people have heard me speak about the time in my own life I spent away from the Church. I was raised Catholic, and I was confirmed when I was in high school as most people are, but I never really took ownership of my faith. As a result, when I became an adult, I drifted away from the Church. This unfortunately is an all too familiar story. I'm sure there are many people reading this who have seen their own children do the same thing. Eventually, I reached a point in my life where I needed my faith. I needed a relationship with Christ. I found my way back to the Church, because I had been raised in it. I attended Catholic school through eighth grade. I had been given a very solid foundation that gave me an appreciation for the tradition and beauty of the Catholic Church.

I cannot say enough to emphasize the importance of religious education in our community. We have many children who are only enrolled in religious education when they need to receive a sacrament, or simply not at all. Religious education in our community is about so much more than simply preparing to receive sacraments. It is about teaching our faith. It is about creating a foundation in our youth that will teach them to appreciate the traditions and beauty in our Church. It will allow them to see our faith as something more than empty rituals and something we do only on Sunday morning. We are already in crisis with the number of young people that are leaving the Church. We need to be looking at the children in our community right now and asking what we want for their future, because without this foundation, there is almost no chance they will continue to practice their faith when they become adults.

I am very interested in hearing comments and questions from our community about this subject. I want this to become an ongoing discussion, so I will be writing more about this in the near future.

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

Upcoming Schedule:

- **May 26—NO SHYM**
 - Memorial Day Weekend
- **Monday, June 4—Summer Fun (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - Ice Cream Social
- **June 17-21—Vacation Bible School (6:30p-8p)**
 - Youth volunteers needed!
- **June 22-28—Work Camp**
 - Wise County, VA

FAMILY PROMISE of Bristol

St. Anne's will host Family Promise June 9-15. **VOLUNTEERS are needed** for set-up, meals, hosts from 5:30-8:30p, and overnight hosts; and for clean-up. Volunteer sign-ups in the commons THIS weekend!

We are in need of non-perishable items such as condiments, breakfast & lunch items, drinks and snacks—Bring in donated food items when you come to Mass NEXT weekend of June 1 & 2.

Parish Office Closed, Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day Holiday. (Bulletin deadline is still 12N, send to stannes@stannes-bristol.org or voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0).

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays 9:15am-4:30pm**

Please join us this **Tuesday, May 28, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Stop by for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, May 29**, 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 **6:30p**.
- **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 or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

For Families with Children...



Do you wish you had more time to focus on spiritual growth but life as a parent is just so busy?

Would you like to meet other parents in a similar season of life and learn more about our faith together?

We are thinking of starting a parents group to meet one evening a month, in a family friendly setting where our kids can play while parents meet. If you think you might be interested or just want to learn more, please email: cherylmullins@outlook.com.

Incense allergies??? We do have several weekends coming up on the liturgical calendar where we will be using incense. We DO NOT ever use incense at the 8:30a Mass on Sunday morning. There WILL BE INCENSE USED at the other Masses all weekends in June as follows:

June 1 & 2	(Ascension)
June 8/9	(Pentecost)
June 16/17	(Most Holy Trinity)
June 22/23	(Body and Blood/Corpus Christi)

Vacation Bible School Volunteers!!

Don't forget... Our planning continues with a meeting this Wednesday, May 29, 6 p.m., at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Vacation Bible School 2019

PARENTS: Don't forget... to register your children for Vacation Bible School which will be held **June 17-21** from **6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Stop by the table in the commons after Mass for more information and to register. Early registration is appreciated!

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, May 30, at 7 a.m. in the school conference room.

WALK-A-THON for St. Anne's School

St. Anne's students (and Father Chris!) will be participating in a Walk-A-thon this Thursday, May 30 to raise funds to purchase educational materials and technology for our school. Help "Sponsor" Fr. Chris!! **The School is collecting donations in the commons after Masses THIS weekend, May 25/26**. Checks can be made payable to Saint Anne's PTO.

USHER SAFETY TRAINING

There will be an usher safety training class in the commons area on **Thursday, June 13 @ 6:45 PM**. All current ushers and any new people interested in becoming part of the usher/safety team are encouraged to attend this training session. Safety issues are a growing concern in our churches today and ushers need the proper guidelines and tools to learn how to keep our parish safe. Please make every effort to attend this training so we can assure our parish is safe before, during, and after all Masses. We are in need of more folks willing to serve as ushers so please consider coming on June 13 to the training.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!!



Saturday, May 25 (Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

Sunday, May 26 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

8:30 a.m. †Fay Anne Carmack

10:30 a.m. †Lou Pingo

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

Tuesday, May 28

8:30 a.m. †Hedwig Meusen

Wednesday, May 29

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy Gerenday

Thursday, May 30

6:00 p.m. †Robert Hallee

Friday, May 31

8:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers and †Betty P. Miller

Saturday, June 1 (Vigil: Ascension)

5:30 p.m. †Annette "Nettie" Mellett

Sunday, June 2 (Ascension of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

10:30 a.m. †Julian "Dave" Pryputniewicz

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

E-giving Report (May 1-17)

Regular/Operating	\$5,180.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 510.
Catholic Virginian 2nd Collection	\$ 60.
F4/Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 235.
Holy Thursday/local poor	\$ 10.

Collection Report (May 18/19)

Regular/Operating	\$9,037.34
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 46.00
Cath.VA \$13; Holy Thurs \$20;	
Easter Holy Day \$30; Ash Wed. \$2	



RETREAT—June 22

The Martha and Mary Ministry of St. Dominic's Church in Kingsport invites the women of St. Anne's parish to a retreat presented by Fr. Jim Sichko (Diocese of Lexington) on **Saturday, June 22** at St. Dominic's Parish Life Center, **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (Mass at 8 a.m. in the church). Cost \$20/person which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please RSVP to Chris Terry at 423-292-4285 or email teenat0711@gmail.com. The theme of the retreat is "**Enabling God's Mercy through Kindness and Hope**".

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your marriage a boost! Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend: June 21-23 in Cary, NC or Sept. 20-22 in Charlotte. Go to <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> for more information.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, May 26:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE)** is now on summer break. We will resume classes in early September. *Have a safe and enjoyable summer!*

Monday, May 27:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: NO CLASS** this week due to Memorial Day. Class will resume next **Monday, June 3, 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, May 28:

- **Book Club:** 1030-11:30am in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. "**Into His Likeness—Be transformed as a Disciple of Christ**" by Edward Sri
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study:** 6:30-8:00pm, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **The Bible and the Virgin Mary**. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday, May 29:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study,** 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **The Book of Exodus**
- **RCIA 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., May 29, 2:45pm-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to attend. No preparation.



Bristol Columbian Center 1st Annual Pig Roast

- Sunday, **June 2,** 1pm-4pm at the Bristol Columbian Center, 125 18th St., Bristol, TN
- Adults 18+ - donation of \$10 for all you can eat BBQ meal (includes beverages). Any children are free when accompanied with parent.
- All proceeds will go towards Bristol Columbian Center Charitable Works

Special "Builders" donation Fund:

1. Supreme Builder (\$1000) 1 available
2. Grand Builder (\$500) 4 available
3. Knight Builder (\$100) 10 available

All "Builders" will be included on special honorary plaque placed at the Bristol Columbian Center and will have a special Mass intention scheduled for them at a later date to be announced.

Calling all Blood Donors!! Sign up this weekend to donate blood this **Wednesday, May 29 from 2p-6:30p!** (or call 276-669-8200 ext. 0; stannes@stannes-bristol.org)

Hey, Kids!

“Summer with the Saints” begins June 13 children’s summer book club for readers who are rising 2nd graders—rising 7th graders

Come join the group for some summer time fun with the Saints!

We will again offer the summer book club for children at the St. Vincent de Paul Center, **Thursdays, 10am-11am.** Last summer we enjoyed learning about St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette Soubirous. This summer we will start with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Daughter of America) and Saint Francis of Assisi (Gentle Revolutionary) and continue on with other saints until the Thursday before school starts again. The cost for each book is \$8.95. Please sign-up at the table in the commons so we can order your books. If you have any questions, please call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email her at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

VIRTUS Training: Sunday, June 2, 4 p.m. in the school library. Go to www.Virtus.org to register.

Fr. Tom’s 25th Anniversary of Ordination!

Former St. Anne’s pastor, Fr. Tom Ianucci, celebrated his 25th anniversary of Ordination this past week, however since 25 years ago May 21 was “Pentecost” weekend, he has traditionally celebrated his anniversary on Pentecost. In celebration of this occasion, Fr. Tom will be coming here and will celebrate our Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. We hope many of you will take the opportunity to congratulate him on this blessed occasion.

MEMORIAL DAY

On this Memorial Day weekend we remember with grateful hearts all those who have given their lives for our country to keep us free. May God bless them and hold them in His tender embrace.

