

*Today marks a bittersweet day for the apostles. On the one hand, Jesus, the Risen Lord, is now ascended to be with the Father in heaven. On the other hand, He is no longer physically present with them. Christ is — and will always be — the head of the Church, but before he ascended He placed it in the hands of the disciples. Today, we the Church celebrate Christ's ascension by carrying on the mission of the first disciples: **witnessing to the Risen Lord to the ends of the earth!***

Readings for this Week (June 3-8)

MONDAY:	Acts 19:1-8;	John 16:29-33
TUESDAY:	Acts 20:17-27;	John 17:1-11a
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 26:19-23;	John 10:11-16
THURSDAY:	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;	John 17:20-26
FRIDAY:	Acts 25:13b-21;	John 21:15-19
SATURDAY:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;	John 21:20-25

Scripture Readings for next Sunday

PENTECOST Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7 (at our 5:30 Mass)

The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good.

Romans 8:8-17 (at our 8:30/10:30 & Spanish Masses)

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

John 20:19-23 (at our 5:30 Mass)

On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-16, 23b-26 (at 8:30/10:30/Spanish Masses)

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for ***Billy Thomas***, the father of ***Betty Fitton*** and ***Carol Watson***, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Betty & Tony at 117 2nd St., Bristol, VA 24201 or to Carol at 1620 Maryland Ave., Bristol, TN 37620

 ***Pastor's Notes***

I would like to start out by thanking anyone who sponsored me or one of our Saint Anne's students in the Walk-a-Thon on Thursday. I am told that the event raised over \$10,000.00 for our school. This will do great things for our school in the coming year.

Many pastors have told me they would never want to be assigned to a parish with a school, because of the extra work and stress that having a school brings to the job. Some of this may be true, but I am very happy to have a school connected to my parish. I am myself the product of Catholic education. I attended three different Catholic schools in three states until I graduated from eighth grade. I have a great appreciation today for the impact Catholic schools had on my life. Transitioning to a public high school after spending so much time in Catholic school was a challenge. It was a very different environment. Despite the challenge, I am very grateful today for the time I spent in Catholic school.

In my adult life there was a period that I drifted away from the Church. I never really took ownership of my faith as a teenager and I got to the point that I did not feel a need for the Church in my life. Eventually I came back as I experienced my own conversion. I not only came back, but I truly found a home in the Catholic Church and realized this is where I belong. Eventually, I began to realize that God had even more in mind for me than simply returning to the Church. I soon found myself in yet another Catholic school as I began my formation in the seminary.

Discernment was not an easy thing for me. The decision to leave behind a career that I loved and start over did not come lightly. Many people have asked me how I made the decision. I always answer that it was never my decision. The only decision I made was to follow where the Lord was leading me. I wanted to write about that now so I could explain the role my background in Catholic schools played in my discernment. It was the formation I received in Catholic school that made it so much easier to discern what God was calling me to do. I am not sure I would have made it to where I am now without the solid faith formation I received in Catholic school.

Father Tom here next Saturday evening

Former St. Anne's pastor, Fr. Tom Ianucci (now serving as a U.S. Navy Chaplain, with the rank of Commander), will be here for our 5:30 Mass on Saturday, June 8, in celebration of his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Our congratulations on this blessed occasion and our thanks to him for wanting to share his anniversary with Saint Anne's parishioners.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



Our community changed lives this Lent with your CRS Rice Bowl donations of **\$1,516.70**. Thank you for your generous donations and thanks to the Social Ministry Committee who counted all the donations for us!

For Families with Children... 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.



Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **June 4—Summer Fun (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - * Ice Cream Social
- **June 17-24—Vacation Bible School**
 - * Youth Volunteers needed!
- **June 22-28—Work Camp**
 - * Wise County, VA

Youth volunteers needed for VBS!

Too old for VBS... You can still join in on all the VBS fun as a youth volunteer. This is a great opportunity to serve our parish and earn community service hours that you may need for your high school programs.

Please contact Laura Cochrane if interested in volunteering.
276-492-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

Please Take Note!!!

- ♦ This Tuesday, June 4, there will NOT be a Morning Mass and NO Adoration or Confessions. St. Anne School's **8th Grade Graduation Mass** will be in the church at 6 p.m. Tuesday. All are welcome to attend.
- ♦ Beginning this Wednesday, our 8:30a Morning Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel while school is on summer break.
- ♦ The **Parish Office Summer Hours** will begin this Friday, June 7 — Mondays 1-3p (bulletin deadline remains 12Noon) and Tuesday thru Friday 9a-3p.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, June 5**, 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 or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Parish Pastoral Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the School Conference Room.

BAKE SALE

June 15/16

after Masses
in the Great Room



(sponsored by the Council of
Catholic Women)

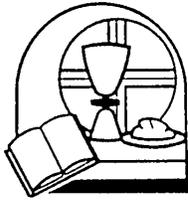
Plan to stop by the Great Room on June 15/16 to purchase homemade frozen dinner entrees along with an assortment of delicious baked goods. Proceeds from the sale help the Council of Catholic Women support outreach projects in our parish and the Bristol community. Thank you for your support!

FAMILY PROMISE

If you had items to donate for our hosting week and forgot to bring to Mass this weekend, please drop them by the parish office this week. **VOLUNTEERS are still needed**—if you can help with meals or hosting evenings or overnight at the Brady Center the week of June 9-15, please contact Merylen Ott at 423-573-4805 or email her at spookybongomom@yahoo.com.

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.**



Mass Intentions Of The Week

- 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*)
- Tuesday, June 4**
6:00 p.m. Spec. Int.: SAS 8th Grade Graduates
- Wednesday, June 5**
8:30 a.m. †Bernice Hoyt
- Thursday, June 6**
6:00 p.m. †Jack Marfio
- Friday, June 7**
8:30 a.m. †Tom Brooks
- Saturday, June 8** (*Vigil: Pentecost*)
5:30 p.m. Spec. Int.: Fr. Tom Ianucci (25th anniversary)
- Sunday, June 9** (*Pentecost*)
8:30 a.m. †Charles Mansfield
10:30 a.m. †Jessica Lendzioseck
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

NOTE!! Tuesday, June 4—no morning Mass, Mass time is **6 p.m. in the Church** (8th Grade Graduation Mass)

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."

Pope's Intention for June: *The Mode of Life of Priests*

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

Second Collections in June

- June 2: St. Anne Catholic School
June 9: Diocesan Home Missions
June 23: Holy Father/Peter's Pence

Collection Report (May 25/26)

Regular/Operating	\$10,206
Add'l St. Anne's School/2nd coll.	\$ 1,020
Family Promise	\$ 40



VACATIONING?

Your PARISH BILLS DON'T!
Remember your SUNDAY ENVELOPE

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Monday, June 3:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, June 4:

- **Book Club: 1030-1130am** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. "*Into His Likeness—Be transformed as a Disciple of Christ*" by Edward Sri
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study: 6:30pm-8:00pm**, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday, June 5:

- **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@stanens-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Prayer Group meeting this week:

Wednesday, June 5, 2:45pm-3:45pm
in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

All are invited to attend. No preparation.

A Special Note to Saint Anne's

from Agnes Hurt.....

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

(Agnes wrote this note shortly before she passed away.

Her family gave it to us to share with you.)

Incense allergies???

We have several weekends coming up on the liturgical calendar where we will be using incense. We do NOT use incense at the 8:30a Mass on Sunday mornings. But INCENSE will be used at the other Masses on all the weekends in June as follows:

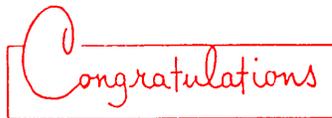
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| June 1 & 2 | (Ascension) |
| June 8/9 | (Pentecost) |
| June 16/17 | (Most Holy Trinity) |
| June 22/23 | (Body and Blood/Corpus Christi) |

***“Summer with the Saints”
begins June 13***

**Thursday mornings 10am-11am
St. Vincent de Paul Center**

***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! 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. **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 sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.



Our congratulations to St. Anne Pre-School teacher **Deb Miller** who recently was named an **Honoree for Excellence in Catholic Education** and was also the regional honoree for our diocese, awarded by Bishop Knestout. Congrats Deb!

VIRTUS Training—today!!
Sunday, June 2, at 4p in the school library.
Go to www.Virtus.org to register.

**Bristol Columbian Center
1st Annual Pig Roast**

- **TODAY: 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

“Builders” will be included on an 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.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!

“Go and teach all nations, says the Lord.”

Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or a religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 and speak to Fr. Mike or Fr. Brian or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.