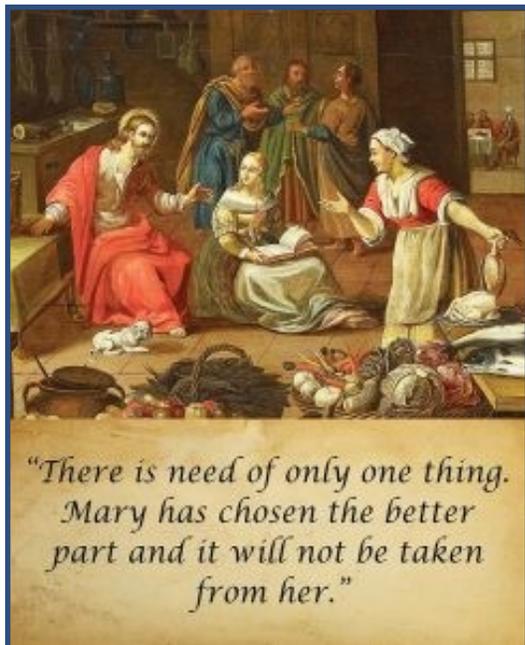


Today we are afforded the opportunity to sit back like Mary did and listen to the Lord speak. We hear the Lord speak to Abraham, assuring him that his wife, Sarah, will finally bear a son. We hear the Lord speak to Martha and Mary, assuring them of the importance of listening and learning. We hear the Lord speak, as we do each Sunday, in the breaking of the bread. Let us be attentive and listen to what the Lord says to us.



Readings for next week (July 22-27)

MONDAY: Song of Songs 3:1-4b; Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18
TUESDAY: Exodus 14:21—15:1; Mt. 12:46-50
WEDNESDAY: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt. 13:1-9
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Mt. 20:20-28
FRIDAY: (Parish Feast Day—Joachim & Anne)
Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Mt. 13:16-17
SATURDAY: Exodus 24:3-8; Mt. 13:24-30

Scripture Readings for next Sunday

(17th/Ordinary Time)

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargained with God for the safety of the innocent.

Colossians 2:12-14

God nailed our sins to the cross of Christ.

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us to persevere in prayer.

In the passage from Luke's Gospel that we will hear next Sunday the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus not only tells them what to say, He assures them of His Father's attentiveness and concern.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Kevin Hanlon**, the brother of Tom Hanlon, who died recently in New York. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Tom & Carolyn at 900 Park Street, Bristol, VA 24201.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

I have been spending a little more time reflecting on my first year here at St. Anne's as a priest. It is usually not easy to leave one assignment behind to go someplace new, but I was still very glad to be here. It was not easy for me, but there is no parish in this diocese that would make me happier to take on a challenge like that than St. Anne's. I have always found this to be a beautiful, welcoming, and holy community. These things say a great deal about a parish. As I look to the future, I would like to take a few weeks to reflect on each of these qualities and how they relate to evangelization and our role in the world.

This is a truly beautiful community. This is very true and it is the place to start when discussing evangelization. I take this from Bishop Robert Barron, who when describing the most important aspects of evangelization always begins with saying, "Lead with beauty." We will not make the Catholic Church attractive to people by starting a conversation with systematic theology or the finer points of the catechism. We must first show them how beautiful our Church is and inspire them to seek a greater understanding of the story behind such great beauty.

On that note, it is worth offering some brief thoughts on what exactly makes our Church so beautiful. As soon as I moved to Bristol, I started filling up my phone and my camera with pictures of our church and the surrounding grounds because I was struck by the beauty and wanted to share this with my friends in the eastern part of our diocese. At the same time, as beautiful as those images are, they only represent a fraction of the true beauty of our Church. The real beauty of the Church is not in architecture, landscapes, or furnishings. If it were, I could spend the day at the Biltmore and have a much more enlightening experience than I could in a church, but we all know that is not true.

The true beauty of the Church is revealed when we realize there is a beauty here that cannot be experienced anywhere else. Through the Church and our liturgy, we come into contact with the living Word of God. There is no sight on this earth, either natural or manmade that can rival the beauty revealed to us when we come into the presence of God and are fed by the Word and Sacrament. That is what we have to teach the world if we want to inspire more people to seek a relationship with Christ.

Senior High Youth Ministry
(Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

July 21—Parish Picnic

- ◆ Youth volunteers needed to help with games & bouncy houses; meet in the Great Room @ 3:00pm to get set up

Aug. 4—Welcome Freshmen! (6:00pm-8:00pm)

- ◆ Leadership Team & ALL Freshmen

**Aug. 11—Parent/Youth Meeting
(GR/BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**

- ◆ Meeting in the Great Room
At least one parent must accompany their teen!

Aug. 18—Fun Night!

- ◆ The Escape Room



VOLUNTEERS needed for St. Anne's Church **Bingo** on Saturday & Tuesday nights and for St. Anne's School Bingo on Monday nights. No experience is necessary and any assistance would be very much appreciated!! Your help will enable this important ministry to continue. To learn more, or to volunteer, please contact the parish office by calling 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

A Special Note...

Dear St. Anne Parishioners,
I would like to thank you all for your many prayers for me and want to let you know that at my latest doctor visit they said I am cancer free. My next follow-up is in the fall, and I would be grateful for your continued prayers. May God bless you all.

Charlie Duff

POSITION AVAILABLE

ST. ANNE SCHOOL — BOOKKEEPER

St. Anne's School is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper who will be responsible for maintaining financial bookkeeping system (ParishSoft accounting), including accounts payable, receivable, payroll (Kronos), and cash receipts, as well as tuition/financial aid calculations, and other general accounting duties. Candidates will have a minimum of an Associate's degree in accounting, two to five years related bookkeeping experience and be a quick study. Candidate must be proficient with Windows Offices, Excel, and Word. Candidate must have good communication skills and the ability to work independently, maintain confidentiality and be dependable. Go to www.richmonddiocese.org to access official applications. To apply, please send cover letter, resume and diocesan application to Principal Billie Schneider, St. Anne Catholic School, 300 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201 or schoolsecretary@stanne-school.org.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!**

August 1-15

The **Soup Kitchen** provides approximately 1,000 meals daily to people in the Bristol area! St. Anne's parishioners volunteer weekdays August 1-15, and we need more help. 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, located just a few blocks from St. Anne's Church. Work lasts less than 90 minutes. If you are willing to serve our community, please contact Kristie Fayler at faylermom@gmail.com or 276-692-6921.

CDA meeting: Monday, July 22

Members of the Catholic Daughters are reminded of the meeting this Monday, July 22, at the Columbian Center. Social time at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rachael Dean, UT Extension Agent, who will speak on fitness, health and nutrition. All women of the parish are invited. Please come join us! (*Any Catholic lady interested in becoming a Catholic Daughter, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, 276-494-6883.*)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Please join us this **Tuesday, July 23, 9am-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

NO RCIA this Wednesday, **July 24** and next Wednesday, **July 31**. Classes resume on **Wednesday, August 7**.

RCIA Notes: "Reasons to Consider the Catholic Faith".

Be sure to share this information with your non-Catholic family and friends. **Reason 5 to Consider the Catholic Faith: "The Catholic Church has the ability to renew itself."** Because it is composed of humans, the Church — like all denominations — has to deal with imperfections and sin. The marvel of the Church has not only shone brightly in its witnesses and saints, even more, the hand of the Spirit has been revealed in the way, throughout the centuries, the Church has reformed and renewed itself. The power of God's Word and the faithfulness of Jesus keep the Church in God's way. Reform has come not only from the popes but also from the people, as a sign of the faithfulness of Jesus to His Church. Bring your family and friends who are interested in becoming Catholic to RCIA on **Wednesday, August 7**. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 20 (*Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
5:30 p.m. †Jack Nutterville

Sunday, July 21 (*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 a.m. †Walter Grabowski
10:30 a.m. †Tom Brooks
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, July 23
8:30 a.m. †Robert Hidalgo

Wednesday, July 24
8:30 a.m. †Agnes Hurt

Thursday, July 25
10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for †Louise Smith
6:00 p.m. †Marilyn Mellett (*weekday Mass*)

Friday, July 26 (*Parish Feast Day: Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
8:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for Chuck Weisenburger (birthday: 7/27)

Saturday, July 27 (*Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
5:30 p.m. Spec. Int. for Mildred "Millie" Radler (birthday: 7/27)

Sunday, July 28 (*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 a.m. †Hedwig Meussen
10:30 a.m. †Jimmy Gaynor
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



COLLECTION REPORT (July 13/14)

Regular Operating	10,633.00
Add'l School 2nd Collection	260.00
Add'l BFIA	75.00
Add'l Social Ministry	100.00

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who is supporting this year's Diocesan Appeal. It is not too late to make a pledge/donation to this year's appeal! For more information, pick up a brochure in the parish office or go to www.richmond.catholicfoundation.org.

Cross Catholic Outreach here: AUGUST 3 & 4

Fr. Tim O'Toole will visit our parish August 3/4 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach about the good works being done by the mission priests and nuns in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. There will NOT be a collection taken up that weekend for Cross Catholic Outreach, but Fr. O'Toole will have brochures available if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Monday, July 22:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00-2:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Creed—The Beginning of the End... and Only the Beginning* (CCC 535-630). All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, July 23:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30 at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study:** is on a short summer break and will resume on **August 6**.

Wednesday, July 24:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study Group** is on a short summer break and will resume on **July 31** to study the *Gospel According to John*. Please sign up in the commons to join the group.
- **NO RCIA** this week.

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

Wednesday Prayer Group will be on a short summer break and will resume on **July 31**.

Parish Feast Day: Friday, July 26

Join us for Mass this Friday, July 26 at 8:30 a.m. on our parish feast day: *Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

PRAYER to SAINT ANNE

Glorious Saint Anne,
filled with compassion for those
who invoke thee,
and with love for those who suffer,
heavily laden with the weight
of my troubles,
I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg
of thee to take the present affair
which I recommend to thee under
thy special protection.
Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy daughter,
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and lay it before the throne of Jesus,
so that He may bring it to a happy issue.
Cease not to intercede for me
until my request is granted.
Above all, obtain for me the grace
of one day beholding my God face to face,
and with thee and Mary and all the Saints,
praising and blessing Him to all eternity.
Good Saint Anne,
mother of her who is our Life,
our Sweetness and our Hope,
pray to her for us, and obtain our request. AMEN.

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, July 25, 7 a.m., school conference room.



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

Bloodmobile at St. Anne's Msgr. Hickie Center this **Wed., July 24, 2p to 6:30 p.m.** Sign up in the commons or contact the parish office. Please come **Give the Gift of Life!**

"Summer with the Saints"

Thursdays: 10a-11a - St. Vincent de Paul Center

Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis Bernardone was a fun-loving, carefree young man. But one day when praying he heard Jesus say to him, "Francis, go and repair my house!" From that moment on Francis resolved to follow the Lord in radical poverty. He traveled from town to town preaching the Gospel and attracting followers. This spiritual movement grew into a great Order of friars who preached and brought renewal to the whole Church. It's not too late to join the group. The reading level is appropriate for **readers who are rising 2nd graders—rising 7th graders**. The cost for each book is \$8.95. Please register at the table in the commons or by calling or emailing sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

***Parish Picnic Today!
Sunday, July 21
4pm-7pm***

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the Week: "Letter to the Elderly"

Pope John Paul II, from his own experience of growing old, and only five and a half years before his death, wrote and shared this moving letter addressed "To my elderly brothers and sisters." His letter shares and cherishes the experiences, beauty, agony, and dignity of growing old and drawing closer to God. "The years pass quickly", he writes, "and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves, is too beautiful and precious for us to ever grow tired of it." Find this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the religious education table in the commons. We ask for a \$3.00 per CD donation to enable us to restock with new titles. Thank you!

PRAY for VOCATIONS!

"It is He whom we proclaim."

Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God? Contact the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 and speak with Fr. Brian Capuano or email him at vocations@richmonddiocese.org.