“The Lord is my shepherd”, we sing today, and rich is Psalm 23 in describing what the LORD does for us. The LORD refreshes our souls, guides us on the right way, furnishes comfort and safety in difficult times, gives us sustenance to overflowing, and promises a dwelling place forever. Truly, the LORD provides all that we need.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for Vincent Gillespie, the father of Alex McCoy, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Alex at 1415 New Hampshire Ave., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for Rudi Bieck, the brother-in-law of Connie McSheehy. Notes may be sent to Connie & Brendan at 18158 Old Jonesboro Rd., Abingdon, VA 24211.

Special Notes...

We wish to thank our St. Anne’s family for all the prayers, love, support and cards we have received with the passing of our beloved 14-year-old grandson, Tyler Boggs, who died from bone cancer. Thank you all so very much and may God bless you all.

Kathy & Michael Simon

Your many cards, prayers & Masses for my Dad, Paul Goldman, are deeply appreciated. He lived a long and amazing life—a month short of reaching the age of 106. Thank you to everyone at St. Anne’s for your kindness in remembering him and our family.

Marylin & Skeeter Ritter

Readings for this Week (July 23-28)

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt. 12:38-42
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt. 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Mt. 20:20-28
Thursday: Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Mt. 13:16-17
Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Mt. 13:18-23
Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Mt. 13:24-30

Scripture for next Sunday (17th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

2 Kings 4:42-44
They shall eat and there shall be some left over.

Ephesians 4:1-6
One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

John 6:1-15
He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.

From next Sunday until the end of August, the Gospel will be a selection from a single chapter of John — the chapter in which Jesus reveals himself as the Bread of Life, the one whose Body and Blood can bring eternal life. This chapter begins with Jesus feeding thousands by multiplying the loaves and fish, but we begin today with Elisha, a “man of God”, who feeds a hundred people with twenty small loaves. Listening to the readings next Sunday, note all the acts of generosity.

Youth Doings...

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:
• Sunday, July 22—Parish Picnic (4:00-7:00pm)
  ■ Parish Picnic Games
• Sunday, Aug. 12—Parent/Youth Meeting (GR/BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
  ■ Meeting in the Great Room
  ■ At least one parent must accompany their teen!
• Sun., Aug. 19—Fun Night!
  ■ The Escape Room
• Sun., Aug. 26—NO SHYM
  ■ Regional Catechist Day

Parish Picnic—today!! — 4pm-7pm
(in the Parish Life Center)

Play some games, win some prizes, get something great at the silent auction, win a cake at the cake walk, hear some great music (might want to wear your dancing shoes!) and enjoy a delicious picnic meal with your family and friends.

Hope to see you there!

Handicapped parking will be on the lot next to the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday
Please join us this Tuesday, July 24, 9:15am-4:30pm.
Join us for prayer during the day and for Benediction at 4:30pm.

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our gathering this Wednesday, July 25, 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, July 24, 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

Parish Life Committee
The Parish Life Committee will meet this Wednesday, July 25, for a “picnic wrap-up & assessment” session at 6:30 p.m. in the school conference room.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Catechumens & Candidates will meet this Wed., July 25, in the School Library, 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- Inquirers will meet in the church office conference room. Stop by the School Library for opening prayer at 6:30 p.m.
- Mystagogues will begin in the School Library with opening prayer at 6:30 p.m.

If you have given any thought to joining the Catholic Church, please begin now. Don’t hesitate. If you are not sure… attend a few RCIA sessions… come and see… no obligation. RCIA is your spiritual journey to grow closer to God and to live your Christianity as a Catholic Christian. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Father Eric’s New Address: If you were away last weekend and didn’t see Fr. Eric’s letter in the bulletin, his new address is:
Rev. Eric Baffour-Asamoah
805 Woodland Dr.
South Hill, VA 23970

“Summer with the Saints” for children in rising grades 3-6
Saint Bernadette Soubirous and Our Lady of Lourdes
All children in grades 3-6 are invited to join the Children’s Book Club for Book 2 of our series…
—Saint Bernadette Soubirous. Going out to collect firewood one morning, Bernadette was amazed to see a beautiful lady holding a rosary. Who was she? The lady said nothing that day. But on a later visit she revealed her name: “I am the Immaculate Conception”. She asked Bernadette to dig in the ground until water came up. That spring became the center of the most famous shrine in the world: Lourdes. Find out how Bernadette, a poor, uneducated little girl, became one of the best-loved saints of the Church. We meet during the summer on Thursday mornings 10am-11am in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Cost of this book: $8.00. Any questions? Please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

The Gospel According to Mark begins August 1
Join us on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center for our study of the Gospel According to Mark. It is commonly accepted by New Testament scholars that Mark’s Gospel was the first to be written and that it was a source used by Matthew and Luke in the composition of their Gospels. We have been hearing Mark proclaimed as our gospel for this liturgical year. Join our study group as we look deeper into Mark’s gospel at his themes and characters. Please sign-up at the table in the commons to let us know you will be there. No cost.

Popes and the Papacy: A History begins Aug. 6
Join us as we study the oldest continuously functioning institution in the world—the papacy, and look at the lives of over 200 popes—some holy and some wicked, some efficient and some incompetent, some learned and some simple. We meet on Monday afternoons, 1:00-2:30 in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Please sign-up at the table in the commons to let us know you will be there. No cost.
This Week in Adult Faith Formation:
Monday, July 23:
- Monday Adult Faith Formation: The Baltimore Catechism. 1:00pm-2:30pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Tuesday, July 24:
- Book Club is on Summer Break until September
- Tuesday Evening Scripture Study is on a short summer break.

Wednesday, July 25:
- Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. The Pastoral Letters
- RCIA at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library.

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

Women’s Cursillo Retreat—Oct. 26-28
Mark your Calendars Now!
A Women’s Cursillo will be held at the Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon from 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Cost is $150 (grants are available). For more information, contact Elena Weightman at 540-838-1042 or elenaweightman@gmail.com. For a brochure, please contact the parish office.

Independence from Anger
Anger Management classes are one of the many programs Commonwealth Catholic Charities’ counselors facilitate. The classes help individuals to respond more appropriately to situations that trigger anger and teaches positive communication, conflict resolution, and anger reduction techniques while exploring personal anger triggers and learning to think about the consequences of displaying anger. To learn more, visit www.cccofva.org.

9th Annual Golf Classic
to benefit Haven of Rest Rescue Mission of Bristol
Join the Fight Against Homelessness!!
The Haven of Rest Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 11 at the Tri-Cities Golf Club in Blountville. For more information or to register, go to www.havenofrestbristol.org or call 423-968-2011.

PARISH WEBSITE… Check out our parish website for changes to weekday Mass schedules, other upcoming events, etc.—if you were out of town and weren’t here for Mass you can listen to the homily, read the bulletin, check out the parish master calendar, sign up for online giving… Just go to stannes-bristol.org.
Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday morning, July 26, at 7 a.m. in the school conference room.

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court 2624, are reminded of their meeting, CHANGE, from Mon., July 23 to Monday, July 30, at STEELE CREEK PARK at 5:30 p.m. for a picnic. (It is for CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ONLY.) The meeting will follow the social time. Please call Joyce Paloian (423-652-2599) if you wish to bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks. (Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, at 276-591-1134.)

Parish Feast Day: Thursday, July 26
Join us for Mass this Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. on our parish feast day (Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne—parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.)

Spot light on...

Young Adult Ministry!!

Young Adult Ministry resumes Saturday, July 28
If you are between the ages of 18 and 29, single or married, children or no children, Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is for you! This is a chance to meet with other young adults of our parish and take advantage of opportunities planned just for YOU. As we welcome our new priest, Fr. Chris Hess, join us for an evening gathering after 5:30pm Mass on July 28 (or approximately 6:45pm). Pizza will be provided and the nursery for your children can be provided, if needed. Please stop by the table in the commons and sign-up to attend or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org. Hope to see you there!!

Looking ahead just a bit…
• Pastoral Council meeting—Aug. 2
• 1st Tuesday Adoration, 8:15a-9p—Aug. 7
• Holy Day of Obligation: Assumption of Mary
  Wed., Aug. 15 (Masses at 12:15p & 7p)