

"And I tell you,  
ask and you  
will receive;  
seek and you  
will find; knock  
and the door will be  
opened to you."

*How do we pray?  
How do we speak to God?  
We gather each Sunday to pray  
together. During the week, we  
may take the opportunity to  
pray individually. We may  
wonder if God really hears our  
prayers, if we are praying  
effectively. Today's scripture  
selections give us an excellent  
opportunity to look for insight  
on how the Lord expects us to  
pray and what we can expect  
from our heavenly Father.*

**Readings for this week (July 29—August 3)**

Monday: (Memorial) 1 John 4:7-16; John 11:19-27  
Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11, 34-5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43  
Wednesday: (Memorial) 1 Cor. 10:31—11:1; Luke 14:25-33  
Thursday: (Memorial) Romans 8:1-4; Matthew 5:13-19  
Friday: Lev. 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt. 13:54-58  
Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

**Scripture for next Sunday (18th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

***Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23***

All things are vanity!

***Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11***

In Christ you have died.

In Christ you have been raised up.

***Luke 12:13-21***

Avoid greed in all its forms

*Next Sunday's reading from Ecclesiastes and the Gospel from Luke each feature a wealthy and successful person. The rich man in Jesus' parable thinks he is set for life, but he is about to get an unpleasant surprise. At least the character in the 1st reading realizes he can't take it with him, but this doesn't leave him any happier. St. Paul's words of advice to the Colossians point to an alternative: "Seek what is above".*

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Pansy Brittenham**, a member of our parish family who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o 119 Lena St., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for **Dorothy Beitler**, the sister of **Maryanne Nutterville**, who died recently in Arizona. Notes may be sent to Maryanne at 191 Jarrell Dr., Bluff City, TN 37618.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Our altar flowers this weekend are placed in memory of **Hedwig Meussen**, given by her daughter Brigitte Koserski.

*from the  
Pastor's desk*



I want to continue with the topic I started last week. I wrote about how I see our parish as being beautiful, welcoming, and holy. This week I want to discuss what it means to be a welcoming parish and how that relates to evangelization. What exactly does it mean when we say this is a welcoming parish? We have to start with this question.

In the book *Rebuilt*, Michael White and Tom Corcoran describe their efforts to rebuild a dying parish in Maryland and all the research that went into their efforts. They wrote that the one constant they found in every parish or church community they visited was that they all described themselves as a welcoming community. The more they observed they found that in most places what that actually meant was they would welcome anyone who agreed with what they did and wanted to do the same. If anyone came to their community with new ideas, they were not made to feel so welcome. We cannot describe ourselves as a welcoming community unless everyone is made to feel welcome.

What I most want to discuss about being a welcoming community is how it relates to evangelization. If we want to evangelize our community then we absolutely have to create an environment where everyone feels welcome here. However, if we only focus on how welcome people feel here then our community will not grow very much.

Why do I say that? Who remembers the TV show Cheers? A place where everyone knows your name. There is something about that that is appealing to everyone. People like to go to a place where everyone knows them and is glad they are there. The example of a popular bar is proof that we do not have to be in church to feel that welcome. If people are searching for nothing more than a place to feel welcome then there is no reason for them to seek this in church.

Yes, we can draw people to our church by being a welcoming community. However, if that is all we do there will be no reason for them to stay and not seek to fit in somewhere else. What will truly build up our community is teaching people what our faith is all about. As we welcome people into our community, we also need to be a community that shows people why they are here. As I wrote last week, our liturgy offers us an encounter with something we cannot find anywhere else. Our efforts to be a welcoming community will have very little meaning if we are not teaching that.

**Please take note:**

- Fr. Chris will be away on vacation beginning after morning Mass this Tuesday....there **will be Mass on July 30th at 8:30a**, but no Adoration or Confessions.
- No weekday Mass or Confessions this **Wednesday, Thursday or Friday**. Fr. Tim O'Toole (from Cross International) will hear confessions on Saturday, 330-4:30 p.m. and will celebrate our weekend Masses.
- No weekday Mass, Adoration, or Confessions Aug. 6/7.
- Fr. Chris will be back for Confessions (5-530p) and weekday Mass (6p) on Thursday, August 8.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
August 1 thru 15**

The **Soup Kitchen** provides approx. 1,000 meals daily to people in the Bristol area!

Parishioners from St. Anne's volunteer weekdays Aug. 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](mailto:faylermom@gmail.com) or 276-692-6921.

**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this Tuesday, July 30 or next Tuesday, August 6, due to Fr. Chris being out of town. Please join us in prayer and adoration on Tuesday, **August 13**.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA**  
**NO RCIA** this Wednesday, **July 31**. **Classes resume on Wednesday, August 7**. 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.

**“Summer with the Saints”**

**Thursdays of the summer: 10am-11am  
St Vincent de Paul Center**

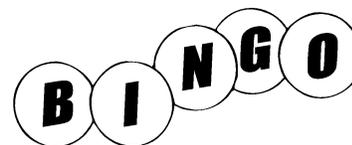
**Saint Francis of Assisi**

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](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**PRAY for VOCATIONS**

**“Give us this day our daily bread.”**

Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest? Contact Fr. Brian Capuano at the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 or [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



**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](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- ⇒ **Aug. 4—Welcome Freshman! (6pm-8pm)**
  - Leadership Team & ALL Freshmen
- ⇒ **Aug. 11—Parent/Youth Meeting (GR/BYC 6-8pm)**
  - Meeting in the Great Room
  - At least 1 parent must accompany their teen!
- ⇒ **Aug. 18—Fun Night!**
  - The Escape Room



**Parish Council**

**NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS**

—Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) nominations will be taken in the commons before and after Masses on the weekend of August 10/11. PPC Elections will be held at the Masses on the weekend of September 7/8.

**Any parishioner, eighteen years of age or older, who is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, and a registered member of St. Anne's may serve on the Pastoral Council.**

—After prayerful consideration, parishioners are invited to nominate as many as three parishioners (you may nominate yourself) for a three-year term on the Council.

Please think about who you might wish to nominate on August 10/11. If you will be out of town that weekend, you are welcome to call or email your nominations to the parish office NLT 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12.

Nominees will be contacted to see if they are willing to run for election to a three-year term on PPC. Nominees will submit a photo and Q&A form to the office by Aug. 25. Elections will be held the weekend of Sept. 7/8.

*The PPC serves the Pastor and our parish in a variety of ways. The Council is responsible for communicating with the Pastor the needs and desires of the parish, consulting with him in matters involving the welfare of parishioners and assisting in activities concerning the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish.*



## Liturgy Intentions For The Week

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

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

**Tuesday, July 30**  
8:30 a.m. †Bernie Raykowitz

(no weekday Masses: July 31, August 1, August 2)

**Saturday, August 3** (*Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)  
5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

**Sunday, August 4** (*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)  
8:30 a.m. †Agnes Hurt  
10:30 a.m. †Henry H. Howell (WWII Navy Veteran)  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

### POSITION AVAILABLE

#### ST. ANNE SCHOOL — BOOKKEEPER (part-time, approximately 32 hours/week)

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](http://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](mailto:schoolsecretary@stanne-school.org).

### Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

#### CD of the Week:

##### "Full of Grace—the message of an angel"

Renowned speaker, author, and musician Vinny Flynn makes the angel's message at the Annunciation come alive with meaning and relevance by delving into Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the writings of St. John Paul II. Vinny helps listeners understand the deeper significance of the words of the Hail Mary prayer and the angel's greeting, offering penetrating insights into the role of our Blessed Mother in God's plan of salvation. Find this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the religious education table in the commons. We ask for a \$3 per CD donation to enable us to restock with new titles. Thank you!

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

#### Monday, July 29:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Creed-His Ascent and the One He Sent* (CCC 631-747).** All are welcome to join us!

#### Tuesday, July 30:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30am 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 31:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study Group, "The Gospel According to John".** 1:00-2:30pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- **NO RCIA** this week.

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.

**Wednesday Prayer Group, July 31, 2:45-3:35pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.



#### E-Giving Report (July 1-15)

Regular Operating	\$4,655.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund*	\$ 185.00
School Second Collection	\$ 410.00

#### Collection Report (July 20/21)

Regular Operating	\$11,979.94
Maintenance Reserve Fund*	\$ 115.38
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 260.00

\*(Maintenance Reserve Fund is the former Bldg. Fund)

**2nd Collection** next Sunday (Aug. 3/4) is our monthly "First Sunday of the Month" collection for **St. Anne's School**. Thank you for your support of our school. Second collections are taken up during the offertory, immediately following the regular operating collection.

**Reminder:** Fr. O'Toole from Cross International will be at all the Masses next weekend to speak about the good work of the missionary priests and nuns. A collection for Cross International will NOT be taken up at the Masses. Brochures will be available in the pews if you wish to mail a donation or pledge to Cross (or give to Fr. O'Toole after Mass). **Please DO NOT put donations for Cross Int'l in either the first or second collection basket next weekend.**

# THANKS

## *Thank You for the Parish Picnic!*

A big heartfelt “Thank You” goes out to the **Parish Life Committee** for once again providing us with a fun and enjoyable **parish picnic**. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the set-up and clean-up, and to the parishioners who attended for bringing those delicious side dishes. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to those who won the 50/50 drawings and those who won the delicious and beautiful cakes donated to the cake walk. A special thank you to our teens who worked the children’s games and activities.

## *Congratulations!!*

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the **Knights of Columbus**: Grand Knight **John Flanagan**, Deputy Grand Knight **Chris Neal**, Chancellor **Clint Smith**, Trustees **Dan Ward & Ken Johnson**, Warden **Dave Hall**, and District Deputy **Thad Branch**. Thanks to all who helped with the recent Mass, installation ceremony and reception: Fr. Chris, Seminarians Christopher & Gregory, District Deputy Thad Branch, the CDA & CCW ladies, parish office staff and parish custodians.

## **Farewell Receptions for Seminarians Christopher and Gregory**

This summer we have been blessed by having seminarians **Christopher Weyer & Gregory Guilfoyle** with us! Next weekend will be their last weekend with us before heading off to their seminarian retreat, a few days with their families, and then back to seminary!

***Plan to stop by the Great Room  
after the Masses next weekend: Aug. 3/4  
for a reception in their honor!***

We hope many of you will take the time to stop in one of the receptions to thank them and wish them well on their vocation journey.

## ***Cross Catholic Outreach here:***

***Next weekend—AUGUST 3 & 4***

Fr. Tim O’Toole will visit Saint Anne’s next weekend, 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 at Masses for Cross Catholic Outreach, but Fr. O’Toole will have brochures available if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. We encourage you to be generous to this most important ministry to the poor.