

We come together today to worship God, who “*makes the deaf hear and the mute speak*”. The readings describe the awesome power of God that transforms our lives and the lives of others. As we worship, let us take comfort in the hope we are afforded by the power of God, a God who can and will make all things well.



**Readings for this Week (Sept. 10-15)**

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11  
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26  
Thursday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 4:1-10, 13-20  
Friday: Numbers 21:4b-9; Phil. 2:6-11; John 3:13-17  
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; John 19:25-27

**Scripture for next Sunday (24th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**Isaiah 50:4c-9a**

*I gave my back to those who beat me.*

**James 2:14-18**

*Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.*

**Mark 8:27-35**

*You are the Christ...the Son of Man must suffer greatly.*

**Altar Flowers**

Our altar flowers this weekend are given by John Flanagan in loving memory of his wife, *Mary Pat Flanagan*.

**PPC ELECTIONS:** Elections for Pastoral Council are at all Masses this weekend. Catholics age 18+ who are registered with the parish may vote for up to 3 of the nominees. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE** to cast your vote **at the weekend Mass**, you may notify the office of your vote at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org) **NLT 4p on Monday, Sept. 10**. Nominees are: Angela Costagliola, Dave Hall, Wayne Thurston, Jozie DiBartolo, Janine Myatt, Jeri Whitely, Krys Panasewicz and Linda Williams.

**GROUNDS WORKDAY—Saturday, Sept. 15**

Volunteers are needed for our Grounds Workday next **Saturday, Sept. 15** from **8a to 11a**. Sign up this weekend in the commons if you can help, or notify the parish office this week so we'll know what “chores” to plan to do. Bring your work gloves and yard tools

**BLOOD DRIVE—Wednesday, Sept. 19**

Please sign up in the commons Sept. 15/16 or Sept. 22/23 to come ***GIVE the GIFT of LIFE*** at our Blood Drive on **Wed., Sept. 19** from **2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

***A Message from Father Chris....***

Our Church has such a rich tradition that dates back thousands of years, even beyond the establishment of the Church. Understanding this tradition can do so much to help us understand the faith we practice today. Our liturgy is not a collection of meaningless rituals, but it can certainly seem that way when we do not fully understand the tradition behind them. When God first led the Israelites out of Egypt, he revealed to them his desire to always be physically present to them on their journey. He gave Moses strict instructions as to how the meeting tent should be constructed. He also instructed the Israelites in the building of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark would be housed in the meeting tent and was the throne of God. Moses would go into the tent to speak to God face to face. This seems like a wonderful experience, and to be sure it was, however, from the point of view of the people, their experience was much more limited. Moses went in the tent or up on the mountain to meet with God, but the people had to stay behind. They were required to be either a safe distance from the tent, or to remain at the base of the mountain when Moses went to meet with God. God was physically present to his people, but no one experienced that presence the same way Moses did.

Moses' brother Aaron and the other priests were permitted at certain times to enter the meeting tent, and even to enter the inner chamber to offer sacrifice, but no one else could be in the tent. They were required to wash and purify themselves, removing all their clothes and putting on sacred vestments before entering the inner sanctum.

This would continue throughout the Old Testament. Even when the temple was built in Jerusalem, it was only the priests that could enter the holy of holies to offer sacrifice to God. The people also had no direct experience of God. God spoke to the prophets, but the only experience the people had of being taught by God was in listening to the prophets or hearing the Scriptures.

All of this changed with Jesus Christ. As the living Word of God made flesh, he made it possible for all people to be in God's presence and hear his voice as Moses and the prophets did. Christ's gift of the sacraments allowed this to continue. God's presence was revealed to the people in the Eucharist as it had been in the past, except now, no one was excluded from that presence. Even today, the priest offers the perfect sacrifice of the Eucharist for all people, but the people are all permitted to be present. Think about this the next time you enter a church and look to the altar and the tabernacle. You are standing in the holy of holies. This is the space where in ancient times no one was allowed to enter who had not been anointed as a priest. This is the place where God's physical presence is revealed to his people as it was in the meeting tent and later in the temple.

This Tuesday, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning after the 8:30 Mass, and continuing until 4:30. This is an opportunity to experience what Christ has offered us. The opportunity for us to come into the holy of holies and pray before the physical presence of God. This has been a very powerful experience for me on my own spiritual journey. For anyone looking to add something new to their prayer life, I invite you to join us Tuesday to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **Sun., Sept. 9—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
  - The Call to Holiness
- **Sun., Sept. 16—Fun Event!**
  - Bike the Creeper Trail
- **Sun., Sept. 23—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
  - God Calls Us to Prayer
  - **Confirmation Class!**
- **Sun., Sept. 30—Youth Group (6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
  - Evening Prayer for Police/Fire/EMS at 6p  
Then to Youth Group activities at BYC

**SHYM FUN EVENT—Sunday, September 16**

Join us for a leisurely bike ride on the Creeper Trail. We'll take a shuttle to Whitetop and ride back down to Damascus. Don't worry about bringing your bikes! We'll rent bikes. SHYM will provide a quick breakfast before we leave out. Bring a non-perishable lunch for a picnic along the trail or money to buy food. We will attend the 8:30a Mass as a group. If you are not able to attend the 8:30 Mass, you need to attend the 5:30p Vigil Mass on Saturday due to us leaving before the Sunday 11:30a Mass. You must have attended Mass or will not be allowed to participate. Cost is \$20. Please let Laura know if you are going on the bike ride by this Wed., Sept. 12! (Laura Cochrane: 276-492-3095 or [lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org))

**Sunday School of Religion & Jr. High Religious Education**

SSR and JHRE begins this Sunday, Sept. 9. We'll meet with the **children & parents in the Great Room at 9:45a**. Children will then be dismissed with their teachers and parents will remain for a brief meeting. Children will return to the **Great Room at 11:15a for dismissal**.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday**

Please join us this **Tues., Sept. 11, 9:15a-4:30p**. Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30p**.

**Tuesday Morning Book Club resumes Sept. 11**

*with "The Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron*

Book Club will begin a little differently this fall. Our first book will be a devotional based on the video series by Bishop Barron. You don't have to order the book to participate since we'll be watching & discussing the video together and use the devotional book "*Praying with the Pivotal Players*" at home for our private devotions. Please sign-up in the commons this weekend or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) to join the book club. Please indicate if you would like a copy of the devotional book. **Book Club meets on Tuesdays at the St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1030-11:30a**. Please note: a few of the videos in this series will run a little longer so book club will meet a little longer on those days. This is a 6-week study.

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our gathering this **Wed., Sept. 12, at 10a** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. New members are always welcome to join us.

**Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., Sept. 12, 2:45pm-3:45pm 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** members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting this **Wed., Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the School Conference Room. New members are always welcome to join us!

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA**

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., Sept. 12** in the **Great Room. 6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the church office conference room. Stop by the **Great Room** for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**

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.

**SMARE—Sunday Morning Adult Religious**

**Education Class: Next Sunday, Sept. 16: Session 2: Lion of the Tribe of Judah.** The Jewish people of Jesus' day awaited a promised Messiah-King, or "Anointed One", sent by God, as announced long before in a number of Old Testament passages. In the long process of understanding who Jesus truly was, many of his contemporaries first recognized him as the fulfillment of these messianic promises. Though he was that and much more, we begin with his role as Messiah (Christ) because it lies at the core of his identity and mission. Join us any **Sunday in the Great Room, 9:45a-11a**. Coffee and donuts at 9:45a and the presentation begins at 10 a.m. No preparation. No cost.



**TRAINING/REFRESHER for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Liturgy Tuesday, Sept. 18 — 6:15 p.m.**

**ALL Current EMHC's** and anyone who would like to be part of this wonderful ministry—distributing Holy Communion to the congregation at Mass—are asked to plan to attend the session on **Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:15 p.m.**

- **Current EMHCs:** Please make every effort to attend—if you are unable to come on Sept. 18, please contact the parish office to let us know.
- **New EMHCs:** We are **in need of more** people to serve in this ministry! Catholics in full Communion with the Church (& teens age 16+ who have been Confirmed) may participate—please attend the session on Sept. 18.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Saturday, Sept. 8** (*Vigil: 23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

**Sunday, Sept. 9** (*23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †John Viggiano & †Joseph Viggiano

11:30 a.m. †June Musick

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

8:30 a.m. †Jennifer Glymph

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Pat Flanagan

**Thursday, Sept. 13**

6:00 p.m. †Ann P. Rogers

**Friday, Sept. 14**

7:30 a.m. †Albert & †Amelia Carriera

**Saturday, Sept. 15** (*Vigil: 24th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

**Sunday, Sept. 16** (*24th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Tyler Boggs

11:30 a.m. †June Musick

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on **Thurs., Sept. 20** at 11:30 a.m. at **O'Charley's** (Exit 7). Please call Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827, by Tuesday, Sept. 18 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

**Knights of Columbus News**

- Knight of the Month: John Flanagan
- Family of the Month: Dan & Teresa Ward

**Wheelchairs available:** The KofC has 4 wheelchairs at the Columbian Center if anyone is in need of one. Please contact Laurn Becker or any member of the Knights.

**E-Giving Report (Aug. 17-31)**

Regular/Operating: \$3,300

Assumption Holy Day: \$ 38

School/2nd Collection: \$ 230

**Collection Report (Sept. 1/2)**

Regular/Operating: \$13,298.05

School/2nd Collection: \$ 4,934.01

BFIA: \$ 75; Retired Rel.: \$250; Debt Red.: \$377

**Living Our Mission:** We recently received a parish sharing check from the diocese (\$18,242.34). Many thanks to all who supported the Living Our Mission effort. Please remember to fulfill your pledges. Thank you.

**Come Hold My Son—Parish Mission Concert**

St. Dominic's/Kingsport invite you to a special concert by Daniel Oberreuter at **7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16.**

For more information go to [www.comeholdmyson.com](http://www.comeholdmyson.com).

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, September 9:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE): 945a-11a.** We usually meet in the Great Room but we will be in the school library this Sunday. **Jesus Revealed—Encountering Christ in His Biblical Names—Session 1: *The Way, the Truth, and the Life.*** Next Sunday, Sept. 16: **Session 2: Lion of the Tribe of Judah**

**Monday, September 10:**

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation this week. *Popes and the Papacy* resumes September 17.** Join us then: **1:00pm-2:30pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

**Tuesday, September 11:**

- **Book Club: 10:30-1130a, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr. *The Pivotal Players.*** Please sign-up at the table in the commons to join the group.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study will meet 6:30-8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Letter to the Philippians: Partnership in the Gospel-Part 1.*** Sign-up at the table in the commons to join the group.

**Wednesday, September 12:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30p, St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Gospel According to Mark***
- **RCIA at 6:30pm in the Great Room.**

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.

**Formed.org (Church code: 24Q8G9)**

**Pick of the Week for Sept. 8/9: Stations of the Cross—**Walk with Christ in His Last Hours. The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross. Ponder the greatest act of love this world has seen with this audio devotion at home or on the go. **Listen on formed.org.**

**“Surge of the Heart” Parish Mission**

**October 10, 11, & 12 at 7 p.m.**

***Is the Parish Mission on your Calendar Yet?***

If not, please put it on your calendar now for Wednesday thru Friday, October 10-12 for our 3-day Catholic mission that you will never forget! Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, **Jon Leonetti** will help us close the gap between the Gospel and our everyday lives. Bring your family and friends. The nursery will be provided and a reception will follow each evening.

**CCW Annual Dinner: Mon., Sept. 10** Don't forget— if you signed up to attend the CCW Dinner, it's this Monday, Sept. 10 at **6 p.m.** at the Columbian Center.

**MASS at 11:30a** (not 1030a) beginning today, Sept. 9!

### Catechetical Sunday 2018—September 16

#### *“Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”*

Next Sunday, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”. Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at 8:30a Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

#### *begins Sunday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. in the Brady Youth Center*

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation Spring 2019, please plan to begin your preparation on September 23. Calendars were handed out at the recent teen/parent Senior High Youth Ministry meeting. If you were unable to attend and have not received a schedule for Youth Ministry and Confirmation, please contact Sydney at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or Laura at [lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org).

## TAKE NOTE:

- **MJM7 Band—Concert: Monday, Sept. 17 at 630p**  
Michael James Mette & family will present an uplifting concert blending alternative rock with faith-based lyrics in the Parish Life Center. No charge/a freewill offering will be taken up. To view a video go to [MJM7.Band](http://MJM7.Band).
- **Treasures of the Church: Sacred Relics**  
Fr. Carlos Martins (Companions of the Cross) will be here on **Sat., Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m.** for a special presentation and the exposition of over 150 relics (*Relics include: St. Anne, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, a portion of the veil of Our Lady, a piece of the True Cross....*). Those attending will be able to examine & venerate each relic. You may bring articles of devotion (*rosary, holy card*) and pictures of ill relatives which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. No charge; freewill offering will be taken up. For more details go to [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com). ***Please do not miss this wonderful opportunity!!***
- **Evening Prayer for Police, Fire, & EMS personnel: Sunday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.**—Please join us!!