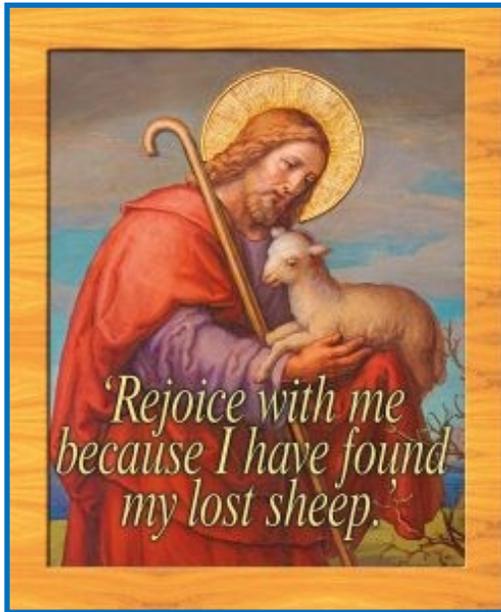


We may have just been here last week, but maybe it's been many weeks, or even many years. No matter how long it's been, we can be assured that God is eager to welcome us back, today or any time. As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist together, let us call to mind those times when we have strayed from God's embrace and thank Him for the assurance of reconciliation.



Readings for this Week (Sept. 16-21)

Monday:	1 Timothy 2:1-8;	Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Timothy 3:1-13;	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Timothy 3:14-16;	Luke 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Timothy 4:12-16;	Luke 7:36-50
Friday: (Memorial)	Wis. 3:1-9 (or) Rom. 8:31b-39; Luke 9:23-26	
Saturday:	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11;13;	Matthew 9:9-13

Scripture for next Sunday (25th Sunday/Ordinary Time)
Amos 8:4-7

God cannot forget the sin of those who cheat the poor.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for everyone, not just your own.

Luke 16:1-13 (or) 16:10-13

You cannot be the servant of God and the servant of money.

Next Sunday's selections from scripture invite us to reflect on our wealth. You can feel the anger of the prophet Amos as he condemns the greedy merchants who cheat the poor and powerless. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the clever steward who manages his master's wealth to aid his debtors. One can put wealth to good use, but one "cannot serve both God and mammon". How does God want you to use your wealth?

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are placed in loving memory of **Mary Pat Flanagan**, given by John, Mary, and Jim.

From the Pastor's Desk

Over the years I have studied and written about suicide and depression. While continuing to do this I found an article that was published in the *Los Angeles Times*, three years ago. The article was based on a study that linked church attendance with a reduced risk of suicide. The study also concluded that while overall church attendance reduced the risk of suicide, the greatest reduction was seen among practicing Catholics.

The study said that attending religious services was a buffer against loneliness and isolation. I think there is truth to this. I have seen many examples of this in my own ministry. People who come to Mass regularly are happy. People who are active in ministry within the parish are happy. I often say that the greatest thing we can do to evangelize in our community is to let people see the joy that fills our lives because of our faith.

While, I agreed with everything I read in this article, I think there is more to this story than what was written there. It is one thing to identify that people who regularly attend Mass are happy and healthy, but I think there is more that can be said about why this is true.

God created us in his image and likeness, and he created us to seek him. In the Mass, we seek communion with our God. To put it as simply as possible, when we come to Mass, we are doing what God created us to do. The more actively we participate in the Church, the more we fulfill God's plan for our lives. This is the reason people who attend Mass regularly are happier than those who do not.

We often hear people talking about how shocking it is to hear that someone has committed suicide. We often hear things like this person seemed to have everything. It may seem like we have everything, but the truth is, there is only one thing that every person needs more than anything else. This is a relationship with our God. We were created to seek this. When we find it our lives have meaning. When we wander away from seeking our God, our lives become empty.

Without God, we will never find a real meaning for our lives. Nothing else in this world can give our lives purpose and meaning the way knowing our God can.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *Frances Perry*, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her husband, Jerry, at 487 Harrington Hollow Road, Bluff City, TN 37618.

Your prayers are requested for *Lillian Catherine Hall*, the mother of *Dave Hall*, who died this week. Notes may be sent to Dave at 19187 Astor Rd., Abingdon, VA 24210.

A Special Note...

Dear St. Anne's Parishioners,
Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and your prayers on the passing of my mother, Janet Wnuk. May God bless you.

Carol Kupfer & family

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

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sept. 15—SHYM Fun Night!**
 - Bike the Creeper Trail
- **Sept. 22—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Love for the Unloved
 - **CONFIRMATION CLASS**
- **Sept. 29—Youth Group** (BYC 5:45 p.m. -8:00 p.m.)
 - Prayer Service Church, then to PLC
Meet in the church at **5:45 p.m.**

Junior High Youth Ministry (*Grades 7 & 8*)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Sept. 15—JHYM Fun Night!** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◇ Pizza & Games / Project
- **Sept. 22—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Sept. 29—Youth Group** (BYC 5:45-8:00 p.m.)
 - ◇ Prayer Service/Church, then to PLC
Meet in the church at **5:45 p.m.**

Sunday School of Religion

Sunday School of Religion started Sunday, Sept. 8. It is never too late to register and bring your child to Sunday School. If you need to register your child for Sunday School, Vanessa Purdy will be outside of the Great Room on Sunday Mornings. She will be more than happy to get you the forms you need and a schedule for Sunday School classes.

Respect Life Committee Members are reminded of our meeting on **Monday, September 16 at 4 p.m.** in the office conference room. New members are always welcome to join the committee.

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday due to Fr. Chris being out of town for a diocesan meeting. Please join us next Tuesday, September 24 for Adoration **9:00am-4:30pm** with Benediction at 4:30pm in the Chapel.

Note: There WILL be Mass Tuesday and Wednesday this week at 8:30 a.m.

Evangelization Committee Members are reminded of our meeting on **Wednesday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join the committee.

Rite of Christina Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, September 18, 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.

For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.



This Wednesday, Sept. 18
2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Give the Gift of Life!!

Sign up this weekend or contact the parish office and come donate blood this Wed., Sept. 18 between 2 and 6:30p. The Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of the Msgr. Hickie Center (Bingo Hall).

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet this Thursday, Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m. at **Cheddar's** (Exit 7). Please call Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827, by Tuesday, Sept. 17 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome!!

Upcoming dates to save for Sacramental Preparation...

- * For the sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**: preparation class begins on **Sunday, September 22**
- * For the sacraments of **Reconciliation and Eucharist**: preparation classes begin on **Sunday, October 6**
(NOTE: This is a change in date previously announced)
- * The next **Baptism Preparation** class meets on **Saturday, October 5**

You will receive letters very soon with more information about 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmed (if you are registered with the parish).



The Food Pantry at Bristol Faith in Action is in need of the following items: Peanut Butter, Saltine Crackers, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meats (chicken & tuna), Canned Beans (pinto, baked), Cleaning Supplies, Personal Care Items. Please consider picking up a few items when you do your shopping... bring to the "blue box" by the wheelchair lift. THANK YOU!!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 14 (*Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

Sunday, Sept. 15 (*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Susan Mellett

11:30 a.m. †Francis & †Valery Tate

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

Tuesday, Sept. 17

8:30 a.m. †Louise Smith

Wednesday, Sept. 18

8:30 a.m. †Peter Prank & family

Thursday, Sept. 19

6:00 p.m. †Herbert Dittmar

Friday, Sept. 20

8:30 a.m. †Molly Moore

Saturday, Sept. 21 (*Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Olga Weberling

Sunday, Sept. 22 (*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Luke Pham V. Nom

11:30 a.m. †Robert Hidalgo

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

COLLECTION REPORT (Sept. 7/8)

Regular/Operating \$9,104.20

Add'l School 2nd Collection \$ 242.00

Add'l Holy Day/Assumption \$ 20.00

Next 2nd Collection: Retired Religious is Sept. 29/30

Calling All Moms....

Come join us for an uplifting study focused on motherhood, based on the book Momnipotent: The Not-So-Perfect Woman's Guide to Catholic Motherhood by Danielle Bean.

www.MomnipotentStudy.com

Finding Peace Balance, & Joy in Your Vocation as a Mother — Is being a mother what you thought it would be? The exhaustion, monotony, mounting unfinished projects, loss of a sense of self — Too many moms feel disillusioned and overwhelmed. Momnipotent validates the dignity and importance of motherhood and will help you recognize your uniquely feminine strengths. Come join fellow moms and see how you can use those strengths to find peace, balance, and joy in being the woman God created and called you to be.

"Momnipotent will help you move to the next level in your vocation by empowering you with feminine strengths for your vocation. Whether you're a new mom, a seasoned veteran, or even a spiritual mother, this book will be a true blessing for you and your family."

(Lisa Hendey, Founder of CatholicMom.com)

Our first session will be **Friday, September 27**, from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** We are planning to meet one evening a month, and children are welcome. For more information, please email cherylmullins@outlook.com.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, September 15:

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) **Jesus Revealed-Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "Lion of the Tribe of Judah". 9:45am-11:00am** in the School Library this week. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, **Sept. 22: "Lamb of God"** in the Great Room.

Monday, September 16:

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

Tuesday, September 17:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30am** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **The Great Divorce** by C.S. Lewis.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study: "The Bible and the Virgin Mary-Journey through Scripture— Mother Crowned in Glory"** 6:30-8:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday, September 18:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study Group, "Gospel According to John" 1:00-2:30pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- **RCIA: 630pm** in the **Great Room**.

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

Wednesday Prayer Group, Sept. 18, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC led by Bishop Knestout

Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on **Saturday, October 12, 2019**. The day begins at the Basilica at 10 a.m. and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org OR contact 2020@richmonddiocese.org or call 804-622-5200.

A Regional bus will be provided by the Diocese within an hour of each parish. Cost is \$45/participant. Bus pick-up locations will be determined in late September once registrations have been received. **All pilgrims MUST register**, regardless of the type of transportation you opt to use (regional by diocese or personal transport).

PARISH WEBSITE:

Don't forget to visit our parish website—read the Sunday bulletin, listen to a homily, check the parish master calendar... go to www.stannes-bristol.org.

St. Anne's Catholic School
Celebrating our 70th Anniversary Year!!

Please join us for St. Anne School's **OPEN HOUSE** on **Tuesday, September 24th** from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** You'll learn about our Resource Curriculum Coach, Literary Coach, our school-wide writing initiative, IXL program, and PALS literacy screening. Students are welcome to join! *(Enter through the double doors by the School Library/School office.)*

Adult Faith Formation Committee Members are reminded of our planning meeting on **Monday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

40 Days for Life (Sept. 25 thru Nov. 3)

From Sept. 25 thru Nov. 3 you are invited to join with other Christians for a peaceful prayer vigil, 7a to 7p in the public right of way across the street from the Bristol Regional Women's Center, Bristol, TN. During the 40 days Christians will take turns standing in prayer... standing up for life and for those who have no voice... our unborn.

For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com or contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or call 423-482-1324.

Catechetical Sunday—Today—September 15
“Stay with Us”

As part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, the Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday. On Catechetical Sunday, we come together as a parish to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. Our catechists were commissioned at the 11:30 Mass this weekend. Please continue to pray for all of our parish catechists as we begin a new catechetical year.



Mark your Calendars and please plan to attend:

Evening Prayer
Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6pm.

Join us to pray for and with our local Police, Fire, and EMS personnel. Let them know that we appreciate their dedicated service to our community.

A Reception will follow.