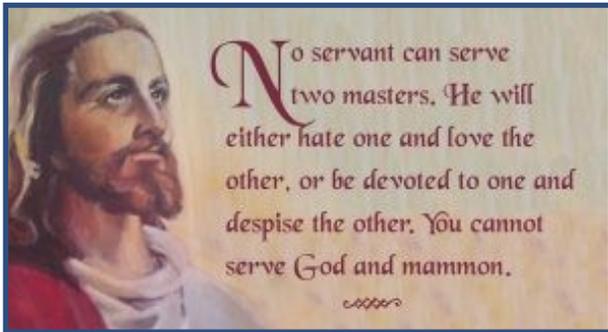


As summer turns to autumn, many of the Gospel selections we hear concern themselves with the Last Judgment. Our worthiness for eternal life in heaven can be indicated by the way we treat each other and the way we handle our possessions. Let us reflect on whether we are using our wealth for the benefit of others or if our pursuit of wealth is blinding us to the needs of our neighbor.



Readings for this week (Sept. 23-28)

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Friday: (Memorial) 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 9:35-38
Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

Scripture for next Sunday (26th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to the complacent rich!

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Seek after virtues with lasting value.

Luke 16:19-31

There once was a rich man, and at his gate lay the beggar Lazarus.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Joe Oberle**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes may be sent to his wife, Bea, at 2433 Randolph St., Bristol, VA 24201.

A special note...

The family of Ron Davis would like to thank all those who sent cards and prayers during his long illness and ultimate death. We also want to thank John Flanagan for serving as his Eucharistic Minister every week. We also want to thank the prayer group who were so good to come and pray the Rosary. He looked forward to that and appreciated it very much. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Elaine Davis & family



Congratulations to the newly elected members of our Parish Pastoral Council:

Jack Weisenburger
Donna Hale
Tony Broglio



From the Pastor

A few weeks ago I wrote a little about suicide and depression. I had planned to write more about it. Last week I heard about a recent study that noted a forty percent increase in suicide in the United States since 2009. This is definitely a subject that needs more discussion. I have spent a lot of time studying this subject and reflecting on it. As a paramedic it is something I encountered many times. As a priest I have dealt with it in my parishes. I have many close friends who have dealt with this in their own families. I would be surprised if there is anyone reading this whose life has not been affected in some way by suicide.

Many people are suffering from depression. Many people are suffering silently. Depression is something that is rather easy to hide. The suicide last year of Anthony Bourdain was a perfect example of how much someone can be struggling with depression and hurting while no one around them is aware of this.

I think many people are afraid to get help. There is a stigma attached to depression and mental illness and people do not want to be labeled. While it is possible to seek help confidentially, it is also true that no one should be ashamed of this. The stresses of this world affect us all in different ways and there is nothing wrong with anyone saying 'I need a little help'. We all need a little help in different ways from time to time. My door is always open to anyone that wants to talk.

It is very likely that everyone reading this knows someone who is struggling with depression and is unaware. It is important that we are able to respond with compassion to those who need help. Do not ever be afraid to speak up or offer to simply be a compassionate ear for someone who needs to talk. I have had too many people tell me they wished they had done this and now do not have the chance. I realize this is a difficult subject and I am hardly doing it justice in a few short paragraphs, but it is a conversation that needs to be started. I hope this will at least start the conversation so more can be said about this in the future.

Altar Flowers

The flowers at our altar this weekend are placed in honor of **Angela Costagliola** in celebration of her birthday, given by Chris Neal.

Confirmation and 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Preparation Begins!

If you have a teenager seeking the **Sacrament of Confirmation** or a child at least 7 years of age seeking **1st Holy Communion**, you should have received a letter with the information about our first class. If you did NOT receive a letter it is because we do not have your sacramental information from a parish registration form. If you did NOT receive a letter and your child/teen needs the sacraments of initiation, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org as soon as possible.

Senior High Youth Ministry

(Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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.**
- **Oct. 6—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - On Being Holy
 - **CONFIRMATION CLASS**
- **Oct. 13—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - The “In” Crowd

Junior High Youth Ministry

(Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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.
- **Oct. 6—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Oct. 13—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

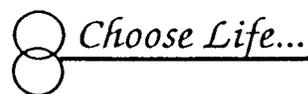
Tuesdays 9:00am-4:30pm

Please join us this **Tuesday, Sept. 24, 9:00am-4:30pm**. Stop by for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us.

Yarn Donations Needed

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is in need of more yarn to make our prayer shawls. If you have any yarn that you are not going to use, please consider donating it. We need white for the baptismal shawls, baby colors—blue, pink, yellow for NICU babies, and any other colors you may have for the adult prayer shawls. Please drop off any yarn donations to the church office. Thank you!



40 Days for Life: From September 25 through Nov. 3 area churches will participate in 40 Days for Life, taking turns praying outside the Women’s Clinic on W. State Street. Many people are needed to fill the 12-hour a day prayer vigil. Please stop by the Respect Life table in the commons for more information and to sign up for one or more vigil hours.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wed., Sept. 25** in the **Great Room, 6:30-8:00pm**.
- **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.

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thurs., Sept. 26 at **7am** in the School conference room.

Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming

Next Sunday, **September 29**, at the **8:30am Mass**, we will welcome new members in our midst. They will be celebrating the **“Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens”** for those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and the **“Rite of Welcoming”** for those who already share our Christian faith through Baptism as they mark this moment of following God’s call to live their Christian faith and complete their initiation within the Catholic community. Please continue to remember these individuals in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey in the RCIA process.

With Gratitude!

Please plan to join us for a very special:

Evening Prayer
Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

Join us to pray for and with our local
Law Enforcement, Fire Department,
and EMS personnel.

Come and let them know that St. Anne’s community appreciates their dedicated service!

A Reception in their honor will follow Evening Prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

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*)
Tuesday, Sept. 24
8:30 a.m. †Louise Smith
Wednesday, Sept. 25
8:30 a.m. †Bob Douglas
Thursday, Sept. 26
6:00 p.m. †Pansy Brittenham
Friday, Sept. 27
8:30 a.m. †Hedwig Meussen
Saturday, Sept. 28
5:30 p.m. †John Paloian
Sunday, Sept. 29
8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell
11:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving (for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Collection Report (Sept. 14/15)

Regular/Operating	\$8,210.07
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 260.00
Add'l Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00
Social Ministry	\$ 100.00

E-giving (Sept. 1-15)

Regular/Operating	\$4,705.00
School 2nd Collection	\$ 410.00
Holy Day/Assumption	\$ 100.00
Maintenance Reserve (former Bldg Fund)	185.00
Retired Religious	\$ 50.00
BFIA	\$ 100.00

2nd Collection next weekend (Sept. 28/29) for **Retired Religious Fund**. Thank the thousands of senior Catholic nuns, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Please be generous.

Prison Ministry Summit

The Office of Social Ministry will conduct a Prison Ministry Summit for SW VA on **Saturday, September 28, 9a-330p** at St. Andrew's/Roanoke and also at the Jubilee House in Abingdon, VA. They will share keynote speakers with life-size cloud connectivity. There will be a \$5 fee for the included lunch. Go to <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/osm/> Agenda includes keynote speakers and breakout sessions. Questions? Contact Bob Vaughan, 276-619-0919 or bvaughan@richmonddiocese.org.

Meet National 40 Days for Life Leader Sue Thayer on **Thursday, October 3, 6:00-8pm** at Bridge Assembly of God (50 24th St., Bristol, TN). Join us for pizza at 6 p.m. At 7pm, former Planned Parenthood manager and now 40 Days Director of Outreach will share her powerful story of transformation. To help us know how much pizza to purchase, please RSVP to Angie Bush at 423-482-1324 or 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com by Sept. 27.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, September 22:

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) **Jesus Revealed-Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "Lamb of God". 9:45am-11:00am** in the **Great Room**. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, **Sept. 29: "First Born of the Dead"** in the **Great Room**.

Monday, September 23:

- **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 24:

- **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—Full of Grace"** 6:30-8:00pm, in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday, September 25:

- **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. 25, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

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



**40 Hours of Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday, October 6, 3:00 p.m.
(immediately after Spanish Mass)
**until Tuesday, October 8,
with Benediction at 8 a.m.**

It is the heart of who we are as Catholics: **the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist**. The Holy Father, in his encyclical "*The Church and the Eucharist*" is calling for heightened appreciation of this beautiful gift from God through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **We are asking parishioners to sign-up for one hour of adoration during the 40 hour period.**

Please sign-up in the commons so that we know all 40 hours will be covered and that we have at least two people for each hour. Security will be provided during the late night/early morning hours. Please stop by the table in the commons to sign-up. Thank you!

PET BLESSING: Feast of St. Francis

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (**Friday, Oct. 4 at 3:15pm and 4:30pm**) at the cross in the center of the cemetery. All animals need to be on leashes or in cages/carriers.

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

- * **OPEN HOUSE:** Please join us for the Open House this **Tuesday, September 24, 5:30pm-6:30pm.** (Enter thru doors by the school office/library.) 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!
- * **Food City School Bucks:** It's that time of year to reconnect your Food City ValuCards to St. Anne's School. Link your card to our school at the register or online at foodcity.com/schoolbucks. Our Food City # is **41037**. Every year we need to re-link our cards to the school. Thank you for your support!
- * **Kroger School Rewards:** Kroger shoppers—help our school raise money when you shop: create or go to your Kroger accounts at <https://www.kroger.com/> and link your card to our school: Our School ID is **WD 160**. So far 55 families are connected to our school. In the summer they earned \$415.28 for our school just by shopping. Thank You!
- * Questions about Food City/Kroger programs: please contact Angie Bush 276-669-0048 or abush@stanneschoolbristol.org.

CDA MEETING
This Monday, Sept. 23

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary court #2624 are reminded of their meeting this Monday, Sept. 23 at the Columbian Center. Social time at 5:30 and the meeting is at 6 p.m.

Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, at 276-494-6883. The CDA theme is: **"For Him, we live and move and have our being."**

Acts 17:2



PLANTING DAY: Saturday, October 5 (830a-1130a)

Volunteers are needed to help us get our grounds "spruced up" a bit on Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30a-11:30a. So we'll know how much work to plan to do, please sign up next weekend, Sept. 28/29 in the commons if you can help us on Oct. 5!

Baptism Preparation Class-October 5

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 5, 2pm-4pm in the Great Room**. If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or you are expecting the birth of your child soon, please plan to attend. The nursery will be provided for siblings, if needed. **To register**, please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than Wednesday, October 2.**