

"Look out for Number One!" the saying goes. Society often encourages us to take care of ourselves first. This easily leads to a sense of selfishness, feelings of jealousy, and actions of greed. As Christians, we know that these attitudes are antithetical to the model of Jesus, who empties himself to become flesh and offered himself as the ultimate sacrifice. Let us pray that we are able to avoid the temptations of jealousy and envy in our lives.

Readings for this Week (Sept. 24-29)

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
(or) 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 9:35-38
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14 (or) Revelation 12:70-12a;
John 1:47-51

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

Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

James 5:1-6

Your wealth has rotted away.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Jason Hearl**, the son of **Therese Harvey**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to the family c/o his mother Therese at 930 Denvers Ln., Piney Flats, TN 37686; his grandparents **Dave & Gin Tester** at 103 Timber Oak Dr., Bristol, VA 24201; or his uncle **Daniel Tester** at 227 Randolph St., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for **Markus Reich**, the father of **Manya Hughes**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Manya & Gary at 617 W. Valley Dr., Bristol, VA 24201.

WELCOME!! Rhythm & Roots

We wish to extend a warm welcome to visitors in town this weekend for the Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion! We hope you have a great visit and safe travels back home.

Meals for HOSPICE HOUSE

St. Anne's will provide a lunch or supper for the families and friends of the Hospice House patients from **Oct. 1 thru Oct. 8**. If you would like to provide a meal, please call Joyce Paloian at 423-652-2599. Thank you!

"Treasures of the Church"

Presentation and Exposition of Sacred Relics

Saturday, Sept. 29th at 1:30 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity!!

A Message from Father Chris...

One of the things I love to do in the morning when I'm not too busy with other things is listening to Michael Smerconish's show on Sirius/XM. I don't agree with him on every issue, but I always enjoy intelligent conversation on relevant issues, and he provides plenty of that from a very centrist point of view. Anyone who follows my writing knows I think we definitely need more of that.

This past week, he dedicated a short segment of his show to have an author come on the show who was doing research for a book she was writing about Nancy Reagan. In the course of her research she discovered a handwritten letter that Ronald Reagan had written to Loyal Davis, Nancy's father. He wrote the letter while Loyal was on his death bed. He had grown very close to Loyal, and wrote the letter to urge Loyal, who was an atheist, to accept belief in Jesus Christ as savior, and pray to know him before he died. He told a very personal story of how his life had been impacted by his faith. It was a story I had not heard before.

I was impressed with how well written and personal the letter was. Of course there have already been those who dismissed the letter as a political stunt to improve his image with voters. Politics aside, I believe this to be impossible since the letter was written in 1982 and only became public this year, more than a decade after Ronald Reagan's death. This was something he did from the heart, not intending the rest of us to know about it. I have written a great deal in the past about my opinions regarding atheism, and intend to write more. I will probably do that next week, since I won't be able to get it all in here. It is relevant to this discussion though.

This story left me thinking about many things, and gave me many ideas. I'll close with this one. According to the members of his family, Loyal Davis did request a visit from the hospital chaplain and asked him to pray with him before he died. Let's forget for a moment that I have been writing about the President of the United States. This was a person who took some time to reach out to someone he cared about to share his faith. From what we know about this, it seems that doing so changed that person's life. Each one of us has that same ability to change a life if we are just willing to share with others how much our lives have been changed because of our faith.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday**

Please join us this **Tuesday, September 25, 9:15a-4:30p**. Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30 p.m.**

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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
- **Sat. Oct. 6—Catholic Youth Day @ Busch Gardens**
 - Williamsburg, VA
- **Sun., Oct. 7—NO SHYM!**
 - Returning from Busch Gardens
- **Sun., Oct. 14—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
 - The Trinity
 - **Confirmation Class!**

Catholic Youth Day @ Busch Gardens
Saturday, October 6, 2018

Join other Catholic youth from our Diocese at Busch Gardens for fun & fellowship. We'll leave very early Saturday morning October 6. Not sure of our return time yet on Sunday, Oct. 7. It depends on what parishes we team up with for a bus. Cost: \$130 per teen (includes travel, park ticket, hotel/if needed, and all food). Please let Laura know if you plan to go on this trip ASAP! Limited spots available... they will go on a first come first serve basis!

Deadline to register: this Wednesday, September 26!

Laura Cochrane: 276-492-3095

lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org



Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
begins this evening, Sunday, September 23 at 6 p.m.
in the Brady Youth Center

Diocesan policy for attending preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation includes the following:

- You must be currently enrolled in at least the tenth grade and be at least 15 years of age
- You must submit proof of your Baptism and
- You must be participating in ongoing religious education (Youth Ministry)

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation Spring 2019, please plan to begin your preparation this evening. One parent should attend the first session with your teen on September 23. If you have any questions about Confirmation please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: Thurs., Sept. 27—7AM

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Thurs., Sept. 27—7p



Benefit Concert—Tues., Sept. 25—6pm

Please join the Abingdon High School Chorus and other area musicians this Tues., Sept. 25th at 6 p.m. in the Abingdon High School Stadium for a concert benefitting:

Water Guardians: Levi's Legacy

Drowning is the leading cause of death from unintentional injuries in children between 1-4 years old. 100% of donations will be used for drowning prevention education and resources. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the AHS auditorium. Come and enjoy the music while supporting this life-saving cause!

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our gathering this **Wed., Sept. 26, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us.

Prayer Group meeting: Wed., Sept. 26, 2:45-3:45p, St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out last weekend for our **Grounds Work Day**. You all did a great job!! Thanks for your hard work!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** meet this **Wed., Sept. 26** in the **Greatroom**, 6:30-8:00pm.
- **Inquirers** meet in the church office conference room. Stop by the **Greatroom** for opening prayer at **6:30pm**.

For more information about RCIA, contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 x32.

“Surge of the Heart”
Parish Mission

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

The time is only a few weeks away. Are you ready for **“Surge of the Heart”**? On **October 10, 11, & 12** we will host Catholic speaker and best-selling author **Jon Leonetti**, for a three evening parish mission you will never forget! Bring your family & friends. The nursery will be provided and a reception will follow each evening.

YAM—Young Adult Ministry (for ages 18-29)

This Saturday! Fr. Chris will host a cook-out at the rectory this **Saturday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.** for all young adults. Join us for a social evening and bring your ideas of what you need from the Church as a Young Adult. Please sign-up at the table in the commons to let us know you will be there. Childcare can be provided in the parish nursery if needed. Any questions or to sign-up via email, contact sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org. **Please sign up by this Wednesday, Sept. 26.** Hope to see you there!

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, Sept. 22 (*Vigil: 25th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Vincent Gillespie

Sunday, Sept. 23 (*25th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Charlie Mansfield

11:30 a.m. †Glenn Birkitt

Tuesday, Sept. 25

8:30 a.m. †Jason Hearl

Wednesday, Sept. 26

8:30 a.m. †Yolanda "Toni" Pomrenke

Thursday, Sept. 27

6:00 p.m. †Matthew David Durant

Friday, Sept. 28

7:30 a.m. †Fran & †Gerry Carrieria

Saturday, Sept. 29

5:30 p.m. Spec. Int. for Chuck & Nancy Weisenburger
(64th wedding anniversary)

Sunday, Sept. 30

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. †Olga Weberling

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

Formed.org (Church code: 24Q8G9)

Pick of the Week for Sept. 22/23: Angels by Venerable Fulton Sheen. **Are Angels More than Myth?** With his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking, the beloved Bishop Fulton Sheen explains the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world. **Watch on formed.org.**

Collection Report (Sept. 15/16): Regular/Operating \$8,519

E-Giving (Sept. 1-16): Regular/Operating	\$4,715
School 2nd Collection	\$ 480
Debt Reduction	\$ 420
Retired Religious	\$ 150

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Sept. 30—Retired Religious; **Oct. 7**—St. Anne Catholic School;

Oct. 14—Mission Cooperative for SW VA Health Wagon;

Oct. 21—Catholic World Missions

HELP NEEDED!! We have the opportunity to reach out to children in our community. The **Reading Buddy Program** in the Bristol, VA school system is a way to advance literacy in the primary grades. Volunteers are needed to work with the children. The volunteer meets with their student 30 minutes a week. Scheduling is flexible. During your time together you can read, talk, draw pictures, play games, and become friends. You are not expected to be a teacher, just a positive, supportive adult. If interested, contact Sara deBusk at Highland View School at sadebusk@bvps.org.

Fundraiser for Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA)

Music & Comedy with a *POINTE*—**Sat., Oct. 6 at 7pm** at Central Christian Church (424 Melrose St., Bristol, TN) featuring Dr. Doug LaPointe & Robin Ringer-LaPointe. Desserts served. For more information contact 423-764-9013. **All offering proceeds go o BFIA.**

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, Sept. 23:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE): 9:45-11am** in the Great Room. **Jesus Revealed--Encountering Christ in His Biblical Names—Session 3: *Lamb of God***

Next Sunday, **Sept. 30: First-Born of the Dead**

Monday, Sept. 24:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation this week.** We'll meet again on **Oct. 1.** Join us **1p-2:30p** at the St. VdP.

Tuesday, Sept. 25:

- **Book Club: 1030-1130a, St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Pivotal Players. Michelangelo***
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study** will meet **6:30-8p** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***The Letter to the Philippians: Friendship in Christ—Part 1.***

Wednesday, Sept. 26:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1p-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 or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

SMARE—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: Next Sunday, Sept. 30: Session 4: First-Born of the Dead. The early chapters of the Book of Genesis recall the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, and the horrors that came in its aftermath. When they rebelled against the Source of Life himself, how could they escape dying? The generations to come would live out their days under the fearful, sorrowful shadow of death. But God had a plan all along to heal that ancient world of the human race and to conquer death. He would send his Messiah, not only to suffer and die, but to rise again. "The first-born of the dead" would open the doors to a new and everlasting life. Join us any **Sunday in the Great Room, 9:45a-11a.** Coffee & donuts at 9:45a and the presentation begins at 10 a.m. No preparation. No cost.

CDA MEETING: Members of the Catholic Daughters are reminded of their meeting **this Monday, Sept. 24**, at the Columbian Center. Social hour at 5:30; **meeting at 6pm.** There will be 2 guest speakers from St. Mary's Health Wagon (Teresa Tyson, Exec. Dir. & Paula Hill, Clinical Director). Catholic ladies interested in joining CDA, please contact our Regent, Carol Reynolds, at 276-591-1134.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS are holding a **YARD SALE** on **Oct. 6, 8a-12n** at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN) Parking Lot spaces and Table spaces inside are \$10 if you wish to sell your own items. Donations of items accepted for the benefit of the Columbian Center. For more information, call Peter Nelson at 610-413-7390.

Treasures of the Church— led by Fr. Carlos Martins (Companions of the Cross) this **Sat., Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m.** provides you the opportunity to experience the living God through relics of His Saints. We'll begin with a presentation on the Church's use of relics and then will be the viewing of over 150 Sacred Relics including: relics of St. Benedict, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony, St. Faustina; a piece of a veil believed to have belonged to Our Lady, and also a pieces of the True Cross. You are invited to bring articles of devotion and photos of ill family members which can be touched to the reliquaries in intercessory prayer.

“40 Days for Life” September 26-November 4
Fundraising Dinner for Abortion Alternatives
Saturday, October 6—6:45-8:30pm

Please join the Respect Life Committee in attending the annual fundraiser for Abortion Alternatives at St. Dominic Catholic Church Family Life Center (2517 N. John B. Dennis Hwy., Kingsport, TN). Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds go towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Please **make your reservation** by calling Abortion Alternatives at 423-968-4673. Be sure to read the Respect Life insert this weekend for more events in our area during October—**National Respect Life month.**



SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER

Next Sunday, September 30th at 6 p.m.

Join us next Sunday evening, Sept. 30, at 6pm for Evening Prayer in honor of our local **Law Enforcement, Fire Department, and EMS personnel.** Come pray for and with those who help to keep us safe from harm. A reception will follow.

Baptism Preparation Class—October 6

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is **Sat., October 6 2pm-4pm** in the **Great Room.** If you have a child under age 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,** call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than Wed., October 3.**

Looking ahead just a bit...

- NO weekday Mass Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5
- NO Confessions Oct. 2 & 4
- There WILL BE wkly Adoration Oct. 2 (915a-4:30p)
- There WILL BE the Pet Blessing Oct. 4 (330p & 430p)