

*The grace of God is spread all over the earth. It comes to us in many ways, often through the unlikeliest of people or in the unlikeliest of situations. Let us reflect on how we have experienced God's grace in our lives and open ourselves to the possibility of receiving it at any time, in any place.*

**Readings for this week (Oct. 1-6)**

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10  
Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62  
Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12  
Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16  
Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

**Scripture for next Sunday (27th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**Genesis 2:18-24**

The two of them become one flesh.

**Hebrews 2:9-11**

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.

**Mark 10:2-16 (or) 10:2-12**

Therefore what God has joined together, let no human being separate.



**Parish Council**

Congratulations to those newly elected to our Parish Pastoral Council: **Linda Williams, Dave Hall, Angela Costagliola, and Wayne Thurston.**



**SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER**

**TONIGHT: September 30 at 6 p.m.**

Please join us this evening (Sunday, September 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 the prayer service.

***Please take Note!!***

*Fr. Chris will be on vacation most of this coming week:*

- **No Weekday Mass** Oct. 2-5 (**Tuesday thru Friday**)
- **No Confessions** Oct. 2 & 4 (**Tuesday and Thursday**)
- There **WILL BE Adoration** **Tuesday, 9:15a to 4:30p**  
(*Deacon Steve will open and close Adoration*)
- Fr. Chris **WILL BE HERE** for the **Pet Blessings** on **Thursday, Oct. 4 at 3:30p and 4:15p**, but then has to leave for a diocesan regional meeting in Abingdon.

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

Last week, I wrote about a story of one person reaching out to an atheist to share his faith in an attempt to change someone's life. I thought it was a great story. Sadly, we are encountering this more and more in our modern world as an increasing number of people are denying any belief in God. In addition, we face more criticism for sharing our own faith from those who feel we should just keep it to ourselves. I have a few thoughts about this I would like to share.

I gained a new appreciation for Catholic education when I was in seminary. In my first year, studying philosophy, I spent a lot of time reading material that had been written to discredit religion, and convince people there is no God. Many may wonder why we would read this in a seminary. I certainly did. I learned some important lessons from it though. First, there is a value in understanding the origins of the criticisms that have been made about our faith. It is helpful in defending what we believe. I also learned that the truth stands on its own. We were not taught to study our faith with blinders on. Instead, we were encouraged to look at all opinions, because in the end, the truth would be obvious.

I think this is significant when we look at atheism. Many people wonder why atheists go to such great lengths to defend what they believe, especially when they are defending a belief in nothing. It is one thing for me to defend my beliefs, because to live a life without knowing Christ is a life of loss. However, if atheists are correct in their belief that there is no God, then what we believe cannot harm them in any way. I think that many of them are so opposed to any discussion of religion, because they know somewhere in their hearts that there is a God. They may not want to believe it, but in the end, it is very hard to deny.

It is not always easy to share our faith with others, and we will often be criticized for doing it, but it is still worth doing. I believe that more often than we may realize, we are encountering people who are much more open to hearing about how our faith has changed our lives than we know. It doesn't take much to make a positive impression on someone else, just by showing what faith has done for us.

**Meals for HOSPICE HOUSE**

Reminder: If you would like to provide a lunch or supper for the families of the Hospice House patients any day from **Oct. 1 thru Oct. 8**, please call Joyce Paloian at 423-652-2599. Thank you!

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **Sun., Sept. 30—Youth Group (6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
  - Meet in the Church at 5:45 p.m.  
(*Evening Prayer for Police/Fire/EMS at 6p*)
  - Pick up will be at the 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!**
- **Sun., Oct. 21—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
  - The Church is the Body of Christ
  - **Confirmation Class!**

***A Special Note...***

I would like to thank Saint Anne's parishioners for their prayers, good wishes, and cards for my recent knee surgery and recovery. I appreciate your kindness.

*Nancy Weisenburger*

**Formed.org**

(Church code: 24Q8G9)

**Pick of the Week for Sept. 29/30: Brother Francis—The Barefoot Saint of Assisi:** In this exciting Augustine Institute audio drama, follow the fun-loving son and soldier of Assisi as he is transformed by the Gospel. Captivated by Christ, Saint Francis trades wealth for poverty, embraces lepers, shakes hands with the Pope, debates a Sultan, and touches the lives of millions. **Listen on formed.org.**

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday***

Please join us this **Tuesday, October 1, 9:15am-4:30pm.** Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm.**

**HELP NEEDED!!**

The **Reading Buddy Program** in the Bristol, VA school system is a way to advance literacy in the primary grades and reach out to children in our local community. Volunteers are needed!! The volunteer meets with their student 30 minutes a week. Scheduling is flexible. 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](mailto:sadebusk@bvps.org).

**THANK YOU TO OUR BLOOD DONORS!**

Many thanks to those who came to Give the Gift of Life at our recent Blood Drive. Mark your calendars for the next visit of the bloodmobile: **Wednesday, November 28.**

**Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., October 3, 2:45-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

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

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., October 3**, 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 **6:30pm.**
- **Mystagogy** will meet in the **school conference room** at **6:30pm.** Please stop by the Great Room for opening prayer.

For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call her at 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Feast of Saint Francis—Thursday, October 4**

***Annual Blessing of the Animals***

You are invited to bring your pets (all animals must be in cage or on leash) to our ***Pet Blessing*** this **Thursday, Oct. 4.** Father Chris will do the blessing in the center of the cemetery at **3:30 p.m.** and again at **4:15 p.m.**

**Fundraiser for Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA)**

**Music & Comedy with a *POINTE***

**Saturday, October 6 at 7pm** at Central Christian Church (424 Melrose St., Bristol, TN) with Dr. Doug LaPointe & Robin Ringer-LaPointe. Desserts will be served. For more information contact 423-764-9013.

***All offering proceeds go o BFIA!!***

**COATS for KIDS**

*(Partnership with King University,*

*Craig's One Hour Cleaners and the YWCA)*

Saint Anne's School is again collecting **COATS for KIDS.** Drop off new or "gently used and clean" coats at the **bin in the hall by the Great Room NLT October 12.** Distribution Day will be Sat., Oct. 27 from 10a-1p at Kline Gym on the King University Campus, Bristol, TN.

**Mass of Atonement:** If you weren't able to watch the livestream of the Mass on Sept. 14, you can view the Mass at <https://youtu.be/ONfK5gIJJZU>.

**St. Michael's Church—Craft Booth**

**Unicoi County APPLE FESTIVAL—Erwin, TN**

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Mission in Erwin will have a craft booth at the **Apple Festival October 5 & 6.** Stop by booth #205 (corner of N. Main & Tucker St., Erwin) St. Michael's "*Crafters on a Mission*" are selling handmade items to support the Mission building fund.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**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

(No Weekday Masses this Week)

**Saturday, October 6**

5:30 p.m. †Jeffery Miles

**Sunday, October 7**

8:30 a.m. †Markus "Max" Reich  
11:30 a.m. †Marie Mann  
2:00 p.m. †Parishioners

**ROSARY and BRUNCH**

October is the Month of the Rosary. Saint Anne's Council of Catholic Women will celebrate with a Rosary and Brunch on **Saturday, October 20 at 9 a.m.** here at Saint Anne's Church.

The intentions of the Rosary will be for the Church and Clergy, and we are inviting everyone in the parish to come pray with us.

Please put October 20th on your calendar. Sign-up sheets will be in the commons the weekends of Oct. 6/7 and Oct. 13/14. If you would like to share a covered dish, please note it on the sign-up sheet. We sincerely hope you and your family will come and join us.



**Collection Report (Sept. 22/23)**

Regular/Operating	\$11,090.63
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 108.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 65.00
Debt Reduction/Campaign 2013	\$ 1,075.00

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

2nd Collections are taken up during the Offertory immediately after the regular operating collection. **Upcoming collections:**

Sept. 30	Retirement Fund for Religious
October 7	St. Anne Catholic School
October 14	SW Virginia Health Wagon
Nov. 4	St. Anne Catholic School
Nov. 11	Archdiocese for Military Services
December 2	St. Anne Catholic School
December 16	St. Anne's Social Ministry (local outreach)
December 25	Commonwealth Catholic Charities

**HOLY DAY Collections**

At Holy Day Masses, the collection during the offertory is for our operating fund. Holy Day collections at Masses on Nov. 1 (All Saints), Immaculate Conception (Vigil Mass on Dec. 7), at our Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 24/25), and for the Solemnity of Mary (Dec. 31/Jan. 1).

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, September 30:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE): 945a-11a** in the Great Room. **Abraham: Father of Faith and Works, *The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine***

**Monday, October 1:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: *The Papal Monarchy-Politics and The Popes at Avignon***. Join us **1:00-2:30pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

**Tuesday, October 2:**

- **Book Club: 10:30-11:30a** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***The Pivotal Players. St. Thomas Aquinas***
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study** will meet **6:30-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. ***The Letter to the Philippians: Friendship in Christ—Part 2***.

**Wednesday, October 3:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30pm, in the 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.

***"40 Days for Life" September 26—November 4  
National Respect Life Month—October 2018***

**Happening this week:**

- **Friday, October 5** (and all Fridays of October) **Prayer for the end of abortion, Noon-4pm** on West State Street across from the Bristol Regional Women's Center. Bring your rosary.
- **Saturday, October 6** **Fundraising Dinner in support of Abortion Alternatives** 6:45pm at St. Dominic Catholic Church Family Life Center. All proceeds go towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Make your reservations at 423-968-4673 (Abortion Alternatives).

By the grace of God, **40 Days for Life** has achieved a stunning track record of life-saving results since launching in 2007 and rapidly becoming a worldwide movement with 750,000 volunteers in 769 cities in 50 nations with 5,605 local campaigns. 14,643 lives have been saved, 177 abortion workers have quit and 96 abortion centers closed. Please join us in prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil as we continue to pray for an end to abortion.

**Blackjack, Bourbon & Brews Casino Night  
ABUSE Alternatives Fundraiser—October 6**

Tickets are available at [www.abusealternativesinc.org/](http://www.abusealternativesinc.org/) events or 423-652-9093 for this event to support Abuse Alternatives. Come out for a great night of fun on **Saturday, October 6th** from **8p-11pm** at the **Holston Brewery** (2623 Volunteer Pkwy., Bristol, TN)

***Baptismal Preparation Class—October 6***

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sat., Oct. 6, 2pm-4pm** in the **Great Room**. If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or 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@sannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@sannes-bristol.org) **no later than this Wednesday, October 3.**

***“Surge of the Heart” Parish Mission  
October 10, 11, & 12 at 7pm***

During “Surge of the Heart” Jon Leonetti will be presenting on three distinct topics within our Catholic faith.

- Wednesday: Who is God and why does that matter?
- Thursday: Jon will outline the lives of some of the most fascinating and holy people to ever walk the planet.
- Friday: Jon will help us live an authentic relationship with Jesus in the messiness of everyday life.

Make sure to invite a family member or friend! The nursery will be provided and a reception will follow each evening.

***Looking ahead just a bit...***

— Parish Office Closed on Monday, Oct. 8 for the Columbus Day holiday. Bulletin deadline will still be noon. Leave info on parish main voicemail or email.



We would like to Welcome the following who have recently registered with our parish:

- **Michelle Coplin** and her son **James**—P.O. Box 273, Bluff City, TN 37618, 615-337-8602
- **Marion O’Neill**—16019 Forest Meadow Rd., Bristol, VA 24202, 908-295-6556
- **Tyler & Kayli Stampler**, 517 Pennsylvania Ave., Bristol, TN 37620, 954-821-8898, 443-852-6655
- **Will & Karen Stieve**—9436 Reedy Creek Rd., Bristol, VA 24202, 276-591-4677

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS YARD SALE: Saturday, 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.

**Knight of the Month** (September): **Matthew Powell**  
**Family of the Month** (Sept.): **Jorge & Dawn Figueiras**