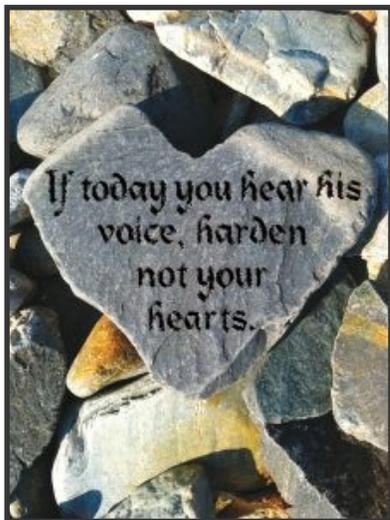


Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we hear Jesus use the image of the mustard seed. The mustard seed is tiny—not much larger than a grain of sand—yet when planted and nurtured, grows into a large, strong tree. It takes time, though. As we look around today, let us ponder how all of us were once the size of a mustard seed, but now, loved and nurtured, we have grown in body, soul, and spirit.



**Readings for this Week (Oct. 7-12)**

<b>Monday:</b>	Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11;	Luke 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jonah 3:1-10;	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jonah 4:1-11;	Luke 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Malachi 3:13-20b;	Luke 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2;	Luke 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Joel 4:12-21;	Luke 11:27-28

**Scripture for next Sunday**  
**28th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**2 Kings 5:14-17**

The foreigner Naaman humbles himself and receives God's healing.

**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

If, like Christ, we hold out even to death, we will reign with Christ.

**Luke 17:11-19**

Ten lepers show faith in obeying the Lord, but in thankfulness one goes a step farther— straight into the kingdom of God.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Mike Arnold**, a member of our parish family, who died this past week. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Rita, at 20 Holmes Street, Bristol, TN 37620, or to his daughter, Teresa Ward, at 2113 Westfield St., Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for **Boyd Herman**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes may be sent to his wife, Dawn, at 243 Johnson Cemetery Road, Blountville, TN 37617.

*From the Pastor* 

I decided this weekend to write what will probably be one of the only articles in print that is not about impeachment. I am quite tired of hearing about this. Yes, we need to pay attention to what happens in government and we need to stay informed, but I am a bit burned out right now.

One of the reasons I get so burned out listening to politicians is that so many of them seem to be trying to promote an agenda rather than learn the truth about anything. They place labels on people that will promote their own views. When this happens we begin to respond to labels rather than to the person.

Ok, now I am going to step away from politics altogether. Almost. What I want to discuss is when this idea of labeling people starts to spill over into the Church. It is easy enough to do. We call people as liberal or conservative. We call them traditional or progressive. Yes, these things may be accurate, but I am still disturbed when I hear these terms being used in the Church. Why? The more we place labels on people, the more we have an excuse not to get to know someone.

I can label a person as liberal or conservative and the label may be quite accurate, but what does that really tell me about that person? Does that label tell me what is most important in this person's life? Does that label tell me what this person needs the most right now? Does that label tell me what brings this person the most joy, hope, or fear? Even more important, does the label tell me why this person is coming to Mass every week, or choosing not to come to Mass at all? There will always be a temptation to label people a certain way. However if we really want to evangelize, we need to step away from labels and learn who people really are and what is really going on in their lives.

**MEALS for HOSPICE HOUSE**

St. Anne's will again be providing meals for the families and friends of the Hospice House patients. If you wish to provide a lunch or supper, any day, beginning **October 6th thru October 11th**, please call Joyce Paloian at 423-652-2599.

**OCTOBER is the month of the Rosary**  
*Pray the Rosary!!*



## 40 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!

Please join your parish community in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week. **We are asking all parishioners to sign up for one hour of adoration during the 40-hour period.** If you did not get a chance to sign-up for an hour, please come when you can. We need to have at least two people for each hour. Security will be provided from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thank you! (Please NOTE: there will **NOT** be our regular Tuesday Adoration on October 8.)

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

- **Oct. 6—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)  
(this is a change from the original calendar due to the cancellation of our Busch Gardens trip.)
  - On Being Holy
  - **Confirmation Class**
- **Oct. 13—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
  - The “In” Crowd
- **Oct. 20—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
  - Contents Under Pressure
  - **Confirmation Class**
- **Oct. 26—Fun Night! (7:15am-11:45pm)**  
This is a **SATURDAY!!** ■ Dollywood!!
- **Oct. 27—NO SHYM**
  - Due to the late night at Dollywood

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

- **Oct. 6—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)  
(this is a change from the original calendar due to the cancellation of our Busch Gardens trip.)
- **Oct. 13—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Oct. 19—Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally**  
(6:00am-9:30pm) - **This is a SATURDAY!**
  - Charlottesville, VA
- **Oct. 20—NO JHYM** (Due to Middle School Rally)
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**Open to ALL 7th & 8th Graders**

The Youth Rally is a 1-day diocesan gathering of middle school youth. This will be a high-energy day filled with great talks from a keynote speaker, fun activities, games, and a chance to meet other youth from nearby parishes. For details or to register, please contact Laura Cochrane at 276-492-3095 or [lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org).

**Registration forms need to be in to Laura by October 8!**

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### October 6—Today is Respect Life Sunday “Christ Our HOPE: In Every Season of Life”

—From the time we are knit together in our mother’s wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

—The Church teaches us that “the one who has hope lives differently” (*Spe salvi* 2). Christ’s promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Stop by the *Respect Life Table* in the commons to pick-up interesting reading materials and other respect life items during the month of October.

**Bereavement Committee** members are reminded of our meeting on Monday, **October 7, at 10 a.m.** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.



### Altar Server Training/Refresher

There will be an Altar Server Training/Refresher class this **Tuesday, October 8 at 6:15 p.m.** This training is for anyone interested in serving or current servers as a refresher. Servers need to be Catholic, at least age ten and have received their First Communion. Adults are also welcome to serve in this ministry. Any questions, please contact the church office.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, October 9, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us! A big **“Thank You”** to all those who brought in yarn donations. We appreciate your generosity!

**NO Parish Life Committee Meeting** this month!



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 5** (*Vigil: 27th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)  
5:30 p.m. Spec. Int: James "Jeff" Johnson (*birthday*)  
**Sunday, October 6** (*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)  
8:30 a.m. †Billy G. Thomas, Sr.  
11:30 a.m. †Joan Dawes  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)  
**Tuesday, October 8**  
8:30 a.m. †Janet Agnes Wnuk  
**Wednesday, October 9**  
8:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for Greg Lenzioszek  
**Thursday, October 10**  
6:00 p.m. †Dorothy "Dot" Brown  
**Friday, October 11**  
8:30 a.m. †Betty Miller & †Ann Rogers  
**Saturday, October 12** (*Vigil: 28th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)  
5:30 p.m. †Rose Rotella  
**Sunday, October 13** (*28th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)  
8:30 a.m. †Anna Grace Cooper  
11:30 a.m. †Geraldine Fleenor  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Collection Report (September 28/29)

Regular/Operating	\$7,238.25
Retired Religious 2nd Collection	\$3,175.00

**2nd Collection** this weekend (*1st Sunday of the month*) is taken up for St. Anne's School. Thank you for your support!

#### Upcoming Second Collections:

Oct. 19/20	Catholic World Missions
Oct. 26/27	Mission Cooperative

(for St. Bernard/Gate City & St. Patrick/Dungannon)

#### 40 Days for Life: Sept. 25 thru Nov. 3

Prayer Vigil across from the Women's Clinic on W. State Street. Many folks are needed to pray for an end to abortion. Stop by the Respect Life table in the commons for more info or contact Angie Bush at 423-482-1324 or email [40daysbristoltn@gmail.com](mailto:40daysbristoltn@gmail.com).

# THANKS

Many thanks to *Marilyn Broglio, Donna Hale, Pam Balaban and Liz Murray* for the wonderful reception after the Evening Prayer for our First Responders last Sunday. And thanks to *Ron & Edi Early, Ed Balaban, Martin Robinette & Richard Davis* for their help with set up, serving and clean up.

### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

#### Sunday, October 6:

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) **Jesus Revealed-Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "King of Kings"**. 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, **October 13: "The Word"** in the Great Room.

#### Monday, October 7:

- **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, October 8:

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

#### Wednesday, October 9:

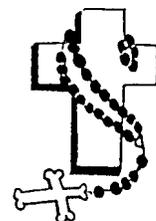
- **Wednesday Scripture Study Group, "Gospel According to John"** 1:00-2:30pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- **RCIA at 6:30 p.m.**

For more details about any of the above programs, email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Wednesday Prayer Group, October 8, 2:45-3:45 p.m.** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

### ROSARY and Breakfast

Saturday  
October 19th



October is the Month of the Rosary. The Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Rosary and Breakfast on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The Rosary will begin at **9:00am** and the breakfast will follow.

All members of the parish are invited. The Council plans this event to be a special time for us to come together as a community to pray for the Church, the Clergy, and the Laity. As Church, we wish to revere Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Please bring your rosary and join us. Sign up sheets will be available this weekend and next (October 5/6 and 12/13). For more information, please contact Joyce Denton at 276-669-3224 or Barbara Dittmar at 276-669-3144.

### Children's Choir

St. Anne's Children's Choir will sing for the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, October 27. Rehearsals will be on **Wednesdays: Oct. 9, 16, & 23 at 3:20 p.m.** Weekly rehearsals will last approximately 30 minutes. Children that are not in Saint Anne's School are welcome to come to the rehearsal later if they cannot make it at 3:20.



CD's and music will be provided to the children to bring home. *This choir is open to all the children of St. Anne's Church in 2nd thru 8th Grade.*

### Anna Cooper Memorial Fun Run/Walk

WHEN: **Sat., Oct. 19**, 7:30a/T-shirt pick up  
8:30a: Run/walk start time  
(3 mile run / 1 1/2 mile walk)

WHERE: **Whitetop Creek Park**, Bristol, TN  
(located off Hwy 394 near BMS)

Please join Todd & Jennifer Cooper & family as they host a Run/Walk in memory of their daughter Anna who passed away in June of cancer. All donations will be sent to *Anna's Backpack Buddies Fund* at Tennessee Tech which provides meals to underprivileged youth. For more information, contact Jennifer Cooper at [tjcoop@bttes.tv](mailto:tjcoop@bttes.tv) or call her at 423-366-2885.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- ◆ Catechumens & Candidates will meet this **Wed., October 9**, in the Great Room, **6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- ◆ Inquirers will meet in the office conference room after opening prayer in the Great Room at **6:30pm**.
- ◆ Children's RCIA will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at 6:30pm before going to class.
- ◆ Mystagogy will meet in the school library after opening prayer in the Great Room at 6:30 p.m.

**RCIA notes:** Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God the Father's love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek him with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation. If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org).

### St. Anne's Friendship Club

Meeting LOCATION change for St. Anne's Friendship Club — We will meet on **Thursday, October 17, 2019** at **11:30 a.m.** at the **MAD GREEK** restaurant on the Volunteer Parkway. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, October 15 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!!