

**"All things are possible for God."** Jesus follows a series of challenging pronouncements with this line — some of the most consoling words that he utters in the Gospels. Recall the times you have had to rely on God because you didn't know if you could manage on your own. For us human beings on our own, it may well be impossible, but for God, all things are possible.

**Scripture for this Week (October 15-20)**

Monday: Gal. 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal. 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal. 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46  
Thursday: 2 Tm. 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9  
Friday: Eph. 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7  
(or) 2 Cor. 4:7-15; Mt. 28:16-20  
Saturday: Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

**Scripture for next Sunday (29th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**Isaiah 53:10-11**

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,  
he shall see his descendants in a long life.

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

**Mark 10:35-45 (or) 10:42-45**

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Jeanette Crum**, a member of our parish family, who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o her son Dr. Joe Crum at 6140 Hwy. 421, Bristol, TN 37620; or to her daughters Sherrie Balcher, Sheila Rojek, granddaughter Jane Kessen c/o 21835 Old Dominion Rd., Bristol, VA 24202.

Your prayers are asked for **Eugene "Sonny" Inge**, the brother of **Wayne Thurston**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Wayne at 1209 Massachusetts Ave., Bristol, VA 24201.

**"Box of Joy"**

**For their Outreach project Sunday School of Religion and Junior High Religious Education classes** have taken

on putting together **Boxes of Joy** for under privileged children. This is sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. Our goal is to fill 100 **Boxes of Joy**—Will you help us?

**Stop by the table in the commons to pick up your box and instructions.**

**Please return the boxes to the table in the commons no later than Nov. 4.**

**Thank you in advance for your help with this wonderful project.**

**Formed.org**

**(Church code: 24Q8G9)**

**Check it out!!**

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

I would like to take some time to discuss one of the most misunderstood topics in the Catholic Church. It is also one of the most important. Do we have a relationship with Jesus Christ in our lives? This is not just a relationship we have as a Church, but something each of us should have in our own lives. For anyone who is seeking to deepen their faith, this should be the starting point.

Why do I say this is one of the most misunderstood topics in our faith? To start, there are many who will say this is not a Catholic idea. If that sounds ridiculous to you, that is a good thing, it should. Still, there are some who say the Catholic Church does not teach us we should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. There are also many who have left the Catholic Church, because they feel they cannot have that personal relationship here. Both of these ideas are incorrect, and a starting point of evangelization should be to teach people by the example of our lives that this is not true.

I also want to talk about why some people would believe having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is not a Catholic idea. For one thing, the Church has not always done the best job of teaching this. I have seen this myself, and heard it in the stories of others, who walked away from the Church, because they could not find this relationship. We can do better.

There is yet another reason that many Catholics shy away from the idea of having a personal relationship with Christ. It is also one I have encountered many times in my life. This is an idea that has been used to attack the Catholic Church. It has been said that our rituals and traditions are meaningless, and that we have no need for the sacraments. All we really need is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is an attack that has been very effective. It has led many people to abandon the Catholic Church to seek instead their own personal relationship with Christ.

I have two objections to this I am going to be explaining in greater detail over the next two weeks. First, while it is true that Christ desires to have a relationship with each one of us, if I abandon this community that is the body of Christ to seek a relationship that is only Christ and me, then I will never find the relationship that Christ desires to have with me. Second, seeking a relationship with Christ that is not grounded in the teaching of the Church is the gateway to embracing moral relativism. We cannot have a relationship if we do not know what that relationship is meant to be.

I am going to close by inviting people to spend the next week reflecting on this. God has revealed himself to his people gradually throughout our history. This revelation to us reached its fullness in Jesus Christ, who is the living Word of God and became flesh to live among us. As someone who was fully human and fully God, he died for our sins and rose from the dead to lead us to eternal life. He is present to each of us in our lives. He is calling us not only to know these truths about who is he, but also to know him. We come together as a Church to deepen this relationship in our lives, but also to demonstrate to the world what this relationship is meant to be.

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **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**
- **Sun., Oct. 28—Fun Night (TBD)**
  - Cleek Farms
- **Sun., Nov. 4—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)**
  - The Blessed Virgin Mary
  - **Confirmation Class**

**A NOTE OF THANKS....**

Thank you to all those who provided the meals for the families of the Hospice House patients. These meals are so appreciated, allowing those families to stay in house with their loved ones at this difficult time. God Bless.

*Joyce Paloian*

**Presentation by AirMedCare**

Knights of Columbus Council 6695 invite parishioners to a presentation by **AirMedCare**, an emergency medical transport service available to families and businesses. The presentation will be at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN) this **Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.** Questions? Please call Ken Johnson at 423-217-7080.



Father Chris will be with the other priests of the Richmond Diocese this week at the **Priests' Convocation**. Please take note of the following liturgy changes:

- **No Weekday Mass** Tues/Wed/Thurs (Oct. 16/17/18)
- **No ADORATION** this Tuesday, Oct. 16
- **No Confessions** Tues/Thurs (Oct. 16/18)

There ***WILL BE*** Mass this Friday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 a.m.

**Little Rock Scripture Study—Gospel According to Luke**

*New study session begins this **Wednesday, October 17***

Please sign up at the table in the commons or by emailing [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) to join the Wednesday study group for “**The Gospel According to Luke**”. No cost. The Wednesday group meets at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Prayer group meeting this week:**

**Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2:45pm-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!

The **Evangelization Committee** will meet this **Wed., October 17, at 3 p.m.**, in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. All current and any new members who would like to help us with our evangelization efforts are encouraged to attend. The committee will continue training on Evangelization in order to help parishioners, and our parish, more effectively serve the evangelizing mission of the Church. If interested, please join us! All are welcome!

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

- **Catechumens & Candidates** meet this **Wed., Oct. 17** 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 **6:30 p.m.**

**Friendship Club** will meet this **Thursday, Oct. 18, 11:30am** at **Logan's** (Exit 7). Call Gina Rossetti (423-878-7827) by this Tuesday, Oct. 16 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

**Position Available—Finance Director**

Deacon Steve Helbrecht will soon be retiring. St. Anne Catholic Church is seeking a Finance Director to be a good steward of the parish and school assets. The Director will create and present monthly financial reports; manage all cash flow and investments as required; monitor bank accounts for St. Anne's Church and School, and St. Bernard (Gate City) and St. Patrick (Dungannon) churches; will review and verify all bank reconciliation; prepare annual budgets and annual reports; work with the property manager to report on the parish's rental properties in regards to their financial performance and expenses; and report and track on the financial aid rewards for school families, among other duties. B.S. or B.A. in Finance, Accounting or related field is required; strong analytical skills and strong communication skills required, with proficiency in Microsoft Office 365. General knowledge of the structure and functioning of the Catholic Church is preferred. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resumé and **completed Diocesan Application** to Rosie Mansfield, Ofc. Mgr., at [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

**REMINDER!!** Be sure to remember to sign up for the ***Rosary & Brunch*** sponsored by St. Anne's Council of Catholic Women being held **Saturday, Oct. 20 at 9 a.m.** here at the parish. All parishioners are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets are in the commons.

**AFFC (Adult Faith Formation Committee) members** are reminded of our upcoming planning meeting **Monday, Oct. 22**. If you'd like to join the committee and help plan Adult Faith Formation offerings for our parish, please join us. We meet **4:00-5:00pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

**MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK**

Sat., Oct. 13	5:30 p.m.	†Tony Feil
Sun., Oct. 14	8:30 a.m.	†Jason Hearl
	11:30 a.m.	†June Musick
	2:00 p.m./Spanish	†Parishioners
<i>(NO Weekday Masses October 16, 17, 18; Priests' Convocation)</i>		
Friday, Oct. 19	7:30 a.m.	†Marian King
Sat., Oct. 20	5:30 p.m.	†Paul Goldman
Sun., Oct. 21	8:30 a.m.	†Mike Parkulo
	11:30 a.m.	<i>recently deceased CDA members:</i> †Mary Pat Flanagan and †Thalia Cooper
	2:00 p.m./Spanish	†Parishioners

**Collection Report (Oct. 6/7)**

Regular/Operating \$17,523.50; School 2nd Collection \$4,389.; Retired Religious \$1,240; Debt Reduction \$276; Mission Cooperative \$100; World Missions \$50; BFIA \$75; Haiti \$20; All Saints \$100.

**Second Collections:**

- Oct. 14—Mission Cooperative (SW VA Health Wagon)
- Oct. 21—Catholic World Missions  
*Supports Catholic Mission work around the world*
- Oct. 28—Disaster Relief (Hurricane Florence & other disasters)  
*(Catholic Charities & Catholic Relief Services)*

**Did you know??? !!!**

We are getting close to paying off our building debt (*from the purchase of properties on the block and building the Middle School/Parish Life Center*). Our goal is to have the debt paid off by the end of 2018! **Many thanks to everyone who paid on their pledges to Campaign 2013 and to those who have continued to donate to "Debt Reduction"**. If you are new to our parish, or perhaps were unable to donate previously, if you'd like to help us reach our goal by year-end, your donation to "St. Anne's Debt Reduction" would be appreciated!!

**A Special Note...**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, texts, phone calls and social media contacts in regards to the passing of my brother, Eugene Inge, last week in Woodbridge, VA. Your warmth, care and love was very comforting to me and my family. Thank you.

*Wayne Thurston*

**King Institute for Faith & Culture**

*Writing Remembrance and Hope:*

***Katherine Peterson and Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
in Conversation***

Central Presbyterian Church  
(across Euclid Ave. from St. Anne's)

**Monday, October 22 at 7 p.m.**

For more information go to [faithandculture@king.edu](mailto:faithandculture@king.edu) or call 423-652-4157 (or see the poster on the parish bulletin board.)

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, October 14:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) 9:45-11am** in the Great Room. **Moses: Signs, Sacraments, and Salvation. Part 2.**

**Monday, October 15:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: *The Renaissance Papacy-Culture and The Challenge of Reform-Protestantism.* St. Vincent de Paul Center 1pm-2:30.** All are welcome to join us. No need to sign up.

**Tuesday, October 16**

- **Book Club: 1030-1130am at St. Vincent de Paul Center.** *The Pivotal Players.* Bl. John Henry Newman
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study** will meet **6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. The Letter to the Philippians: *The Mind of Christ--Part 2.*

**Wednesday, October 17:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1pm-2:30pm, Saint Vincent de Paul Center.** *The Gospel According to Luke*
- **RCIA—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.

**SMARE—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: Next Sunday, Oct. 21: David & Solomon—Part 1.**

Why is Jesus called the Son of David and why is that important to understanding Our Lord? How did the Kingdom of Israel prefigure and anticipate the Kingdom of God and the Catholic Church? Join us any **Sunday in the Great Room, 9:45am-11:00am.** Coffee and doughnuts at 9:45am; presentation begins at **9:50am.** No preparation and no cost.



Members of the *Catholic Daughters of the Americas*, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting on **Monday, October 22**, at the Columbian Center. Meeting begins at **6 p.m.**, with social time at **5:30 p.m.** St. Anne Catholic School Principal Billie Schneider will be our guest speaker. Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, 276-591-1134 or Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827. The CDA theme is **"For Him, we live and move and have our being."** Acts 17:2

**SCHOOL BOOK FAIR!** Celebrate reading with Saint Anne's School during our Scholastic Book Fair **Oct. 23-26.** Stop by the school library anytime from 7:45a-4p to shop. Can't make it during the day? We'll be open **until 7 p.m.** on Tuesday, **Oct. 23** or you can support our school by shopping the **Online Book Fair** at [www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/findafair](http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/findafair) Join us for some fun with books! Contact Angie Bush, 276-669-0048, or [abush@stanneschoolbristol.org](mailto:abush@stanneschoolbristol.org) if you have any questions.

**Parish Nursery is Open!**  
**for 11:30am Mass and 2:00pm Mass**

Parents, the Parish Nursery is available for your little ones for the above mentioned Masses. We have trained nursery workers who will provide your child with loving care as they play while you attend Mass. The nursery is for children ages 6 and under.

**“Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent”**  
**Respect Life Month—October 2018**

*“Heavenly Father... give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.”* USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Please read the bulletin insert in today’s bulletin for more information about **palliative care v. assisted suicide**. Also, stop by the Respect Life table in the commons to pick up free materials. Please join us in prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil (Fridays, Noon-4pm across from the Bristol Women’s Regional Center on W. State St.) as we continue to pray for an end to abortion.

**Mark your Calendars!!**

**St. Anne School’s Fall Fundraiser** is **Saturday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.** at **Bristol Station Brews & Taproom** (Piedmont Ave., Downtown Bristol). [Stay tuned for more details!!](#)

**Thank you Food City Shoppers! 121 households have connected Valucards to St. Anne’s School.** Have you? Remember, we need everyone to redo this at the beginning of each school year. Last year you raised over \$3000 just by shopping at Food City! Add our school to your Food City account at [www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks](http://www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks). Contact Angie Bush, 276-669-0048 if you need assistance.

**Thank you Kroger Shoppers!** Over the months of June, July, and August, 48 households raised \$406.38! As with Food City, Kroger shoppers also need to re-link your cards once a year. Please check your Kroger account to see if your card is still connect to St. Anne’s School. Go to: <https://www.kroger.com/accuont/communityrewards/> Please contact Angie Bush, 276-669-0048 for assistance.

**30’s Ministry—Saturday, October 27**  
**for parishioners ages 30-39 & spouses**

If you are between age 30 and 39, single or married, children or no children, 30’s Ministry is for you! This is a chance to meet with others your age and take advantage of opportunities planned just for YOU. Please plan to attend in the Great Room **after 5:30pm Mass on Sat., Oct. 27** (or **approx. 6:45pm**). Food will be provided and the nursery for your children provided if needed. **Stop by the table in the commons and sign up to attend or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org)**. *Hope to see you there!!*