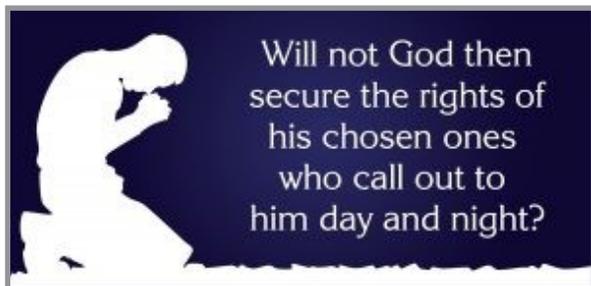


How do we pray? Do we only pray once a week when we come to Mass? Maybe once in a while when something important comes up? Or do we pray regularly and purpose-fully? Do we try to listen to what God is telling us? Do we find prayer helpful? Let us think about how Jesus asks us to pray that we may more closely follow His example.



Readings for this Week (Oct. 21-26)

Monday:	Romans 4:20-25;	Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;	Lk.12:35-38
Wednesday:	Romans 6:12-18;	Luke 12:39-48
Thursday:	Romans 6:19-23;	Luke 12:49-53
Friday:	Romans 7:18-25a;	Luke 12:54-59
Saturday:	Romans 8:1-11;	Luke 13:1-9

Scripture for next Sunday (30th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The God of justice knows no favorites.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I have competed well, I have finished the race.

Luke 18:9-14

"O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

It is the prayers of the needy that scripture tells us God hears. Sirach mentions the widow and the orphan, the lowly and the oppressed. Jesus tells of the tax collector, acknowledging his sinfulness and his need for God's mercy. Let us look inside ourselves and recognize our needfulness, our humanness, our poverty. What prayer do we need to make to God?

Bulletin Deadline for Oct. 27 bulletin is **TODAY** (Sunday, Oct. 20) NLT 1pm!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Jenifer Kelly**, the granddaughter of **John Flanagan**, who died this past week in Pennsylvania. Notes may be sent to John at 14804 Wyndale Rd., Abingdon, VA 24210.

Your prayers are asked for **Anna Stephanik**, the niece of **Andy Cyzick**, who died recently in West Virginia. Notes may be sent to Andy at 255 Riverview Dr., Bluff City, TN 37618.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are placed in memory of **Donald J. Miles**, the father of Chris Jenkins; given by Bearl & Chris Jenkins.



From the Pastor

I decided to write about vocations as I prepare to head to the annual convocation and spend some time with my brother priests. I always enjoy this time every year to spend time with all the priests of our diocese. When we get together I am reminded in a special way just how much I love the priesthood and how blessed I am to be where I am. This inspired me to invite others to think about their own vocation.

Some will say this is not a discussion for them.... *I do not have a vocation. Others will say... I cannot have a vocation, I am married.* I remind those people that marriage is a vocation. True, we all hear the topic of vocations come up and we immediately think that means we are looking for people to send off to the seminary, the convent, or maybe even a monastery high up in the mountains. This is definitely a part of vocations, and it is definitely something we want people to think about when we discuss this issue, but there is more. When we discuss vocations awareness, we are not trying to persuade people to go and do something holy with their lives. We are all called to do that. Let me repeat that. **We are all called to be holy in whatever we do with our lives.**

Understanding vocations is much more than understanding the call to be holy. It is understanding what God has called us to do with our lives. I think this is another reason vocations awareness is not discussed as much as it should be. No one likes the idea of someone else choosing what their life should be. We live in a culture that says the individual has a right to decide what they are and what they will be. However, vocations is not about God telling what we should do with our lives. That is a very short sighted outlook.

God does not point us in a direction that he thinks would be good for our lives because he wants to control us. If we take the time to listen to him, God will reveal to each of us what we were created to be. The same God who told the prophet Jeremiah, "**Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,**" created each of us in the same way. He knew us before we came into being, and then reveals to us what we were meant to be.

Discussing vocations is not about trying to convince people what they should be doing with their lives. I've spent a lot of time talking about building a relationship with our God. Part of developing that relationship is allowing him to reveal himself to us. That also includes loosing the tight grip we have on our own lives as we struggle to control everything, and let God show us how we were all created for a purpose. It's not always easy to trust God in that way, but in the end, what could we ever decide to do with our lives that will rival what God created us to be?

A Special Note...

On behalf of the family of Mike Arnold, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers, food and cards, at his passing. And a Special Thank You to Sheri Schreiber on her being a great and faithful Eucharistic Minister before Mike's passing, her words of wisdom meant so much and gave us a sincere feeling of God's works. The service and music were beautiful.

Rita Arnold, Theresa Ward and Michael Arnold

Please note: The parish office will be closed this Monday, Oct. 21 (both *Rosie M. & Betty F.* will be off *Monday*). Rosie will be off the rest of the week also; Betty will be at the front desk Tuesday thru Friday, 9a-4p, and she can be reached at ext. 22 or frontdesk@stannes-bristol.org.

Respect Life Committee Members are reminded of our meeting this **Monday, October 21, at 4 p.m.** in the parish office conference room. New members are always welcome to join the committee.



Thank you to all those who **provided meals** for the families and friends of the **Hospice House** patients. These meals are always appreciated, allowing those folks to stay near their loved ones.

October is Respect Life Month

“Christ Our HOPE: In Every Season of Life”

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed His last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, “God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end.” (*Spe salvi 31*)

Christians know “they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness.” (*SS 2*)

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

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 as we continue in prayer for respect of all life from conception to natural death.

Bristol Faith in Action—Inaugural Christmas Ornament Fundraiser (\$25 each) See the flyer on the parish bulletin board. *All donations appreciated!* These funds will be designated for BFIA's new program, HEAVENLY HAND UP. For more details, call 276-466-8292 or email director@bristolfia.org. (BFIA is located at 1534 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA.)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., October 23**, in the Great Room, **630-8:00pm**.
- **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.

For more information about RCIA, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

St. Anne's Children's Choir will sing for the **11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 27**



Final rehearsal is this Wednesday, October 23 at 3:20pm

If your child doesn't attend our school and can't make it that early, they are welcome to come as soon as they can get here after school. The rehearsal will last around 30 minutes and all children in grades 2 thru 8 are welcome to come sing in the Choir. Any questions, please contact Chris Neal in the parish office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

Adult Faith Formation Committee Members are reminded of our planning meeting on **Monday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Parish Family Night returns
Wednesday, November 6
“Eucharist in the Scripture”

Sign up next weekend in the commons if you are attending the optional dinner!

(You do not need to sign up to attend the presentation.)

- * 5:30-6:15pm Dinner Served
- * 6:30-7:00pm Evening Prayer in the church
- * 7:00-8:00pm Presentation in the Great Room by Fr. Chris for Adults

◇ Children and Teens will go with their age group for a fun night of learning more about the Eucharist

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Craft & Bake Sale!

Looking for a unique gift or a sweet treat? St. Elizabeth's (510 West C Street, Elizabethton, TN) invite you to their Craft & Bake Sale on **Sat., Nov. 2 from 9a to 1p**. All proceeds go toward purchasing items for the church.

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

Saturday, October 19 (*Vigil: 29th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

Sunday, October 20 (*29th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Anna Cooper

11:30 a.m. †Recently deceased CDA members

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, October 22

8:30 a.m. †Mike Parkulo

Wednesday, October 23

8:30 a.m. †Herbert Dittmar

Thursday, October 24

6:00 p.m. †Jonathan Mendoza-Onate

Friday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Pansy Brittenham

Saturday, October 26 (*Vigil: 30th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. Spec. Int.: Patricia (Green) Johnson (b'day)

Sunday, October 27 (*30th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Hedwig Meussen

11:30 a.m. †Mary Beth Grubb

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Collection Report (October 12/13)

Regular/Operating \$11,482.

Add'l School 2nd Collection \$ 611.

Social Ministry \$ 100.

Second Collections: This weekend our second collection is for **Catholic WORLD MISSIONS**. Next week (Oct. 26/27) will be the Mission Cooperative collection for our neighboring parishes in **Gate City and Dungannon, VA**. The 2nd coll. Nov. 2/3 will be for **St. Anne's School**, and the collection on Nov. 10/11 will be taken up for the **Archdiocese for Military Services**.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, October 20:

- **SMARE (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education)**
Jesus Revealed-Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names- "I AM". 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, **October 27: "Son of God"** in the Great Room.

Monday, October 21:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation this week.**

Tuesday, October 22:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30am** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **The Great Divorce** by C.S. Lewis.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study: 6:30pm**, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center

Wednesday, October 23:

- **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 or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Wednesday Prayer Group, Oct. 23, 2:45-3:45pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

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

- **Oct. 20—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Contents Under Pressure
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Oct. 26—Fun Night! (7:15am-11:45pm)**
 - Dollywood!!
- **Oct. 27—NO SHYM**
 - Due to the Dollywood trip
- **Nov. 3—NET Ministries Retreat (9:30am-4pm)**
 - SHYM will attend the NET Retreat!
 - Confirmation youth will attend NET Retreat

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

- **Oct. 19—Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally (6:15am-9:30pm)**
 - Charlottesville, VA
- **Oct. 20—NO JHYM** (Due to being at the Youth Rally)
- **Oct. 26—Fun Night! (7:15am-11:45pm)**
 - Dollywood!!
- **Oct. 27—NO JHYM**
 - Due to the Dollywood trip
- **Nov. 3—NET Ministries Retreat (9:30am-4pm)**
 - JHYM will attend the NET Retreat!

NET Ministries Retreat—ONE CHURCH

Sunday, November 3 (9:30am-4:00pm)

(Open to all youth in grades 7-12)

One universal home guaranteed by God.

What if there was an institution we could trust when our reasoning fails us? What if there was an institution guaranteed by God himself to withstand every difficulty the world offers? There is.

Join us as we explore the Catholic Church as the universal home for all people.

Please notify **Laura Cochrane** by **October 27** if you plan to attend the retreat! Call 276-492-3095 or email lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

St. Anne Senior High Youth Ministry Essay Contest

Sponsored by: **Knights of Columbus Council 6695**

(Contest is open to all St. Anne's Youth in grades 9-12)

Youth will choose a topic from the list that is of interest to them, or they may write a separate essay for each topic. Participants may only submit one essay per topic. Essays should be submitted to Laura Cochrane in person or by email to lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org.

Deadline is October 27, 2019

Essay Contest Topics:

- What The Mass Means to Me
 - Does God Really Love Me
 - Why Is Being Catholic Important To Me
- 1st place will be awarded \$300**
2nd place will be awarded \$100

Winner will be announced on December 1 !

Contact Laura Cochrane for more information on writing guidelines:

276-492-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

St. Anne Catholic School

Celebrating our 70th Anniversary Year!

Come to the school library for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will be open from 7:45am-7:00pm on Tuesday, October 22nd and from 7:45am – 4:00pm October 23-25th. This is a great opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping done. All purchases will help us add new books to the school library and classrooms. Contact Angie Bush at 276-669-0048 if you have any questions. Happy Reading!

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, Oct. 24 at **7 a.m.** in the school conference room.

LOOKING AHEAD....

- ◆ **All Saints Holy Day of Obligation: Friday, Nov. 1**
Masses at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. (*incense at 7p*)
(*no 8:30a Mass on Nov. 1*)
- ◆ **All Souls Day Mass: Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m.**
(*incense will be used at this liturgy*)
We will especially remember those who have been buried from St. Anne's this past year.
- ◆ **“Fall Back” —Turn clocks back an hour**
when you go to bed on Sat. evening, November 2.



**Catholic Daughters’
Wreath & Dumpling Sale
Next Weekend—October 26/27
(after Masses)**

Be sure to stop by the table outside the Great Room after Mass next weekend to see what CDA has for sale —

**Holiday Greenery (Wreaths, swags, & centerpieces)
PLUS homemade apple dumplings!!**

⇒ **Greenery:** Pick up order forms next weekend, fill them out, and turn in with payment at that time (OR) take the forms home and return them with your check, made out to CDA, on November 2/3. Items will be shipped by Dec. 5. Shipping is free; gift card included.

A great gift for out-of-town family/friends!

⇒ **Dumplings:** Place orders next weekend, along with payment of \$15 for each tray of 4 tasty pastries. Trays will be ready for pick-up after all Masses Nov. 2/3.

Freezer-ready for a perfect addition to your Thanksgiving and/or Christmas meal(s)!

CDA Meeting: Monday, Oct. 28 at the Columbian Center. Social time 5:30, Meeting at 6pm. CDA is busy this month with their annual Wreath Sales & Apple Dumpling fundraisers to help the many charities CDA supports. (Any Catholic lady interested in joining CDA, contact our Regent Carol Reynolds at 276-494-6883. CDA theme: **“For Him, we live and move and have our being.”** Acts 17:2