

As we turn our calendars to December, we begin the season of preparation for Jesus' coming into the world and into our lives. However, Advent is not only a time in which we wait for the Lord to come to us; we are reminded today that our lives should be a journey as well, a journey to God. Even as we prepare for the Lord's coming at Christmas, let us also continue walking our own path to the Lord.



Readings for this Week (Dec. 2-7)

Monday:	Isaiah 4:2-6;	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday: (Memorial)	1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23;	Mark 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25:6-10a;	Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6;	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24;	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday: (Memorial)	Ephesians 3:8-12;	John 10:11-16

Scripture for next Sunday (Second Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 11:1-10

The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

Romans 15:4-9

God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Peace and harmony. On the 1st Sunday of Advent, Isaiah inspires us with a vision of peace, when swords are beaten into plowshares. Next Sunday, Isaiah speaks of a state of harmony, when a lamb can lie down with a wolf. St. Paul encourages the Romans to think in harmony with one another. John the Baptist calls for repentance, so that all may bear good fruit. As we hear the readings next weekend, let us image the harmony we can create when all of us ready ourselves for Jesus' coming.

Giving Tree

Please take an ornament or two from our Giving Tree in the commons this weekend or next weekend. **Return gifts NLT 3pm on Sunday, December 15.**

We ask you bring the gifts (unwrapped) in a gift bag with tissue paper and BE SURE to ATTACH the ORNAMENT to the outside of the gift bag (that's our only way to identify what gift goes to which individual or agency.)

THANK YOU!



*from the
Pastor's desk*

To build on what I wrote last weekend, Advent is a season of longing. It gives us the opportunity to anticipate the celebration of the Christmas season. The first Sunday especially highlights the longing that we experience in this time. We long for the coming of our King. We long to be in his presence and to know him.

For what are we most longing in our lives? That is a great reflection to begin this season. What is missing most from my life right now? What do I need most in my life right now? This is more than just a good reflection. It is actually a perfect way to begin this season. As we look ahead to Christmas we will be consumed with decorations, music, parties, and gifts. Many of the things this world tells us we need if we truly want to be happy. Advent is an opportunity to look beyond that and discern what we need most in our lives.

The second part of this is the most important question. As I reflect on my greatest longings, this is also an opportunity to reflect on how Christ's coming into our world can fulfill that longing. There is no void in our lives that cannot be filled by the presence of Christ. If we want to be fully prepared to celebrate Christ's birth into our world, we can take the time given to us now to reflect on what is most needed in our lives and come to understand how Christ will always be able to meet that need.

**Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis—December
*The Future of the Very Young***

That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



Many thanks to all those who helped with our recent **Parish Mission!**

We had a great turnout each evening and enjoyed a delicious reception each evening provided by the **Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, and the **Parish Life Committee**. A special thank you goes out to all those who stayed each evening and helped with the clean up. We were blessed and enriched by our three nights with Fr. Garrott. Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- Catechumens & Candidates will meet today, **Sunday, December 1**, in the **Great Room, 9:45am—11:15am**.
- Inquirers will meet in the office conference room after opening prayer in the **Great Room at 9:45 a.m.**
- **Children’s RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the **Great Room at 9:45 a.m.** before going to class.

RCIA Notes: The preparations for Christmas have begun and include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For more information about RCIA, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Dec. 1—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Sea-ing is Not Always Believing
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Dec. 8—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Leaving Our Nets
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Dec. 15—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Christmas Caroling
- **Dec. 22—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Christmas Cookie Exchange

Senior High & Junior High Youth Ministry Fundraiser

SHYM & JHYM would like to offer you an opportunity to purchase a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets, and other faith-inspired jewelry.

50% of all proceeds go directly to our ministry.

Please stop by our display after all Masses this weekend & next (Nov. 30/Dec. 1 & Dec. 7/8).

We cannot take orders due to

the rotation of stock from the company!

Your purchase of these quality items will help us to purchase a set of hand chimes for our youth program. Donations will also be accepted and greatly appreciated. We look forward to providing our youth this unique opportunity to worship through music.

Thank you for your support!

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

- **Dec. 1—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
- **Dec. 8—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
- **Dec. 15—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Christmas Caroling
- **Dec. 22—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Christmas Cookie Exchange

Bereavement Committee members are reminded of our meeting on **Monday, December 2, at 10 a.m.** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.

**“First” Tuesday
Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday, December 3

Begins after the 8:30a Mass
(at approx. 9 a.m.)
Concludes with Benediction
at 9 p.m.



Start your Advent season by coming to spend time in prayer with our Lord this Tuesday. We need to be sure the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone, so if you can sign up in the commons to cover an hour, it would be appreciated. If you can’t commit to a time, try to stop by the Chapel on Tuesday between 9a and 9p for private prayer. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ-child this Christmas.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS are reminded of their meeting this Thursday morning, December 5, at 7 a.m. in the school conference room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS are reminded of their meeting this Thursday evening, December 5, at 7 a.m. in the school conference room.



**We welcome the following
newly registered parishioners
to St. Anne’s Parish!**

Pauline Barylski

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Bristol, VA 24202
956-357-7007

James and (Mary) Jane Kline

328 El Paso Dr.
Bristol, TN 37620-6419
423-217-0098
315-741-1394

Mass Intentions
for the Week 

Saturday, November 30 (*Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Deacon Harry & †Pat Hall

Sunday, December 1 (*1st Sunday of Advent*)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for Joan Green (*birthday*)

2:00 p.m. †Francisco Morales (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 a.m. †Ron Davis

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 a.m. †Margaret Caito Kennedy

Thursday, December 5

6:00 p.m. †John Paloian

Friday, December 6

8:30 a.m. †Jonathan Mendoza-Onate

Saturday, December 7 (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Betty Williams

Sunday, December 8 (*2nd Sunday of Advent*)

8:30 a.m. †Fred Eaton

11:30 a.m. †Vincent Thach B. Pham

2:00 p.m. Parishioners

Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover

A distribution from your IRA is a great way to support the Church! If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may make a direct distribution (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to a qualified charity... perhaps to **St. Anne's Endowment Fund!!** — which will help our parish grow into the future. A qualified direct distribution to the Endowment Fund from your IRA is not subject to income tax. Please make your gift as soon as possible to avoid any processing delays towards the end of the year. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, please contact the parish office, your IRA administrator, or tax preparer for more information.

Please note: Due to the publisher's schedule, this bulletin went to press before the weekend collection occurred. The collection results for Nov. 23/24 will be included in next week's bulletin.

Collection Notes...

Dec. 1—2nd Collection for St. Anne's School

Dec. 8 — (*no second collection*)

Dec. 9—one collection (Holy Day/Immaculate Conception)

Dec. 15 — 2nd Collection/St. Anne's Social Ministry/outreach

Dec. 22— (*no second collection*)

Dec. 24/25— offertory 1st collection is Holy Day/Christmas and 2nd Collection for Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Dec. 29— (*no second collection*)

Dec. 31/Jan. 1—offertory collection Holy Day/
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

This Week in Adult Faith formation:

Sunday, December 1

- **SMARE (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) Jesus Revealed—Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names— “Bread of Life” - 9:45am-11:00am** in the **School Library**.

Everyone welcome, no need to sign up.

Next Sunday, **December 8: “Good Shepherd”**

- **RCIA meets in the Great Room, 9:45am-11:00am**

Monday, December 2:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation this week.** Join us next **Monday, Dec. 9**, as we begin **Pillar 3 of the catechism — “Life in Christ”.** **1:00pm-2:30pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

Tuesday, December 3:

- **Book Club: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.** **10:30am-11:30am** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.**
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center— “Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist.**

Wednesday, December 4:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study this week. “Gospel According to John”.** **1:00pm-2:30pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are welcome to join the group!
- **Wednesday Prayer Group, 2:45pm-3:45pm** in the **Saint Vincent de Paul Center.** All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer!

For more information about any of the above Adult Faith Formation programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Highlights of England & Scotland

12 Days: March 16-27, 2020

Hosted by Msgr. Mark R. Lane

Visit Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bath, Stratford, Lake District, Edinburgh, York, Oxford, London, Canterbury. \$1399 from Washington, D.C. (Air/Land tour price is \$3449 plus \$550 gov't taxes/airline surcharges.) For more information, contact Brenda Boehnlein at 804-622-5144 or email her at bboehnlein@richmonddiocese.org. **SPACE IS LIMITED—SIGN UP SOON!!**

Bristol Faith in Action PRESENTS...

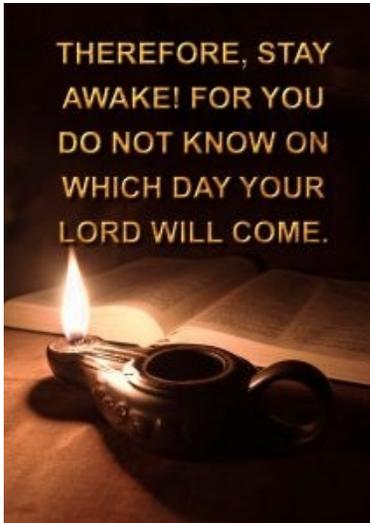
The Inaugural Annual

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

\$25 Each—Makes a lovely gift!

All donations appreciated!! These funds will be designated for BFIA's new program, **HEAVENLY HAND UP.**

Contact DeVonne or Tawnya at 276-466-8292 or email director@bfia.org or stop by Bristol Faith in Action at 1534 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA.



“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight”

(Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year, 39)

Looking Ahead a Bit into December.....

- ◇ **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
(because Dec. 8 falls on a Sunday of Advent this year, the Holy Day is transferred to Dec. 9 and it is not an obligatory Holy Day this year)
We will celebrate a **Holy Day Mass** on **Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.**
(incense will be used)
Following this Mass we will have our annual **Outside Tree Lighting** and then enjoy refreshments in the Great Room.
- ◇ **Advent Penance Service** — **Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.**
- ◇ **Theology on Tap for Young Adults**, ages 21 to 35-ish
Wed., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. at Studio Brew
- ◇ **Christmas Holy Day Masses**
—Tues., Dec. 24: **4p, 630p, (9p/Spanish), 12Midnight**
—Wed. Dec. 25: **10 a.m.** *(incense at all except 4p)*

PRAY for VOCATIONS

“... you must be prepared...”

Are you prepared for God’s calling in your life?

Might He be calling you as a priest?

Contact Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661
or email him at vocations@richmonddiocese.org.