



Poinsettias

We celebrate the birth of Jesus three ways: in history (of course—two thousand years ago), but also into our hearts and into the world. God, manifested for millennia through creation and covenant, is now made manifest in the ultimate way: as flesh, as human, as one of us. God's love and commitment to the human race has led to this most precious gift, this gift of self. *Glory to God indeed!*

Scripture for next Sunday (Holy Family)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14—

Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

(or) **Genesis 15:1-6:21:1-3—**

The Lord's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled

Colossians 3:12-21 (or) 3:12-17—

Family life in the Lord.

(or) **Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19—**

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Luke 2:22-40 (or) 2:22, 39-40—

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom.

The feast of the Holy Family has a choice of readings. Sirach and St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians concentrate on the family and our calling to treat each other as believers in the Lord and as Christians. The alternative readings about Sarah and Abraham tell of God fulfilling the promise to Abraham that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. The Gospel then portrays the devotion of Mary and Joseph, traveling to Jerusalem to present Jesus to God.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Armon O'Neal "Neal" Beavers**, the brother of Sue Pingo, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Sue & Lou at 832 Hill Street, Bristol, TN 37620.

NO Weekday Masses and NO Confessions Dec. 26-29. There WILL BE Confessions Sat., Dec. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

NO RCIA or Adult Faith Formation Dec. 24-Jan 2. **Little Rock Scripture Study** and our **Wednesday Prayer Groups** resume on **January 3.** **RCIA resumes Jan. 10.**

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, December 26.

In Loving Memory of:

Frank & Virginia Winzenried (parents)

Given by Mike Winzenried

Marge Burress

Given by her husband Roy and family

Chrissy Kupfer Messick

Given by Stephanie Morrell

Betty Hagerman

Given by Stephanie Morrell

Julian "Dave" Pryputniewicz

Given by his wife Sandy and family

Deceased members of the **Sullivan and Tilley families**

Given by Maureen & Jim Tilley

Carolyn **Ward** and **Rozelma Wagner**

deceased family members

Given by Carolyn Ward and family

Deceased members of the **deMartino family**,

Deceased members of the **Ennis and Sheppard families**,

Ken Evans

Given by Patricia Sheppard

Mike Parkulo, Helen and John Parkulo,

Josephine & George Saraka

Given by Joan Parkulo & family

Deceased members of the **Karban, Oliver, Dudek families**

Given by Mary and Frank Karban

Celia Villafuerte, Lucia Ariza, Fausto y Glafira Resendiz

Given by Lupe Morales & family

Lynne Marie Murphy (daughter)

Isabelle Murphy (wife)

Given by John Murphy

John Burns, and **Mr & Mrs. Jose Rodriguez**

Given by Carmen Burns

Donald J. Miles

Given by Bearl & Chris Jenkins

George & Arlene Boucher

Given by Terry & Nancy Estes

Kimberly Cooper Wright (daughter)

Given by Doug & Thalia Cooper

Betty Hagerman & John Pete Hagerman

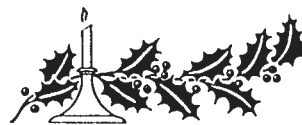
Given by their daughters

Hagerman and Bowman deceased family members

Given by their family

Dr. John C. & Pauline Snyder and **deceased family**

Given by Clare Snyder-Branch and family



In Loving Memory of:

Deceased members of the **Balaban, Reed, Venardi and Perfetti families**

Todd Faylor

Molly Moore

Given by Ed, Pam, and Michael Balaban

Maris Dickert (wife) and **Robert Dickert** (son)

Given by George Dickert

Deceased members of the **Dutcher and Heffner families**

Given by Miriam, Jody, and Julie Dutcher

Helen Frings

Sr. Ellen Desmond

Jeanne Desmond

Primo Lusardi

Given by Eileen & Krys Panasewicz

Deceased members of the **Sandretto and Burriss families**

Given by Bill & Rose Marie Burriss

Norman Haderer

Given by the Haderer family

James & Audrey Wilson

Charles & Elizabeth Bouton

Mark Bouton

Given by Wayne & Kate Bouton

Christine Kupfer Messick (daughter)

Given by Carol & David Kupfer

Karen Gunn Campbell

Given by Carol & David Kupfer

Deceased members of the **Dorula and Blasher families**

Given by Cathy Dorula

Veronica Taylor (mother)

Given by JoAnn Van-Shepard

Tonette Davidson (mother)

Given by Aleta Smith and Susie Smith

Shane Christopher Grayson (infant son)

Given by Carol Reynolds

Deceased members of the **Pasion and Perry families**

Given by Jerry & Frances Perry

Nicholas Sr., Clotilda, Anthony, Nicholas Jr., and Joseph Nordone, Anna & Vito Cericola Sr., and Vito Cericola Jr. (husband)

Given by Paula Cericola

Gennarro Costagliola, Jerry Costagliola, Josephine Costagliola, and Sidney O'Dell

Given by The Costagliola's and The DiBartolo's

Deceased members of the **Hale and Verthein families**

Given by Donna V. Hale

Deceased family members

Given by the Tebeau family

Donations for Poinsettias were also received:

In honor of **Miriam Dutcher**

Given by Donna V. Hale

In honor of **Pamela Costagliola** and **Chris Neal**

Given by Angela Costagliola and
Jozie Costagliola DiBartolo

In honor of **all military and their families**

Given by Cathy Dorula

In honor of **all hospice patients and their caregivers**

Given by Cathy Dorula

In honor of **Father Nicholas** and

St. Anne's Church and School Staff

Given by Ed, Pam, and Michael Balaban

In honor of **Chris Neal and St. Anne's Choirs**

Given by Ed, Pam, and Michael Balaban

In congratulations to **Thad Branch** as Grand Knight at
Knights of Columbus Chapter at UT/Knoxville

Given by his parents
Steve & Clare (Snyder) Branch

Our Sincere Thanks

*Thank you to all who have made donations to help
cover the cost of our Christmas Poinsettias.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

- Parish Office closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25/26.
- Bulletin deadline for the Dec. 31 bulletin is Tuesday, Dec. 26 NLT 9a (leave message on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.)
- No Bingo on Dec. 23, 25, 26, 30.

Adoration Prayers Needed!

Thank you to all who come to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday. We still need someone to commit to the 1pm-2pm hour and someone to commit to the 3:30pm-4:30pm hour. If you are willing to commit to one of these hours please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32 to let us know you will cover one of these hours every Tuesday.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 23 (*Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Vito Cericola (*Mass at Central Presbyt.*)
(No Sunday morning Masses on Dec. 24)

Sunday, December 24 (*Christmas Eve—Holy Day Masses*)

5:00 p.m. †Neal Jewell
8:00 p.m. †John Pete & †Betty Hagerman
12Midnight †Bridget Segerblom

Monday, December 25 (*Christmas Day/Holy Day Masses*)

10:00 a.m. Spec. Int.: Military & their families
1:00 p.m. St. Anne's parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

(No Weekday Masses here Dec. 26-29)

Saturday, December 30 (*Vigil: Holy Family*)

5:30 p.m. †Susan Johnson
Sunday, December 31 (*Feast of the Holy Family*)

8:30 a.m. †Dan Dutcher
11:30 a.m. †Terry Dameron
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

A special note...

The family of **Betty Wasko** wishes to thank St. Anne parishioners for your kind expression of sympathy at the loss of their mother.

Sincerely,
John, Joyce, & Judi

Lighthouse Catholic Media

CD of the week: "God Become Man"

Bishop Robert Barron's Meditations
for the Christmas Season

Find this CD and many others at the CD display on the table in the commons (except this Christmas weekend). A \$3.00 donation per CD enables us to restock with new titles. Thank you!

Emmanuel Episcopal Church CHRISTMAS DINNER

Emmanuel Episcopal's 37th annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25 at Emmanuel Episcopal (700 Cumberland St., Bristol, VA) from 4-6 p.m. Reservations are not required and there is no fee for dinner. Bring your family, friends and holiday spirit! For more information please call 276-669-9488 or email emmanuelbristol@gmail.com.

Ticket Lottery for Jan. 12 Bishop Installation Mass

Seating for the 2 p.m. Jan. 12 Installation of Bishop Barry Knestout as the Bishop of Richmond at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be very limited... the faithful are encouraged to enter a drawing for admission tickets online at <http://richmonddiocese.org/installation-mass-details/> Parishioners, students, and educators need to enter the lottery drawing NO LATER THAN Dec. 29. The drawing will be held in early January with 2 tickets awarded to each selected registrant. Those selected will have 48 hours to respond before the tickets are released to alternatives. Tickets are not transferrable and may not be sold.

Respect Life Essay & Video Contest!

The theme is "*Humanae Vitae—50 years later*". Reflect on a recent cultural, event, movement from the last year and put that in conversation with a selected passage from the 1968 Humane Vitae encyclical and ask: "*How does the Church stand as a sign of contradiction today*" Grades 7-12 and college-age students can participate by submitting a video. High School students may also enter the essay contest (500 words or less). Entries due by Jan. 15 to the diocese at www.cdrcmfl.org/respectlife/respectlifecontest/.

Financial Peace University (*Dave Ramsey course*)

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9-week biblically based program on money management. You will learn how to get out of debt, build wealth for your retirement, and give generously. On average, families save \$2300 and pay \$5700 in debt in just the first 90 days. The class will begin on January 22, 2018. For more information, please contact parishioner Mark Donlon at donlonknoxville@aol.com, or 423-335-1001.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** at all Christmas Holy Day Masses is taken up for **Commonwealth Catholic Charities**.

2017 Year-End Tax Statements: Any donations you want included on your 2017 statement need to be RECEIVED in the parish office NLT December 31, 2017. Thanks!

IRA owners (age 70 1/2 & older): Please consider making a charitable donation from your IRA to benefit our parish ministries through a gift to our Endowment Fund. IRA owners age 70 1/2 and older can direct gifts straight from an IRA to St. Anne's Church through the end of the year for a 2017 tax-year exemption. The qualified gift up to \$100,000 counts as a required minimum distribution from an IRA and is excluded from taxpayer income. Contact your IRA Administrator and tax preparer for IRS compliance. Contact St. Anne Endowment Committee at donthawl@peakrestaurants.com (phone 423-416-1208) or jtilley@bvu.net (phone 276-466-2413) or the parish office for more endowment information.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- **Dec. 24—NO SHYM**
 - Merry Christmas!
- **Dec. 31—NO SHYM**
 - Happy New Year!
- **Jan. 7—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - Epiphany Party!
- **Jan. 14—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - “The Church”

Baptism Preparation Class—January 6

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 6, 2pm-4pm in the Great Room**. If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or you 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@stannes-bristol.org **no later than Wednesday, January 3.**

Are you registered with the Parish? OR need to update your current phone or address? Please contact the office at stannes@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 0.

Looking Ahead Just a Bit....

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)

Monday, January 1—Mass at 10 a.m.

This year, since this Holy Day falls on Monday, it is not an “obligatory” Holy Day; however, it is a wonderful “*opportunity*” to come celebrate this Holy Day Mass on January 1st — a perfect way to begin the NEW YEAR!! (*We will not have a Vigil Mass New Year’s Eve this year.*)

First Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday, January 2 from 9:15 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Adoration begins after the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass and concludes with Benediction at 9 p.m.—in the Chapel.

Christmas Blessings

*We wish you laughter, joy, and a happy heart;
Warmth of love, good friends today and always.
We wish you His peace in your life;
We wish you His blessings!*