

Jesus addresses us with comforting words today: ***“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*** Let those words wash over us and all the responsibilities we have, all the stresses we are under, and all the failures that haunt us. ***“My yoke is easy,”*** Jesus assures us, ***“my burden light.”*** As we gather on this holiday weekend, let us rejoice in the freedom Jesus offers us from our heavy burdens.

Readings for this Week (July 6-11)

MONDAY: Hosea 2:16, 1b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
TUESDAY: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
THURSDAY: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15
FRIDAY: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
SATURDAY: (Memorial) Proverbs 2:1-9; Matthew 19:27-29

**Scripture Readings for next Sunday
(15th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word accomplishes its intended purpose.

Psalms 65

“The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.”

Romans 8:18-23

All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God.

Matthew 13:1-23 (or) 13:1-9

A sower went out to sow.

Isaiah's poetry and Jesus' parable tell in complementary ways the power of God's word. Isaiah extols its fruitfulness, the Lord promising that it will flower just as the fertile earth does when watered by rain or snow. Jesus tells of the sower, whose indiscriminate scattering of the word of the kingdom leads to different outcomes depending on where it lands. May we listen attentively next Sunday, soaking up God's word so that it may bear fruit in us.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

Many of you have been picking up copies of *At Home with the Word*. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we are not going to be purchasing these for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your understanding.

If you wish to have access to daily readings and meditation, during this challenging time, ***The Word Among Us*** (with the help of the USCCB) is providing complimentary access to daily readings and their entire website—go to www.wau.org.



I am very happy to report that things are going well at St. Anne's since we reopened for public Masses. We have seen our numbers increasing each week, and each week we see more new faces coming back. I will be on a webinar with the diocese in a few days to receive instructions about moving into Phase 3 of reopening. I am not sure if much will change for the churches or not, but we will find out.

Many people are still choosing to stay home out of an abundance of caution, and that is perfectly okay, especially for those at higher risk. Although we are reopening, we need to continue to take precautions. What we have learned is that we can still take precautions while welcoming people back to Mass. Some parishes in our diocese have had to require people to sign up in advance and have a reservation to attend a weekend Mass. We have not done that at Saint Anne's, because so far we have been able to seat everyone who has come to Mass and still maintain social distancing.

What is bringing people back to Mass? The simplest answer for many people is they grew up practicing the faith and coming to Mass every weekend is what they have always done. They cannot imagine doing anything else on Sunday morning. For others they are starting to realize what this celebration actually represents. In the Mass we enter into full communion with Jesus Christ. When we participate in the sacrifice of the Mass, we are receiving what we cannot receive anywhere else in the world.

It has been good to see so many people returning to Mass again. While I urge everyone to continue taking precautions, I am glad we are able to gather for the Mass now and I hope this will continue to increase. We will of course continue live streaming the Mass for all of those who cannot attend, but I am so thankful that we are able to gather together again.

Public celebration of the Mass:

Saturday: 5:30p Sunday 8:30a & 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday at 6 p.m.

(All are livestreamed EXCEPT for 11:30 Sunday Mass.)

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect until further notice.

Please review the **guidelines** listed under Latest News on our parish webpage at www.stannes-bristol.org

REMINDERS:

—Everyone (age 10+) must bring/wear a face mask; ALL ages receiving Communion must wear a face mask.

—For Weekend Mass, the **only entrance** will be the double doors at main p/lot. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass time. If social distancing capacity is met, we'll not be able to allow anyone else into the building; Once Mass begins (we begin on time!), the door is locked and no one else can enter.... So don't be late!!

—For weekday Mass, the **only entrance** is the side door to the commons.

Those in vulnerable categories encouraged to please stay home—Older adults (65+); those with immune-compromised health; those with serious health issues; those in house-hold with a vulnerable person.

ANY ONE FEELING ILL should not attend!

We ask for your understanding and cooperation with our ushers and their instructions. They are following guidelines set in place by our diocese regarding social distancing... so please don't argue with them when they are taking you to a seat... during these challenging times we are trying to do our best and there are valid reasons as to why the seating is done in certain ways. We truly are doing the best we can in these circumstances... and our ushers are simply following their instructions.

THANKS

We wish to say a special thank you to our dedicated **USHERS** who have been helping us during these difficult times!

Special thanks also to **Angela Costagliola** for all of her assistance and her commitment to helping our parish!

Thank you to **Albert Tester** for his technical assistance, Many thanks to our **custodians** who have worked weekends to sanitize after Masses.

Thank you to **Chris Neal** and **Daniel Tester** for all the extra hours to facilitate all our liturgies.

And thank you to our **Saint Anne's congregation** for your cooperation, your understanding, and your generosity and support!



Donations deposited (06/30/2020)

Regular/Operating	\$7,558
Special Donation	\$ 100
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$1,891
School 2nd Collection	\$ 64

E-giving (June 25-30)

Regular/Operating	\$2,668
Bldg./Maintenance Reserve	\$ 25
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$ 120
School 2nd Collection	\$ 175

Second Collection this weekend (July 4/5) on this first 1st Sunday of the Month is for **Saint Anne Catholic School**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

PRAYER for SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We encourage you to pray the **Prayer for Spiritual Communion** when you are participating in livestream Masses or viewing a recorded or televised Mass.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire
to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment to
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
AMEN.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

"You are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you."

Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

From the Diocese...

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-977-9603.

Bristol Community Day Center Director Position Available

Family Promise of Bristol, a non-profit organization serving the Bristol Community, with the Community Day Center, is looking for a full-time Director. This position will direct the development of a new community effort of a Day Center offering services for those who are homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Minimum of 3 years relevant work experience to include managing teams, have excellent communication skills, strong computer and digital skills, experience with grant work and management, ability to build relationships with volunteers, donors, and the community; possesses a degree in management, social work, human resources, public policy or related field. Send resume, letter of interest, and salary requirements via email to familypromiseofbristol@gmail.com. Job begins mid-August or soon thereafter; position is open until filled.



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Saturday, July 4 (*Vigil: 14th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Ivan Pesko

Sunday, July 5 (*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Andy Kilinski

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 a.m. †Helen Ackley

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 a.m. †Elizabeth P. "Betty" Miller & family

Thursday, July 9

6:00 p.m. †Dorothy Beitler

Friday, July 10

8:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

Saturday, July 11 (*Vigil: 15th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

Sunday, July 12 (*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Francisco León

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

Please take note:

Fr. Chris will be away the week of July 13-17 and so we will **not have weekday Masses on July 14, 15, 16 or 17.** Also, there will not be confessions July 14 or July 16.

OFFICE HOURS:

Thanks for your understanding at this time regarding our office hours... Rosie will be in as often as she is able and will also be doing work from home. Leave message on voicemail (276-669-8200 ext. 0) or on email stannes@stannes-bristol.org and they are checked daily. If emergency and you need a priest for a sacramental anointing, please call 276-821-8023.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a recurring donation thru the diocesan "Live-stream" offertory, this online giving service will be ending soon. We invite you to **cancel that** and **join our parish E-Giving** thru OSV.

First: send a note to Amanda Glass at the diocese to cancel your recurring gift (aglass@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5122).

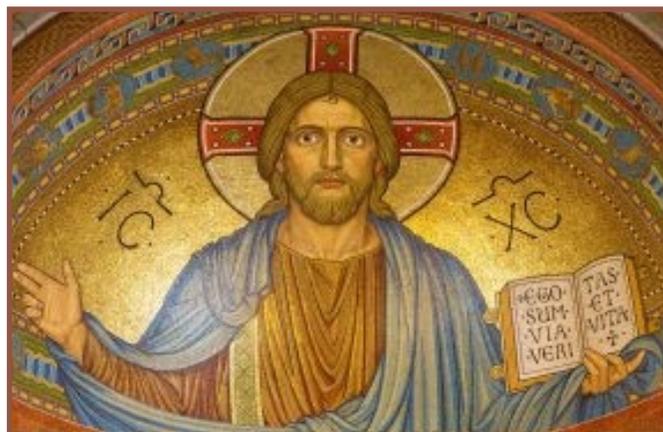
Then: if you would like to set up a recurring gift through our parish E-giving, go to the main page of the parish website at www.stannes-bristol.org and scroll to bottom of page — click on the link under **\$ on-line Giving** This will take you to the OSV (Our Sunday Visitor) hub where you can sign up for our online giving.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions this week are Saturday from 3:30 to 4 p.m.; on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 5-5:30 p.m. in the church. The confessional area is in the stained glass section. If someone is already with Fr. Chris, then please maintain social distancing by waiting at the chairs in the commons area. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

Due to the changing situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not yet able to set our parish calendar for events and programs... As things change we will update the online calendar (found on the parish webpage) and keep you posted through this weekly bulletin.... The July calendar is updated as we know of changes.



I WILL PRAISE YOUR
NAME FOREVER, MY KING
AND MY GOD.

BULLETIN: Until when we'll be allowed to "hand out bulletins" at weekend Mass, our bulletin is typed on Fridays and posted to our webpage, (printed copies available at front office door foyer during the week). Many thanks to our **BULLETIN SPONSORS** for their understanding!!

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A Prayer for Our Nation

Gracious and loving God, we come to You in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life — from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

