



Today we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for wisdom and understanding so that he might properly distinguish right from wrong and judge with kindness and compassion. We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Let us take this opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God's wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guided in using right judgment.

Readings for this Week (July 27-August 1)

Monday: Jer. 13:1-11; Mt. 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer. 14:17-22; Mt. 13:36-43
Wednesday: (*Memorial—St. Martha*)
1 Jn. 4:7-16; Jn. 11:19-27 (or) Lk. 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer. 18:1-6; Mt. 13:47-53
Friday: (*Memorial—St. Ignatius of Loyola*)
1 Cor. 10:31—11:1; Lk. 14:25-33
Saturday: (*Memorial—St. Alphonsus Liguori*)
Rom. 8:1-4; Mt. 5:13-19

Scripture for next Sunday
(18th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come to the Lord.

Psalms 145

*"The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs."*

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Matthew 14:13-21

The people ate and were satisfied.

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," we sing in next Sunday's responsorial psalm, and the readings next Sunday attest to this proclamation. In Isaiah, the LORD invites everyone to share in food and drink. In the Gospel, Jesus invites the crowds to stay and feeds thousands with five loaves and two fish. Neither hunger nor thirst, poverty nor want, famine nor distress can separate us from the love and generosity of the Lord. Let us listen to God's word knowing that we are invited to the feast as well.

from the Pastor's Desk

I am drawing on my homilies from last week and this week as I reflect on everything happening in the world right now. There is so much unknown right now. It seems that everything we know about this pandemic is constantly changing. It seems that we still do not know what we do not know. Not knowing brings anxiety, but it does not have to.

I remember well the day I sat in on a conference call with all priests in the diocese listening to the bishop announce that all public Masses were suspended until further notice. It is something I thought I would never hear. As surprising as that was, there was something that still felt somewhat familiar to me. It reminded me of my days in emergency services sitting through a briefing planning for a major event or a disaster. I have enough experience dealing with emergencies that I felt ready to deal with this crisis.

I have been learning that I was not nearly as ready for this as I thought I was. This has been so different than anything I have ever experienced. This has not been a crisis that we experience, then recover, and then move on. This has not ended. There is no indication that this will end anytime soon. I think many things are going to change for us forever. I do not know to what extent this will happen. I do not know how long we are going to have to be comfortable with wearing masks everywhere we go.

So where am I going with all this? This is a difficult time and it is going to be difficult for a long time. Many people are and will continue to struggle with everything that has changed for us. How can we deal with this? Our response to this must start with our faith. We have to remember that we have a God with a wisdom so far beyond our understanding. Even as we face a very unknown future, we need to trust in God's plan. We do not need to have the answers for every question we face. God has the answers. He is the answer.

Know that I continue to pray for this community and everyone who is struggling right now. Please pray for me.





Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25 (Vigil: 17th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Jack Nutterville

Sunday, July 26 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Freida Rainey

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for Ken Johnson & Carol Reynolds

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 a.m. †Herbert Dittmar

Thursday, July 30

6:00 p.m. †Helen Ackley

Friday, July 31

8:30 a.m. †Gina Rossetti

Saturday, August 1 (Vigil: 18th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Dorothy Chamberlin

Sunday, August 2 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Carol Brown



Donations deposited (7/20/2020)

(mail-in/drop-off/Masses July 18/19)

Regular/Operating	\$11,757
School 2nd Collection	\$ 100
Social Ministry/Outreach	\$ 100
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 75

E-Giving (July 16-21)

Regular/Operating	\$2,771
School 2nd Collection	\$ 163

Livestream (online thru diocese/July 14/15)

Regular/Operating	\$165
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2nd Collection next weekend (1st Sunday of the Month) will be for **St. Anne's School**. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity to our school!!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!! Thank you for your donations to Saint Anne's — during these challenging times we are very grateful for your generosity. Donations can be mailed in (350 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA), dropped off at the front office foyer, dropped in collection basket at liturgy, or made through our parish Egiving. To sign up for Egiving, go to www.stannes-bristol.org and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Bristol's Promise

Buckle Up for Life program

If anyone is in need of a safe way to transport their child, Bristol's Promise Buckle Up for Life program has convertible car and booster seats to provide. For assistance, contact Samuel Jones at Samuel@BristolsPromise.org or call 276-254-5439.

Attention Catholic Daughters



There will be **NO CDA MEETING in JULY**, however, we plan to have an Installation of Officers Meeting on August 24, at which time our National Director will be present to install the new CDA Board. Questions? Please contact Carol Reynolds, Regent, 276-494-6883.

Public celebration of the Mass:

Saturday: 5:30p Sunday 8:30a & 11:30 a.m.

Tues./Wed./Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Thurs. 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.

If you are not feeling well,
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND Mass!

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

REMINDERS:

We ask for your understanding and cooperation with our ushers and their instructions.

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

For Weekend Mass, the **only entrance** is the doors at main p/lot. Please arrive approx. 15-20 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 (on time!), the door is locked & no one else can enter.

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

Those in vulnerable categories encouraged to please stay home!

The Word Among Us, with the help of the USCCB, is giving complimentary access to the daily Mass readings and their entire website during this challenging time —
Read the daily scriptures and meditations at www.wau.org.



Baptism Preparation Class
Saturday, August 1
2pm-4pm
Great Room

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, August 1, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** 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.

Due to Covid-19 we will **NOT** be able to offer a nursery/child care.

To register for this Class, please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than this Wednesday, July 29.**

If you registered for the April session, you do not need to re-register. **Please wear a face-covering (mask).**

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.

CONFESSIONS: in the Church

Tuesday 5-6pm Thursday 5-5:30pm Saturday 3:30-4pm



PRAY for VOCATIONS

*"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find.
Knock and it will be opened to you."*

Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! Do you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email him at vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions

To better know *"the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions"*, the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be *"the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."*

August 2020—The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Until we again are allowed to "hand out bulletins" to our congregations 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!!**

Our Sincere Thanks

Rita Kiscaden, Financial Advisor
Weberling and Associates
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Dr. Todd Cooper
Mia Johnson, Realtor/Property Manager
Mountain Empire Eye Physicians
Kobé Japanese Steak House
BurWil Construction Co.
Gastroenterology Associates
Tri-City Security Co.
Hilton Garden Inn
Akard Funeral Home
Friendship Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge (Bristol)

Parish Feast Day

Our parish Feast Day: *Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, normally is celebrated on July 26th. This year, since that date is a Sunday, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is celebrated on this date.

We invite you, to pray to Saint Anne this weekend, asking her to intercede on behalf of our parish and parishioners for God's abundant graces and blessings.

In past years we'd be celebrating with our Parish Picnic this weekend—but with the COVID-19 pandemic we aren't able to have our picnic... so have a picnic at home with your family and raise a toast to all of your fellow parishioners, looking forward to times when we can gather together for celebrations in the future!!

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Prayer to Saint Anne

Glorious Saint Anne,
filled with compassion for those who invoke thee,
and with love for those who suffer,
Heavily laden with the weight of my troubles,
I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee
to take the present affair which I recommend
to thee under thy special protection.
Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy daughter,
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and lay it before the throne of Jesus,
so that He may bring it to a happy issue.
Cease not to intercede for me
until my request is granted.
Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day
beholding my God face to face,
and with thee and Mary and all the Saints,
praising and blessing Him to all eternity.
Good Saint Anne,
Mother of her who is our Life,
our Sweetness, and our Hope,
Pray to her for us, and obtain our request.

AMEN.