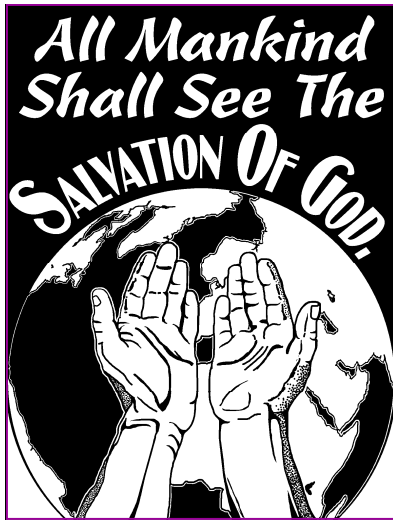


Today's liturgy repeats the Advent season's characteristic call to the serious work of repentance and renewal necessary to prepare the world and our lives for the coming of the Lord. But this Second Sunday of Advent also features scriptures that comfort our hearts with the assurance of the Shepherd's tender compassion and patient love for us, the cherished sheep of God's flock.



As we continue to acclimate ourselves to the new translation of the Mass, let us be especially attentive to the revised words of many of our familiar prayers and responses as found in our parish worship aid.

Readings for this Week (December 5-10)

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Scripture for next Sunday

(3rd Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

The prophet Isaiah echoes next Sunday's Collect (opening prayer) by calling us to "solemn worship and glad rejoicing". He reminds us that this—every year—is "a year of the Lord's favor", of healing, justice, and salvation. Paul too calls us to constant rejoicing, unceasing prayer, and integrity of life as we prepare for the Lord's coming. John the Baptist reminds us that the One whose coming we long for is already in our midst — if we have eyes to see.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Mary Duff**, a member of our parish family, who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her husband, Charlie Duff, at 317 Glenway Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are requested for **Helen Bizzotti**, the mother of **Barbara Dittmar**, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Barbara & Herbert at P.O. Box 125, Bristol, VA 24203.

24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our monthly Adoration is this week, Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. and concluding on Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. *During this season of Advent, can you spare one hour to come pray with our Lord?*

Vocations Holy Hour: The first hour of our 24-hour Adoration is set aside to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

St. Anne Friendship Club meets **December 15** at 12Noon at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** - A loin of pork dinner provided by Silver Threads Country Catering. \$9 per person includes tax and gratuity and must be paid in advance to Gina, Joyce or Carol. If unable to make your advance payment in person, send your check to arrive before Dec. 7, made payable to "Cash" to Gina Rossetti, 247 Friendship Dr., Bristol, TN 37620, Joyce Paloian, 111 Woodside Dr., Bristol, TN 37620 or Carol Reynolds, 917 Piedmont Ave., Bristol, VA 24201.

POINSETTIAS

If you'd like to make a donation toward our Christmas Poinsettias in memory of, or in honor of someone, please notify Rosie (276-669-8200, ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org) no later than 9am on Monday, Dec. 19. These will be listed in the Christmas Bulletin.

Christmas "Giving Tree"

Please take a moment to select a tag or two from our Christmas Giving Tree located in the Commons. We have had requests from several local agencies as well as parish families who are struggling to provide for Christmas this year. Your generosity is never outdone and always appreciated by those whose requests are on our tree. God's blessings upon all in this coming season of grace.

Youth Ministry News

Junior High Youth Ministry (grades 7 & 8) meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-11:15 a.m. for youth group activities and religion lesson. Our monthly Junior High Youth Group meeting is the second Sunday of each month. All 7th and 8th graders are invited and encouraged to join us for youth group. If your 7th/8th grader is not attending St. Anne's School, he/she also needs to attend the weekly religion class. Any questions, please call Sydney in the church office or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org. A big thank-you goes to the Jr. High Youth Ministry teens for making 50 beautiful ornaments to give to the recipients of Meals on Wheels.

Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12) meets on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for youth group activities and religion lesson. SHYM also has a "Senior High Fun Night" once a month. Many thanks goes to the SHYM for helping with the ornament outreach project. SHYM is making Christmas ornaments for our homebound parishioners. We have our regular youth ministry meeting tonight, Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. Next Sunday, Dec. 11th, we will go Ice Skating! Be sure to pick up an informational flyer at youth group this evening. On Dec. 18 we will have our Senior High Christmas Party. In January, we'll join other teens in our diocese for a trip to the "Right to Life march" in Washington D.C. Look for more information to be available soon. And don't forget... Confirmation begins in mid-January. Letters will be mailed soon to all those eligible for Confirmation this year. One of the diocesan requirements for admission into the Confirmation preparation class is regular, ongoing, attendance in faith formation/religion class—(that's on Sunday evenings) - Join us soon! Any questions can be sent to sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

The **Sunday School of Religion** will present our annual *Christmas Play* twice this year. Please join us on Sat., Dec. 10th after the 5:30 Mass for the play and a reception afterwards OR join us on Sunday, December 11th after the 8:30 Mass. Please join us!

Mark your Calendars—

Advent Penance Service will be Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7pm. Several priests will be here for individual confessions at the conclusion of the service. Prepare your hearts for Christmas!

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week: "Prepare The Way of The King—Making the Most of Advent." Discover what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. Find this CD and many others at the Lighthouse display in the commons. A \$3 per CD donation enables us to restock the CD supply. Thank you.

Parish Family Night—Wed., Dec. 7

Topic: *"Spirituality of Psalms"*

Presenter: **Melanie Coddington**

Regional Minister of Christian Formation

Dinner Menu: Baked lasagna, meatballs, green beans, salad, bread and dessert

Sign up at the table in the commons or email [sydney Farnum @stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org) before NOON on Mon., Dec. 5.

Dinner is served 5:15-6pm

Evening Prayer 6:30-6:45pm

Presentation 7:00-8:00pm

The nursery is open for children under Kindergarten age. Class will be held for children in grades K-6. Teens in grades 7-12 will meet for dinner, evening prayer and then go over to the Brady Center for youth group fun.

With Gratitude!

Thanksgiving Baskets: Due to the generosity of the St. Anne Catholic Community, over 70 families were given Thanksgiving baskets this year. In addition to our 60 original baskets, we had 5 additional plus 5 families who were known to need help. We were also able to send a substantial amount of groceries to Bristol Faith in Action and finally some of our crackers, cereal and peanut butter went to help homeless families in the Bristol Virginia School district. May the Lord be gracious to you who have fed the hungry.

Thank you to St. Anne's for your thoughtfulness and generosity—we collected 384 Christmas cards for our overseas military and our VA veterans. The cards were taken to the Red Cross on Nov. 28 for distribution.

Peace & Justice Group

A Note of Thanks...

Please know that my family & I greatly appreciate your prayers, the food, and the many acts of kindness from St. Anne's Community. May God bless you.

Bonnie Monyak

Mass Intentions for this Week

Monday, December 5

7:30 a.m. †Felipe Rentas

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. †Dorothy Burke

Wednesday, December 7

12:15 p.m. †Carl Matheis

Thursday, Dec. 8 (Holy Day: Immaculate Conception)

7:30 a.m. Spec. Int. Fr. Jim Gordon 30th Anniv.

1215 p.m. †Francis J. Finan Jr.

7:00 p.m. †Bridget E. Keeney

Friday, December 9

7:30 a.m. Spec. Intention for Jeff Field

Saturday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

5:30 p.m. †Don Hale

Sunday, December 11

8:30 a.m. †Pearl Davis

11:30 a.m. †Rodney Weaver

O COME, EMMANUEL—Looking for a way to focus on the Good News of Jesus during the Advent season? Saint Mary's Parish in Richmond is sponsoring an on-line homily service for each day of Advent. With a simple click on their Advent calendar, you will be directed to the Scripture readings for the daily liturgy, and a video homily. Go to www.stmarysrichmond.org.

Monthly Papal Intentions for December

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

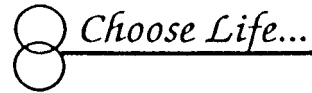
General Intention: That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

Mission Intention: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

Collection Report

Regular Collection (Nov. 19/20)	\$12,344.61
Regular Collection (Nov. 26/27)	\$ 8,819.87
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 2,838.42
Building/Debt Reduction	\$ 180.00
Additional Social Ministry	\$ 313.00
Additional St. Anne's School	\$ 198.00

The *St. Anne School Annual Appeal* starts this weekend and continues through December. You should receive a letter in the mail. Thank you for your past and future generosity to our School!



Regarding voting and the common good, published in "The Catholic Virginian" on Oct. 31, 2011 and signed by both the Bishop of Richmond and Bishop of Arlington:

"Not all issues have equal moral weight. While most issues debated in the public square are matters of prudential judgment about which the people of goodwill can legitimately disagree (e.g. health care), some practices permitted by government (and sometimes funded by taxpayers' money) are intrinsically evil, that is, always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Among acts that are intrinsically evil, those that directly attack life itself are the foremost threats to human dignity. The right to life is the foundation upon which all other human rights are based and without which no other right could possibly exist.... Protecting life to the maximum degree possible should be our highest consideration when we vote...."

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, the **Rosary** is prayed at noon in the St. Anne's Chapel for the intention of the Right to Life, especially for unborn babies. **Please join us Tuesday, December 14 at 12 noon to pray.** And if you are not able to attend, please pray that evening for this most vital intention—an end to abortion.

Catholic Medical Association (open to Doctors, Nurses, and those in the medical profession) will meet this Monday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Johnson City.

Alternate Christmas Gifts—donate in memory of or in honor of someone to **Bristol Faith In Action!** You can make donation and get card to send at the parish office or at the BFIA office (703 Chester St.).

A Prayer for Advent

Look on us, Jesus,
and let all the darkness of our souls
disappear before the beams of Your brightness.
Fill us with Your holy love,
and open to us the treasures of Your wisdom.
You know all our desire,
so bring to perfection what You have started,
and what the Holy Spirit has wakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek Your face,
turn Your face to us and show us Your glory.
Then our longing will be satisfied
and our peace will be perfect.

Amen.

—St. Augustine of Hippo



**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

Masses: 7:30a, 12:15p, 7pm

Children/Teens in Gr. 3-8 — Christmas Choir

If you'd like to sing at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, plan to come to the rehearsals: Wednesdays at 3:15p on Dec. 7, 14, 21. Questions? Call Mr. Davis.

St. Anne's Choir rehearsals this week:

(Men) on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7pm

(Full Choir) on Tues., Dec. 6 at 7pm

Choir sings next Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 8:30 Mass.

A Note of Thanks....

Many thanks to all those who helped with our *Roman Missal III presentations and meals* the weekend of Nov. 19/20 — Donna Hale & Marilyn Broglio and their helpers in the kitchen, Fr. Tim Keeney and Glenda Stockwell for the wonderful PowerPoint Presentation, Sydney Farnum and the catechists and nursery workers, all the folks who helped assemble the food and carry it to the Parish Life Center, those who helped with the clean up, the members of the Roman Missal III committee... and to St. Anne's parishioners for your presence, your participation, and your positive and enthusiastic welcome of the new translation!

Richard J. Davis

Dir. of Liturgy & Music

Sponsor of the Week

This week we would like to thank *Abingdon Foot & Ankle Clinic* (Dr. Brian Mazzei & Dr. Renee Mason, parishioners) for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.