

Today our celebration of the Incarnation leads us to Bethlehem again, where the magi have come seeking the newborn King. On this day salvation is revealed not only to Israel, but to the whole world. We, too, have come seeking the presence of the Lord in word and sacrament. May we pray today for the grace and courage to share this good news with the rest of the world in which we live.



Scripture Readings for this week (Jan. 4 thru 9)

Monday:	1 John 3:22—4:6;	Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 John 4:7-10;	Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 John 4:11-18;	Mark 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 John 4:19—5:4;	Luke 4:14-22
Friday:	1 John 5:5-13;	Luke 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 John 5:14-21;	John 3:22-30

Readings for next Sunday (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 40:1-5k, 9-11

God's glory shall be revealed.

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

We are saved through the bath of rebirth.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"You are My beloved Son."

Next Sunday's readings bring the Christmas season full circle. The passage from Isaiah is usually heard during Advent. In this reading, we hear words that will later be echoed by John the Baptist, who appears in next Sunday's Gospel reading. As we listen to the Scriptures next weekend, let us rejoice in the fact that through our own baptism, we are called God's "beloved".



In addition to the memorials and honorariums listed in last weekend's bulletin, a donation was received for the following:

In memory of *Sidney O'Dell*

In honor of *all my friends in Bristol*

Given by Marija (Lingerfelt) DeVita

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 6 p.m.
In the Chapel
Please join us!

Fr. Tim Away: Father Tim will be at Washington Theological Union in Washington D.C. from the evening of January 3rd thru the evening of January 16. Our weekday Masses during this time will be celebrated at the regular times with Fr. Ron Rutkowski. There will not be confessions Thursday, January 7 & 14 or Saturday, January 9 & 16. Fr. Les Schmidt will be with us for weekend Masses Jan. 9/10 and Fr. Paul Maier will celebrate our 5:30 Mass on January 16. During these next two weeks, if you need a priest for a sacramental emergency, please call the parish office. If the night-ring is on, go to ext. 0 and an emergency number will be listed.

"Undecorating" - What goes up, must come down!

We will be taking down the inside Christmas decorations at the end of the Christmas Season—next Sunday, January 10th beginning at 1:30 p.m. If you'd like to come lend a hand, it would be appreciated.

CHOIR rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. and the Choir will sing at the 11:30 Mass on January 24. We'll enjoy hearing your beautiful voices as you sing "from the pews" while you enjoy your holiday "break".

**24-Hour Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Join us this week for our monthly 24-Hour Adoration which begins **Tuesday, January 5, at 8 a.m.** in the Chapel and concludes on **Wednesday at 8 a.m.** We need to assure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone during the Adoration hours and it is best if at least two people are in the chapel, especially during the late night hours. Thank you!

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*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Monday, January 4

7:30 a.m. Theresa Cassara Giordano

Tuesday, January 5

7:30 a.m. Elinor Cassara

Wednesday, January 6

12:15 p.m. Buddy Mutter

Thursday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Veronica Kosinski

Friday, January 8

7:30 a.m. James G. Hand

Saturday, January 9

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

5:30 p.m. Frances Carriera, Joanne Carriera and
Paul Carriera (USMC)

Sunday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Helene Plainmaison

11:30 a.m. Arthur Morton Denton

Monthly Papal Intentions (for January)

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 young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare to serve society.

Mission Intention:

That every believer in Christ may realize that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

For all of you who might be wondering about our annual Rectory Open House (which is usually held on Epiphany Sunday!)... Because Father Tim has to be in Washington D.C. tonight (Sunday, Jan. 3), we are not able to hold the Rectory Open House this year. We are sorry that this event couldn't be part of this year's Christmas Season and hope you understand!

A Special Note from a Soldier:

Dear St. Anne Catholic Church,

Just wanted to thank you all for all your love and kindness. Me and my fellow Marines greatly appreciate everything you have sent — we will use and eat it — all of it! We are all thankful for everything. It was very kind of everyone to send these gifts for us to have. We just ask for you to keep us and our families in your thoughts and prayers as we continue our work overseas. Thank you all and have a Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year.

With Great Love and Appreciation,

LCpl Benjie Farmer

United States Marine Corps

Let all Nations and Peoples

Give Praise to God



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2010 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2010 is “*You Are Witnesses of These Things*” (Luke 24:48). Throughout 2010 join Christians everywhere in praying “*that they may all be one*” joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

(Solemn Evening Prayer)

This year St. Anne's will host the *Ecumenical Prayer Service* for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This special service will be held here at St. Anne's Church on **Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 5 p.m.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

(Because of this special Ecumenical Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24, we will not have our regular 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Prayer.)

Collection Report

Regular Collection, Dec. 20	\$12,100.25
Additional for Retired Religious	\$ 5,133.00

Have you made any New Year's Resolutions??

A good one for 2010 might be to become a regular Blood Donor!! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 27** — the Bloodmobile will be here at St. Anne's from **2:30-6:30 p.m.** Sign-ups will be in the commons the weekends of Jan. 16/17 and Jan. 23/24.

Ten Reasons to Give Blood

- #10 One of the reasons people don't donate blood is because they were never asked. Consider yourself asked.
- #9 All blood types are needed.
- #8 You will get free refreshments after you donate.
- #7 Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have the bandage on.
- #6 It's easy and convenient.
- #5 It's something you can spare.
- #4 You will be someone's hero.
- #3 You will help ensure that blood is there when you or someone close to you may need it.
- #2 You may help save up to three lives with just one blood donation.
- #1 It's the right thing to do!

Traveling and Breaking Bread with Jesus

An introduction & exploration into Luke's Gospel
Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 4-9 p.m. (or)
Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jubilee House Retreat Center—Abingdon, VA
Facilitator: Father David Valtierra, C.O.

Fee: \$30

Luke's community highlighted Jesus as one who travels and invites into the journey of the Paschal Mystery; and the one who enjoys meals and invites us to be Eucharistic people. This retreat will be beneficial to lectors and all who pray the Scriptures as we hear this Gospel proclaimed throughout 2010. (*Father Valtierra is director of The Oratory: Center for Spirituality in Rock Hill, SC. He is a noted retreat director and scripture scholar.*) To register for this retreat, please send a deposit of \$15 with registration form to Jubilee House Retreat Center, 822 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. This retreat includes a meal; so please let them know if you have any dietary restrictions. For more information, please contact Jubilee House at 276-619-0919 or email info@jubileeretreat.com. Their website is www.JubileeRetreat.com.

**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

**Invite you to attend the 24th Annual
Celebration Service**
"IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!" (Romans 13:11)
Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 4 p.m.
Lee Street Baptist Church
1 West Mary Street—Bristol, VA
Speaker: Rev. William J. Reid

LIVING WATERS

Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center, located in beautiful Maggie Valley, North Carolina, is a ministry of the Diocese of Charlotte, staffed by the Augustinian Friars and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. They offer directed retreats and private retreats. Treat yourself to a spiritual renewal in the Smoky Mountains! Contact them at 828-926-3833 or go to their website at www.catholicretreat.org.



Thank You

2010 Catholic Calendars: Our thanks to *Rose Marie & Bill Burriss and Marilyn & Tony Broglio* for once again sponsoring our Catholic Calendars for 2010. We greatly appreciate their generosity to us!

The Third Weekend of the Month.... Jan. 16/17

Do you know what happens here each month on the Third Weekend?

- **Blood Pressure Screening** by the Parish Nurses, in the commons after Masses.
- **Food Pantry Weekend**—bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at Bristol Faith In Action (put in the blue box by the steps coming up into the commons).

Happy New Year!

May God Bless you in this New Year!

PEACE ON EARTH  GOOD-WILL TO ALL



Spot light on...

**Saint Anne
Catholic School
60th Anniversary
Gala**

St. Anne's School has been blessed with 60 years of dedicated teachers and staff. Students over the past 60 years have received an exemplary faith-based education. Recently, our students' test scores have placed St. Anne School in the Top Ten percentile nationwide. In order to continue this remarkable tradition, St. Anne Catholic School needs your support.

In recognition of the 60th Anniversary, we are holding a **GALA Anniversary Celebration** on Saturday, **January 23rd** at the **Bristol Train Station**. The theme is **"Havana Nights"** and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction and cash bar. Tickets are \$25/person. For information contact the school office at 276-669-0048. Come do the Mambo (Tuxedo optional).

Worship Notes....

EPIPHANY is traditionally a day to bless homes. Part of this blessing involves bracketing the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar — with the year above your door, usually in chalk, like this:

20+C+M+B+10

(Another tradition claims the initials stand for "*Christus mansionem benedicat*", meaning "**May Christ bless this home.**")

The Baptism of the Lord (next Sunday, January 10) commemorates the final "**Christmas**" feast, when the Father reveals the divinity of Jesus at His baptism through the Holy Spirit in the Jordan River. It is a good day to celebrate our own baptism, our "new birth" in Christ and inclusion in His Body, the Church.

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