

Today in our Christian tradition we celebrate the Epiphany or manifestation of Christ to the whole world. An epiphany can also be a new insight or realization. Gathered together on this Sunday of the Epiphany, what new insights about our faith and our God can we discover? Let us pray to be open to what God continues to do for us in our lives.



**Readings for this week (Jan. 4-9)**

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 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 John 5:5-13;	Luke 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 John 5:14-21;	John 3:22-30

**Scripture for next Sunday (Baptism of the Lord)**

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 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 are a mini-excursion through Advent and Christmas, depositing us on the threshold of Ordinary Time. The reading from Isaiah recalls the Advent message of comfort and hope. Saint Paul proclaims that the grace of God has appeared. In the Gospel we have an adult Jesus being baptized by John, ready for his mission and affirmed by the voice of God. As we listen to this scripture next Sunday, let us recall our own Baptism and prepare for whatever God will ask us to do next.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for *Vernon Drake*, a former Saint Anne parishioner who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Jean Drake, at 667 Old Stage Trl., Bristol, TN 37620.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!**

- No Weekday Masses this week
- No Confessions Tuesday or Thursday this week.

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

**We WILL HAVE our monthly 24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week, beginning this Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. and concluding on Wed., Jan. 6 at 8 a.m. in the Chapel.**

**Welcome Father Drake!** We welcome Fr. Tim Drake who is here to celebrate our weekend liturgies while Fr. Kevin is away. Our thanks to Father Drake,

**UNDECORATING!**

*"What goes up, must come down"*

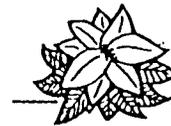
Adults and Teens who'd like to help us take down the Christmas decorations in the church, commons, and chapel are welcome to join us this afternoon (Sunday, Jan. 3) — we'll start around 345 p.m. and work until done! Thanks!!

*With Gratitude!*

The **Catholic Calendars for 2016** were put out for our Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Masses and those remaining are on the table in the commons if you would like to take one home. Many thanks to our calendar sponsors for their generosity:

*Bill & Rose Marie Burriss (Burwil Construction)*

*Tony & Marilyn Broglio (Urology Assoc. of Kingsport)*



**Poinsettias**

In addition to the memorials and honorariums listed in last Sunday's bulletin, we have also received donations for the following:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

***Our parents, deceased family members and very special friends***

given by Claire & Joe Doherty

***Deceased family members***

given by the Tebeau family

***Betty Knott***

given by her husband, Raymond Knott

***Our son, Thomas Paloian Sr., and deceased members of the Paloian, Gionet, and Cholakian families***

given by John & Joyce Paloian

***Dominick Funaro (Connie's father)***

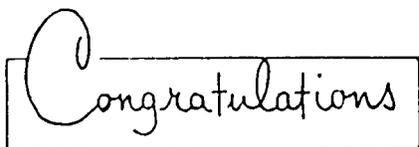
given by Connie & Brendan McSheehy

***Genarro Costagliola, Jerry Costagliola, and other deceased members of the Costagliola family, Bridget Segerblom, and Maureen Ianucci***

given by Pam and Angela Costagliola & family

**IN HONOR OF:**

***Father Kevin and St. Anne's Staff, and St. Anne's Choir***  
given anonymously



**Congratulations** to parishioner **Nick Bush**, age 16, of Abingdon, who was given the Congressional Award, Silver Medal, by Virginia Congressman Morgan Griffith on December 21, 2015. To earn the award, Nick set and achieved personal fitness goals, personal development goals, volunteered for over 200 hours in the community, and met other requirements over a three year period. Nick's personal development goal was earning the rank of Eagle Scout which he accomplished in St. Anne's Troop 21. Nick's mentor during this process was Timothy Burke, also a long time St. Anne parishioner. **Congratulations Nick!**

### ***Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness Project***

St. Anne's parish will be providing support and assistance to the Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness (ARCH) as they proceed with the annual point-in-time count of homeless people in our area. Volunteers are needed to accompany ARCH personnel as they go out into the community on the night of January 25. If you'd like to assist with this, please contact Rosie in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 ([stannes@stanne-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stanne-bristol.org)) or Dawn Figueiras at [dfigueiras@elliottlawson.com](mailto:dfigueiras@elliottlawson.com). You can also help in other ways! The Social Ministry Committee will be **collecting blankets, coats, and warm clothing (new or very gently used) as well as socks, hats, and gloves (new ones, please!)** for the ARCH personnel to distribute during their count on Jan. 25. Please bring your items to the Commons the weekends of **Jan. 9/10 or Jan. 15/16**. Saint Anne's School will be collecting personal hygiene items for distribution (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, shower gel, hand sanitizer, small packs of Kleenex, etc.). If you wish to donate hygiene items, you can put the items in the box outside the school office any time before January 14. THANK YOU!!

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE for the Senior Adults** of our Diocese from Bishop DiLorenzo can be viewed by going to <https://youtu.be/rlAzzLOea-4>.

**Need any LARGE ornaments?** We have a lot of REALLY LARGE ornaments that used to be put on the Christmas tree behind the office... since we don't use them anymore, if someone could use them, please let us know.

**"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts."**  
Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Fr. Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661.

### ***Bus Trips to Richmond & Washington***

—We are working on getting a bus to attend Seminarian Mark Kowalski's transitional diaconate ordination in Richmond on April 15/16, 2016; but we need to know approximately how many parishioners are interested in going on the bus trip before we make the reservations. Please sign-up at the table in the commons if you are interested in the trip. The plan is to travel to Richmond on Friday, April 15, have a nice evening meal together, stay overnight, and then on Saturday, April 16, attend the ordination, visit the Cathedral and then return home. Cost will be determined by the number going, but we expect it will be approximately \$100 per person.

—We are still trying to find available transportation for those who want to attend the March for Life in Washington DC on January 22. Also, please sign-up in the commons if interested in this trip.

—Watch the upcoming bulletins for more information on both trips as the details are confirmed.

### ***Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)***

#### ***Upcoming Schedule:***

- **Jan 3—Youth Group**—ALL TEENS (grades 9-12) - BYC—6pm-8pm
- **Jan 10—Youth Group**—ALL TEENS (grades 9-12) - BYC—6pm-8pm
  - **AND, at 9:45 on Sunday Morning**, all teens in grades 10, 11 & 12 who would like to receive **Confirmation** this spring will have a meeting with at least one parent in the BYC.
- **Jan 17—Youth Group**—ALL TEENS (grades 9-12) - BYC—6pm-8pm with dinner provided
  - also **Confirmation Class, 9:45am in the BYC**
- **Jan. 27—Youth Group**—ALL TEENS (grades 9-12) - BYC—6pm-8pm
  - also **Confirmation Class, 9:45am in the BYC**



## ***Confirmation***

### ***Confirmation Class to begin next week!***

Class will begin **next Sunday January 10**, for all teenagers in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. We begin with a **teen & parent meeting** in the Brady Youth Center at 9:45a (immediately following the 8:30a Mass). Parents need to attend this first meeting. You will receive a schedule of classes and all your questions will be answered at the first meeting. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS for this week**

**Saturday, January 2** (*Vigil: Epiphany*)

5:30 p.m. †Betty Pero

**Sunday, January 3** (*Epiphany*)

8:30 a.m. †Susan Mellett

11:30 a.m. †Val Kowalski

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

(*No Weekday Masses this week*)

**Saturday, January 9** (*Vigil: Baptism of the Lord*)

5:30 p.m. †Paul Lingerfelt

**Sunday, January 10** (*Baptism of the Lord*)

8:30 a.m. †John Shore

11:30 a.m. †Parents of Loria-Arenas

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**REMINDER:** No Weekday Masses this Week but we **WILL HAVE our MONTHLY 24-HOUR ADORATION**, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. and ends Wednesday at 8 a.m.

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

- **Sun., Jan 3—Sunday Morning Adult Rel.Ed. Class: "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"** 9:45-11am in the **Greatroom**. Today we begin a new 8-wk. study of the Bible. The New Year is a great time to renew your commitment to read and study the Bible more. Join us! No need to sign up. Bring your Bible. Coffee & donuts at 9:45a and the presentation begins promptly at 10a.
- **Mon., Jan 4—"Lives of Great Christians"** 1p-2:30p, St. Vincent DePaul Center.
- **Tues. Jan 5—Tuesday Morning Book Club, 10a-11am, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr.. Saint Joseph: the Father of Jesus in a Fatherless Society** by L. Boff.
- **Wed., Jan 6—RCIA at 6:30p** in the greatroom. "*Epiphany-Christ is the light of all nations*"
- **Thurs., Jan 7—Scripture Study** (to prepare us for the Sunday readings) at the St Vincent de Paul Center, 7:00-8:00p (after Mass). Bring your Bible! (**Please note: If there is no Mass at 6 p.m., the time for scripture study changes to 6:00-7:00 p.m.**)
- For more information about any of the above programs, email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs**

**CD of the week: "There is Life in the Womb"**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-loved and most influential preachers of the 20th century and author of over 90 books. He reached nearly 30 million people through his weekly program, *Life is Worth Living*, and his Cause for Canonization was officially opened in 2002. He explains the Church's teaching on life from a philosophical and historical perspective. Pick up this CD and others at the Lighthouse CD display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is greatly appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

- **Catechumenate Class** meets this **Wed., Jan. 6**, at 6:30pm in the Greatroom. **Topic: "Epiphany-Christ is the Light of All Nations"**.
- **Inquiry Class** meets also on Wednesday evenings in the office conference room. Please stop by the greatroom for opening prayer before going to the conference room.
- **Breaking Open the Word** for catechumens and candidates meets during the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the **11:30 Mass** in the office conference room.
- If you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in need of conversion, please bring them on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, but unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, please contact Sydney at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) for other possible times.

*Please pray for our catechumens and candidates.*

**What is RCIA?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey". Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

**"Lions to Lambs" - Annual Diocesan Men's Conference**  
Catholic Men's Conference "Lions to Lambs" will be held **Sat., Jan. 16** at the **Greater Richmond Convention Center** and is open to men over age 18. This is a great opportunity to take a day away from regular life and refocus on faith and your vocation. Keynote speakers are Mark Hart and Father Dan Beeman. The conference includes inspiring talks, vendors, an opportunity for confession, and Mass with the Bishop. On Friday night, Jan. 15, there will be an informal roundtable discussion with a bourbon tasting and hors d'oeuvres from 6:30p-9p at the Pastoral Center. Cost of the Conference is \$45. Please register at [www.regonline.com/lionstolambs2016](http://www.regonline.com/lionstolambs2016).

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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**Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the Holy Year of Mercy** — Is your New Year's Resolution to spend more time in prayer? **Weekly Adoration** will help you create a habit of spending regular time in prayer. Plan to attend Adoration on **Tuesdays** from **9:15a-4:30p** (even if no morning Mass). And on the **First Tuesday** of the month, we will continue to have **24-hr. Adoration**—be sure to sign up for the 24-Hr. Adoration... **THIS WEEK, beginning Tuesday (Jan. 5) 8 a.m. & ending on Wed. at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. We need to be sure someone is here with the Blessed Sacrament at all times during Adoration.**

### **MERCY, LORD... HAVE MERCY!**

Often we call out for mercy, yet forget to pass on what we receive. In this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, the Council of Catholic Women has chosen "MAKING THE JUBILEE YEAR ONE OF PERSONAL MERCY" for their annual Spiritual Program.

**PRESENTERS:** Dawn Figueiras, Miriam Dutcher, and Julie Newman

**Date:** Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Great Room at St. Anne's

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we explore the gifts we have received and discover ways to perform Acts of Mercy.

### **New Scripture Study for Holy Year of Mercy begins this week! "Divine Mercy"**

- **Tuesday evening 6:30-8pm**, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center, beginning **January 19**
  - **Wednesday afternoon 1:00-2:30p**, St. Vincent de Paul Center, beginning **January 20**
- Cost of study materials: \$12 (payable at first meeting)

### **Collection Report (Dec.19/20)**

Regular/Operating \$11,542.39

(add'l: School/2nd coll. \$108, Soc.Min. \$203

Holy Day Immac.Conc. \$20, CCHD \$6)

**Companions of Francis & Clare-Secular Franciscan Order (SFO)** meets every 3rd Sunday/month at Jubilee House in Abingdon, 2-5 p.m. New group who are inquiring to begin Jan. 17—if you are interested, come to the meeting or contact Tom/Marianne Boyle at 276-525-1104.

**Let all Nations and Peoples**

