

Brothers and sisters, today we conclude our season of celebrating the Incarnation and enter again into the Ordinary Time season of the year. This "threshold feast" reminds us that we must take the presence of God manifested to us on these holy days into the everyday world in which we work and live. John proclaimed the coming of the One mightier than he. May our prayer today be for the grace to do the same.



**Scripture readings for this week (Jan. 11 thru 16)**

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 9-20; Mark 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a; Mark 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm. 9:1-4,17-19,10:1; Mark 2:13-17

**Readings for next Sunday (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

All shall behold your vindication.

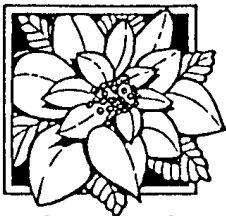
**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

The Spirit distributes gifts to each person.

**John 2:1-11**

Jesus transforms water into wine.

The three Gospel stories the Church celebrates as "epiphanies" are the visit of the magi to the newborn Jesus, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the wedding feast at Cana. Next Sunday, as we gather around the Lord at that wedding feast, let us pray that we will be transformed more and more into the image of Christ, manifesting His presence to those we meet.



**Poinsettias**

In addition to the memorials and honorariums list in the bulletins on Holy Family & Epiphany weekends, a donation was received for our Christmas flowers for the following:

In honor of "my buddy Frances Musick"  
Given by Jo Green

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Your prayers are asked for **Jesse Adams**, a member of our parish family, who died on New Years Day. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his family c/o his daughter, Belinda McCracken, at 28 Denton Lane, Bristol, VA 24201.

We ask your prayers for **Edward Gartner**, the stepfather of **Gary Hughes**, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Gary & Manya at 22475 Virginia Trail, Bristol, VA 24202.

Your prayers are requested for **Bob Worley**, the uncle of **Faith & Lexie Stumpe** who died recently. Notes may be sent to Faith & Lexie at 5 Euclid Ave., #207 Lee Garden, Bristol, VA 24201.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Join us on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Evening Prayer.



**St. Anne Catholic School 60th Anniversary Gala**

January 23rd is quickly approaching! Please make plans to attend the anniversary gala and help celebrate 60 years of academic excellence. Our celebration gala will be **Saturday, January 23, at 6 p.m.** at the Bristol Train Station. We are still accepting RSVPs. Invitations and RSVP cards are available at the church and school offices. We have made many attempts to gather names of alumni but realize we do not have all names. If you did not receive an invitation or know an alumni who did not receive one, please contact Elizabeth Burriss at [wburris1993@mindspring.com](mailto:wburris1993@mindspring.com). Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

**2nd Annual Rummage Sale!!**

St. Anne Catholic School's 2nd Annual Rummage Sale will be held in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, **February 6, 2010**. You can rent your space for \$25 and keep the proceeds from your table. The PLC will be open Friday evening for set-up and the doors will open for business at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. First come, first serve on the tables, make check payable to St. Anne School Rummage Sale. Last year the school made over \$600 and the participants had a great time selling and trading their stuff! To rent your space, please contact the school office (276-669-0048).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our next film for “The Year for Priests” will be shown on **Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Abingdon Cinemall.** The film this month is: **“Keys To The Kingdom”** starring Gregory Peck. The film is free and we ask that you bring a food item for Bristol Faith In Action. The film fest is sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women.

**Young Adult Ministry Leadership Team** is reminded of our regularly scheduled meeting this evening, **Sunday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the conference room. Any young adult (ages 18-39) who is interested in being more involved in planning YAM events is invited to join us this evening.

**Justice and Peace Committee** is reminded of our regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, January 11, at 4 p.m.** in the greatroom. Anyone interested in being on the J&P committee is invited to join us on Monday.

**Scripture Study** continues on **Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Monsignor Hickie Center.** If your New Years resolution is to study God’s Word more, this is a great place to start. No prior preparation is needed. Bring your bible and a friend.

**Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education** resumes next **Sunday, January 17th at 9:45 a.m. in the greatroom.** The topic is: **“The Old Testament”.** Presented by Sydney Farnum.

### **EVENING PRAYER SERVICE**

#### **for the Cause of Life**

**St. Anne Catholic Church**

**Thursday, January 21**

**7:00 p.m.**

We invite you to join us on Thursday, January 21st at 7 p.m. for a short prayer service *to honor life from conception to natural death.* (Jan. 17-24) is the week of the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision which led to the legalization of abortion in the United States. The Prayer Service on Thursday, Jan. 21st will be led by Father Tim. **All are welcome.**

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** The St. Anne Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, January 21 at noon at the Abingdon Senior Center. Please call Gina Rossetti (423-878-7827) to reserve your spot for lunch.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 24, 2010**

**5 p.m.—at St. Anne Catholic Church**

Several congregations representing four Christian denominations will come together for a special Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God (Evening Prayer) on **Sunday, January 24, 2010.** The service will be held as part of the area’s observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and will be held this year **at St. Anne’s at 5 p.m.** on January 24. Speakers from Redeemer Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, State Street United Methodist, John Wesley United Methodist, and St. Anne Catholic Churches will tell stories of post-World War II martyrs (witnesses) who have inspired unity in the midst of differences by their witness. Begun in 1908, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each year in cities and towns across the country and around the world. The theme for the 2010 observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) is **“You Are Witnesses of These Things”** Luke 24:48. The Evening Prayer service on January 24th is sponsored by LARCUM (Lutherans, Anglicans, Roman Catholics, United Methodists). Throughout 2010, join Christians everywhere in praying **“that they may all be one... that the world may believe”** John 17:21, joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ.



**The Students for Life at ETSU** would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus Councils** at St. Mary Catholic Church in Johnson City, St. Anne Catholic Church in Bristol, and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Elizabethton for their recent donations. The donations received will enable members of Students for Life at East Tennessee State University to attend the **Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C.** at the end of January and also will help the student organization in offering support for students at ETSU in crisis pregnancies. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your generosity!

Sincerely,

*Fr. Michael Cummings &  
Students for Life*

East Tennessee State University



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 11

7:30 a.m. Jeanne Taylor

### Tuesday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Barry Brady

### Wednesday, January 13

12:15 p.m. Isabelle Murphy

### Thursday, January 14

7:30 a.m. Elizabeth P. Miller

### Friday, January 15

7:30 a.m. Vocations

### Saturday, January 16

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

5:30 p.m. Cindy Burch

### Sunday, January 17

8:30 a.m. Tommy Burke

11:30 a.m. Jack Mullin

### Upcoming Retreat—Jubilee House/Abingdon

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** on Thursday, January 14 from 4-9 p.m. (or) on Saturday, January 16, 10a-3pm. This retreat will be beneficial to everyone as we hear and reflect on the message of Luke proclaimed throughout this year. Registration by Monday, Jan. 11 is appreciated. Donation of \$30 includes the evening meal Thursday; lunch on Saturday. Contact Jubilee House by calling 276-619-0919 or email them at [info@jubileeretreat.com](mailto:info@jubileeretreat.com).

**The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee invites you to attend the 24th Annual Celebration Service Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at Lee Street Baptist Church.** This service is to honor the memory and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the speaker will be the Rev. William Reid, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and President of the Bristol Area Ministerial Alliance. The theme for the celebration is: *It's Time To Wake Up* (Romans Chapter 13, Verse 11).

**The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia** invite single Catholic women to join them for a *Monastic Discernment Weekend* on February 19-21 at Saint Benedict Monastery in Bristow, Virginia. For more information, please contact Sister Vicki Ix, OSB, Director of Vocation Ministry at 703-298-5337 or [vocations@osbva.org](mailto:vocations@osbva.org) (Facebook "Sister Vicki").

## 2010 Catholic Holy Spirit Seminar "Could You Not Keep Awake One Hour?"

Mark: 14:37

### Pipestem State Park

### Friday, Feb. 19 thru Sunday, Feb. 21

The Annual Holy Spirit Seminar at Pipestem State Park in Bluefield, VA will be held in Lent and will reflect on Mark's account of the "Agony in the Garden". As Jesus goes into the garden of Gethsemane to prepare for His passion, we get a glimpse of His humanity and the intimacy He shares with the Father. Topics will include: *Are You Spiritually Awake/Asleep?; Prayer; the Spirit is Willing, the Flesh is Weak; and Get Up, Let's Be Going!* The Seminar begins on Friday, February 19 at 7 p.m. and ends midday on Sunday, Feb. 21. Teaching, group discussion, Mass, reconciliation, prayer meeting, testimonies and great fellowship will be part of the weekend. For information regarding the registration form and fees and reservations for accommodations at Pipestem, please pick up a registration form from the parish bulletin board or parish office.

### COLLECTION REPORT

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| Christmas Holy Day          | \$26,713.05 |
| Regular/Holy Family Weekend | \$13,011.00 |

Additional Received before end of year closing:

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| Regular Collection | \$4,505.00 |
| Holy Days          | \$ 200.00  |

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| Solemnity of Mary Holy Day    | \$ 5,365.21 |
| Regular/Epiphany Weekend      | \$14,439.43 |
| 2nd Collection for the School | \$ 5,583.13 |

**Second Collections:** Next weekend (Jan. 17) our second collection will be taken up for Respect Life.

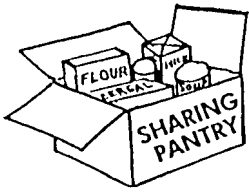
### 2009 Contribution Statements:

The end of year statements will be available to be picked up in the commons the weekend of January 23/24. We are unable to get them out for you sooner this year because Fr. Tim needs to sign them after he returns from Washington Theological Union.

**Weekday Masses** this week will be celebrated in the Chapel at the regular times by Fr. Ron Rutkowski. There will NOT be confessions this Thursday or on Saturday the 16th.

**THANK YOU!** Our thanks to *Fr. Les Schmidt* who is with us this weekend for Masses while Fr. Tim is away.

**Remember....**



Bring in non-perishable items for the **Food Panty** at Bristol Faith In Action. Place your donated items in the “blue box” near the wheelchair lift as you come up into the commons from the hallway.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

The Parish Nurses will be in the commons next weekend after the Masses (3rd Weekend of the Month) to check blood pressures... be sure to stop and have yours checked!

**UNDECORATING...** We'll be taking down the trees and wreaths and nativity and Christmas altar linens starting TODAY (Sunday, Dec. 10) at 1:30 p.m. if you'd like to lend a hand! THANKS.

**NO Choir Rehearsal this week**—still on the well deserved break! Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evening, January 20.

**WORSHIP NOTES... Ordinary Time**

This Sunday on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we end our joyous Christmas Season.... And tomorrow begin Ordinary Time. Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time begins Monday, January 11 and continues through Tuesday, Feb. 16, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, May 24, the day following Pentecost.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE: BLOOD DRIVE**

Sign up in the commons the weekends of Jan. 16/17 and 23/24 to come **donate blood** on **Wednesday, January 27 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.** (the Bloodmobile will be in the lower parking lot by the gymnasium).

**Sponsor of the Week**

We would like to thank **Friendship Ford** (parishioners **Dave & Debbie Snyder**) this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.