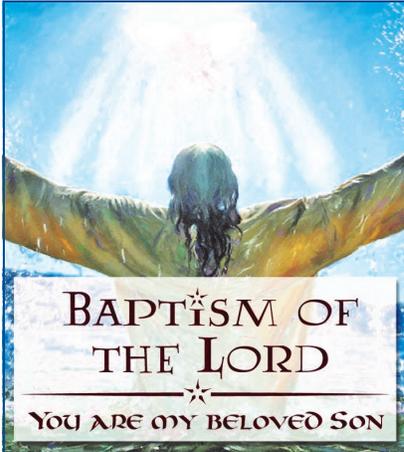


Today's readings are a mini-excursion through Advent & Christmas, depositing us on the threshold of Ordinary Time. The reading from Isaiah recalls the Advent message of comfort and hope. St. Paul proclaims that the grace of God has appeared. In the Gospel we have an adult Jesus being baptized by John, ready for his mission and affirmed by the voice of God. Let us recall our own Baptism and prepare for whatever God will ask us to do next.



**Readings for this week (January 11—16)**

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

**Scripture for next Sunday (2nd Sunday/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.

*Even though the Christmas season is over, we are urged to continue to proclaim God's marvelous deeds. Isaiah is addressing Israel upon their return home from exile and cannot keep silent about Israel's vindication. Likewise, at his mother's urging, Jesus cannot keep from performing the first of his signs and so revealing his glory. St. Paul tells us there are many gifts in the Spirit.*

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Barbara Boice** who passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on Thurs., Jan. 21, at 11:30 a.m. at O'Charley's Restaurant (exit 7). Please call Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827, by Tues., Jan. 19 to reserve your spot for lunch.

**Parish Pastoral Council Update**

At the December meeting, the Parish Pastoral Council adopted the following vision statement: ***"The vision of the St. Anne Parish Pastoral Council is that St. Anne Catholic Church will continue to grow as a vibrant, faith-based, and financially sound parish whose members are dedicated to being good stewards of time, treasure and talents."*** Elections were held and Kathi Boatright was elected as the Chairperson and Gene Perrin as the Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. Any parishioner is welcome to contact a member of the Council to discuss matters of concern to the Council.

**WELCOME!**

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Tim Drake (5:30 Mass) and to Fr. Jesus Guerrero for our Sunday Masses this weekend.

**NOTE:** No confessions/No weekday Mass Thurs. Jan. 14.

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **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**—BYC—6pm-8pm with dinner provided
- **Jan 24—Youth Group**—BYC 6pm-8pm
- **Jan. 31—Senior High Youth Ministry January Fun Night**— **"Just Jump"**
  - **AND, at 9:45 on Sunday Morning, Confirmation Class** in the BYC.

January SHYM Newsletters and **Confirmation letters** were mailed last week to our teens. If you did not receive your letter, please notify Sydney at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) so that we can make sure you are on the mailing list. Thanks!

**Confirmation Preparation begins today!**

Confirmation Preparation begins today, **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 9:45 a.m. (immediately following the 8:30 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, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org).

**Thank You! Thank You!**

A big **Thank You** to the Knights of Columbus for providing the Sunday School of Religion Pancake Breakfast this morning. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated and the breakfast is always delicious!

**Bus Trips to Richmond & Washington**

Be sure to stop by the table in the commons to sign up as interested in going on the bus trip to Richmond for **Seminarian Mark Kowalski's transitional diaconate ordination on April 15/16, 2016**; the number of folks who sign up will determine the size of the bus we reserve (and we do need to make that reservation soon). The plan is to travel to Richmond on Friday, April 15, have a nice evening meal together, stay overnight, and then on Sat., 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 for bus trip and hotel.

If you are interested in making the trip to the annual **March for Life in Washington DC on January 22**, please sign up in the commons. There is a bus leaving from Roanoke that we can ride on for \$20.

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

**THANK YOU!!**

Thanks to everyone who participated in helping with **Family Promise** during our host week. All food donations, monetary gifts, volunteers who made dinner, stayed 5:30-8:30p, slept overnight, volunteers who helped set up and clean up, doing laundry. Special thanks to CCW & CDA for their extra contributions to make the family's Christmas great. The family were very appreciative of all they received. Our week was real successful. The family is moving (Jan. 7) to an apartment — another successful story for Family Promise! Thank you again!

*Merylen Ott*

**A Special Note...**

The Lenzioszek Family would like to express our thanks to friends and the parish family for the many cards, flowers, your prayers, and for the funeral Mass we received following the sudden death of our dear son, brother and father, **Slawomir A. Lenzioszek**. We all appreciate these condolence messages more than we can say. Thank you for your sympathy, support and comfort you provided at this time of sorrow, and thank you so much to help us to cope at this sad time.

Very grateful and sincere,  
*Halina Lenzioszek Pedras*

**Respect Life Month in the Diocese of Richmond**

Each year, the Diocese of Richmond celebrates Respect Life month in January. During this month, parishes across the diocese are encouraged to celebrate and highlight the Catholic world view that all life is sacred and that every person has dignity that comes from God. Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. Be sure to stop by the Respect Life display in the commons to pick up free Respect Life materials and continue to pray unceasingly for the dignity and respect for all life.

**Prayer Shawl members** are reminded of our meeting this **Wed., January 13**, 10 a.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us.

**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.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 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*)
- Tuesday, January 12**  
8:30 a.m. †Joseph Smith
- Wednesday, January 13**  
8:30 a.m. †Thad Slack  
(*no weekday Mass this Thursday, Jan. 14*)
- Friday, January 15**  
7:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for Emily Condlin
- Saturday, January 16** (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)  
5:30 p.m. †Bella Harnois
- Sunday, January 17** (*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*)  
8:30 a.m. †Yolanda "Toni" Pomrenke  
11:30 a.m. †Betty Hagerman  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

- **Catechumenate Class** meets this **Wednesday, Jan. 13**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room. **Topic: "Sacraments of Initiation"**.
- **Inquiry Class** meets also on Wednesday evenings in the office conference room. Please stop by the Great Room 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 who is 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.

**Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs**

**CD of the week: "Encountering the Poor"**. Dr. Timothy Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well known scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With his eloquent style and polished delivery, Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of sacred scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle but instead really frames the entire mosaic of scripture. Pick up this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the table in the commons. A \$3.00 donation per CD is greatly appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles. Thank You!

**Advisory Council:** The Office for Black Catholics has openings on its Advisory Council. The mission of this office is to evangelize, enhance and celebrate the contributions of persons of African descent and the gifts they have to offer the Church and society. Meetings of the council are held in person, video conference or phone. If interested in being on the council, please contact Pam Harris at 804-622-5179 or [obc@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:obc@richmonddiocese.org).

**Monthly Papal Intentions**

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"*.

**(Papal Intentions for January 2016):**

**Universal:** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.  
**For Evangelization:** That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity, and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



**CHURCH SUPPORT**

**E-giving Donations (Dec. 16-31)**

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Regular/Operating                 | \$6,620. |
| Christmas Holy Day                | \$ 333.  |
| Catholic Charities 2nd collection | \$ 210.  |
| School 2nd collection             | \$ 340.  |
| Social Ministry 2nd collection    | \$ 80.   |
| Solemnity of Mary Holy Day        | \$ 50.   |

**Collections (Dec. 24 thru Jan. 3)**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Regular/Operating (Dec. 26/27)    | \$17,249.00 |
| Regular/Operating (Jan. 2/3)      | \$15,894.50 |
| Christmas Holy Day collection:    | \$13,260.00 |
| Catholic Charities 2nd collection | \$ 3,746.07 |
| Solemnity of Mary Holy Day        | \$ 3,628.75 |
| School 2nd collection             | \$ 4,801.50 |

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| January 24  | (Respect Life)             |
| February 7  | (St. Anne's School)        |
| February 21 | (SW Virginia Health Wagon) |
| February 28 | (Bristol Faith In Action)  |

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

- **Sun., Jan 10—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" 9:45-11am** in the Greatroom. Join us! No need to sign up. Bring your Bible. Coffee and donuts at 9:45a and the presentation begins promptly at 10a.
- **Mon., Jan 11—"Lives of Great Christians" 1p-2:30p**, St. Vincent DePaul Center.
- **Tues. Jan 12—Tuesday Morning Book Club, 10a-11am**, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr. **St. Joseph: the Father of Jesus in a Fatherless Society** by Leonardo Boff.
- **Wed., Jan 13:**
  - **"Divine Mercy" Scripture Study, 1:00p-2:30p** in the St Vincent de Paul Center.
  - **RCIA at 6:30p** in the greatroom. **"Sacraments of Initiation"**
- **Thurs., Jan 14—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.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!!**

**"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."**  
Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Michael Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, (804) 359-5661 or email him at [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).

## HOMELESSNESS PROJECT

St. Anne's is providing support to the Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness Project. If you can volunteer to accompany ARCH as they go out on the night of January 25, contact Dawn Figueiras at [dgifueiras@elliottlawson.com](mailto:dgifueiras@elliottlawson.com) or Rosie in the parish office. Social Ministry Committee is also collecting **blankets, coats, warm clothing** (new or very gently used) and also **socks, hats, & gloves** (new please!) for ARCH to distribute during their count on Jan. 25. **Bring your items to the commons NLT next Sunday, Jan. 16.**

St. Anne's School is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, shower gel, hand sanitizer, small packs of Kleenex and these items can be dropped in the box outside the school office **BEFORE Jan. 14.**

Thank you for your generosity to others!

## LITURGY NOTES...

—Today is the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, and this Feast ends the Christmas Season.

—Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 11, and continues through Tuesday, February 9, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. (Ordinary Time will resume when the Easter Season ends, that is, on May 16, the day following Pentecost.)



- Many thanks to *Saint Anne's Choir* for their many hours of rehearsals and their beautiful voices on Christmas Eve! The choir is now on "break" and will resume rehearsal on Wed., Jan. 27 and sing at the 11:30 Mass on January 31. Lent & Easter—coming soon!
- Thank you to the children & teens, the *Cantemus Choristers* who sang for our 5 p.m. Mass on Dec. 24. You did a great job! I hope you'll join with us to sing again for Easter!
- Thanks to our *liturgical ministers* who serve with dedication and reverence.
- Thank you to the folks who come **decorate** our worship space (& undecorated) *We'll be taking it all down this afternoon (Jan. 10) starting at 345p.*
- Thanks to all who gave donations toward our Christmas Poinsettias—we appreciate your generosity!
- And **THANK YOU to St. Anne's parishioners** for your joyful participation in our liturgies!

*Richard J. Davis*

Director of Liturgy/Music