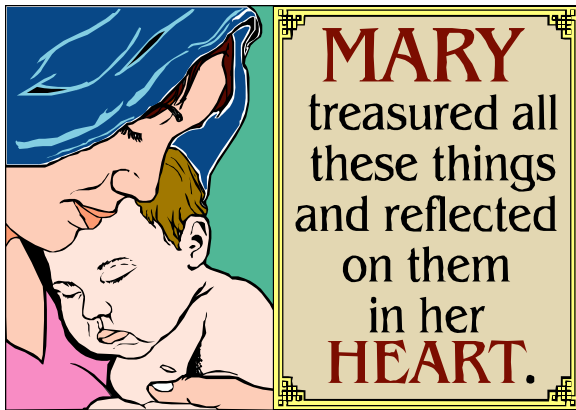


Today, the Church rings in the New Year by celebrating our most ancient feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, honoring her with one of her most beautiful titles, *Holy Mother of God*. On this day so filled with the hope of new beginnings and good resolutions, Mary also stands before us as Queen of Peace, the woman of contemplative prayer who reflects in her heart on God's ever-renewed presence in the world. She is likewise First among the Disciples, the woman of gospel action, who responds to God's word with obedient faith and selfless charity. As we begin this New Year, she points to her Son and says to us what she told the servants at Cana's wedding feast, "*Do whatever he tells you.*"



**Scripture Readings for this Week (Jan. 2-7)**

**Monday:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28  
**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34  
**Wednesday:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42  
**Thursday:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51  
**Friday:** 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11  
**Saturday:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

**Readings for next Sunday (Epiphany)**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

We, too, are the sons and daughters of God.

**Matthew 2:1-12**

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

*Isaiah's vision of the far-off nations streaming toward Jerusalem to worship the one true God is fulfilled, says Paul, in Christ Jesus. By his saving gospel even we Gentiles have been made coheirs of Abraham's covenant, copartners of God's saving promise, and living members of Christ's body. Next Sunday, in the Gospel of the magi, let us see ourselves and hear anew God's invitation to draw near and worship Jesus, our Messiah and King.*

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

**This Tuesday, Jan. 3 (8 a.m.) thru Wed., Jan. 4 (8 a.m.)  
In the Chapel**

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for *Clyde Gay*, the husband of parishioner Geri Wilkerson, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Geri at 125 Violet Lane, Bluff City, TN 37618.

Your prayers are asked for *Wendell Pope*, the grandson of Charlie Duff, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Charlie at 317 Glenway Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

**Office Closed** this Monday, January 2, however bulletin notices should be left on voicemail (276-669-8200, ext. 0) or by email (stannes@stannes-bristol.org) by 12noon on Monday.

**Weekday Masses this week:**

Monday & Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Wednesday at 12:15

Thursday & Friday at 7:30 a.m.

**Finance Council** members are reminded of the meeting this Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the school library. Please pick up your packets THIS weekend!

**NO CHOIR rehearsals...** Our Choir is on a well-deserved break after all their hard work for Christmas. Rehearsals will resume on January 18.

***RECTORY OPEN HOUSE***  
***Epiphany Sunday—January 8***



**Plan to stop by the rectory and have a cup of good cheer with Father Tim next Sunday! Come by anytime between 12:45 (after the 11:30 Mass) thru 4pm. The rectory is located at 922 Chester Street, Bristol, VA.**

## Pancake Breakfast

January 8th  
9:45-10:45 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus will again provide a **Pancake Breakfast** next **Sunday, January 8th, between the Masses**. We call this our “**Annual Sunday School of Religion Pancake Breakfast**” however, all parishioners are invited to attend. Sunday School of Religion children & young teens (grades K-8) will meet in their classrooms and come to the Great Room as a class. Parents of these children are invited to join us in the Great Room. After breakfast, K-8 will return to their classrooms for their religion lesson. We ask if you are attending, to please be here before 10:45 a.m. so that we may get the kitchen cleaned up prior to the 11:30 Mass. A big thank-you to Jim Fiala and Mike Farnum for organizing this family event for us each year.



### **Catholicism Project—January 12th**

Episode 4: “**Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast—Mary, the Mother of God**” -- This lesson correlates the Catholic Faith’s testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to his Mother. Mary is explained as “an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church.” Save the date and join us at the Abingdon Cinemall on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. No cost to attendees due to the generous sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Bristol Faith in Action.

**Hospice Meals:** St. Anne’s will provide meals for the families at Hospice House from Jan. 3 to Jan. 9. If you would like to provide a meal, please contact Joyce Paloian at 423-652-2599. Reminder to those who’ve already called to volunteer: Tue/Jan. 3 (Janel Kent), Thur/Jan. 5 (Sophia Wise), Sat/Jan. 7 (Kate Bouton).

### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

*“They made known what had been told them about this Child.”*

If you may be one of those called to make the Christ Child known to others as a priest or consecrated religious, call Fr. Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661 or email him at [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).

*“A person is a person no matter how small.”*

(author: Dr. Seuss from Horton Hears a Who!)

*“To defend and promote life,  
to show reverence and love for it,  
is a task which God entrusts to every man.”*

(The Gospel of Life, no. 42)

Please join us this month of January in prayer — Adoration, prayer service, rosary, literature table — that all may come to believe that life is a gift from God, our first inalienable right, which needs to be nurtured, defended and promoted, shown reverence and love from conception to natural death.

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children,  
we implore your intercession for every child  
at risk of abortion.

Help expectant parents to welcome from God  
the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion,  
and lead them to forgiveness and healing  
through the Divine Mercy of Your Son.

Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends  
until God calls them home.

Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend  
each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us to bring our faith into public life,  
to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Who is love and mercy itself.

Amen.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

#### **TO HELP WITH RECTORY OPEN HOUSE**

If you can help with set-up, serving, clean-up, or can make some food for the Open House.... Sign up in the commons **THIS WEEKEND** or you can contact Jean Blackburn at 423-646-4335 this week. THANKS!

#### **Rental Property available**

348 Euclid Avenue. Large brick home: 3BR, 2BA, fireplace, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, two large Bonus Rooms upstairs, Basement. All appliances are furnished, heat pump, \$695/month plus utilities. Security deposit & references required. NO pets, NO smoking. If interested please call 276-591-5375 and leave message.

**24-Hour Adoration—THIS WEEK!!**

### Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy

Fr. Tom Mattingly, Pastor at Blessed Sacrament in Harrisonburg will be the Spiritual Director for a twelve day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from Oct. 1-12, 2012. The Itinerary includes 2 nights each in Venice and Assisi and 3 nights each in Florence and Rome. Side trips to Siena, Padua, and Ravenna are planned. The cost is \$3,550 each. Deposit is \$450 each with final payment by July 1, 2011. An Early Booking Discount is available. The package includes air from most east coast and Midwest cities, daily breakfast and dinners, Superior Tourist Class hotels, and English speaking guide. For additional information and brochures, call John Tagnesi, 1-888-544-4461 or email [jtag1964@verizon.net](mailto:jtag1964@verizon.net).

#### Collection Report (December 17/18)

Regular Collection	\$23,817.80
Bldg./Debt Reduction	\$ 80.00
Add'l Immac.Conc.	\$ 35.00
Add'l School	\$ 60.00

*(Due to the publisher's holiday schedule, the collection results for Dec. 24/25 were not available for this bulletin and will be included next weekend.)*

**2nd Collections:** Our second collection this weekend is for St. Anne's School. Thank you for your support.

#### The University of Notre Dame Chorale

The ND Chorale will be at **St. Andrew Catholic Church** in Roanoke on Friday, January 13 at 7 p.m. for a concert. The Chorale is the official concert choir of the University of Notre Dame, consisting of an ensemble of 60 singers and specializing in choral works from the Renaissance to the present. They have toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe and New Zealand, and sang for Pope Benedict XVI at a General Audience in Rome in May 2011. This will be an evening you won't forget! For more information contact [music@olphsaalem.org](mailto:music@olphsaalem.org) or [kwheelbarger@standrewsroanoke.org](mailto:kwheelbarger@standrewsroanoke.org).

#### 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:** Victims of Natural Disasters

That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

**Mission Intention:** Dedication to Peace

That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of goodwill.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, January 2

8:00 a.m. †Sr. Esther DelDuca

#### Tuesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. †Barry Brady

#### Wednesday, January 4

12:15 p.m. †Mary Duff

#### Thursday, January 5

7:30 a.m. †Ruth Roach

#### Friday, January 6

7:30 a.m. †Genevieve Debranski

#### Saturday, January 7

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

5:30 p.m. †Pearl Davis

#### Sunday, January 8

8:30 a.m. †Jessica Lendzioszek

11:30 a.m. †Ruth Bullock

#### Liturgy Notes

##### The Feast of the Holy Family—*did you miss it?*

This year, because of Christmas falling on a Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family was celebrated on Friday, Dec. 30 with a liturgy here at 8 a.m. (It was not a Holy Day.)

##### Mary, Mother of God (January 1)

*"Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart."* Luke 2:19

The Church sets aside every New Year's Day to acknowledge the pivotal role that Mary played in God's plan for our salvation. We honor the woman who became a vessel for the divine by opening her life and her heart to the Spirit of God. Like Mary, each of us is a sacred vessel that is pregnant with God in the Spirit and empowered by grace to give birth to Christ in the world.

##### Epiphany (January 8)

*"They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising."* Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany celebrates the universality of Christ's message, the truth that the Lord is born for Jews and Gentiles alike. All those who seek the Lord are guided in faith to the place where Christ is born in their lives. As we walk by the light of Christ, we experience *"epiphany moments"* sudden insights into God's plan or revelations of God's presence in our world.

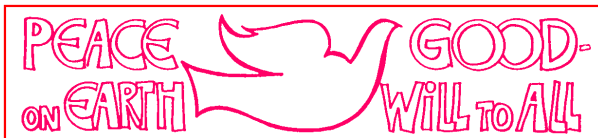
**Baptism of the Lord**—This year will be celebrated on Mon., Jan. 9 with a liturgy at 12:15 p.m. (Not a Holy Day)

*Please continue to use your worship aids  
throughout the Christmas Season  
as we learn the words of the new translation of the Mass!*

***“Get Connected”***

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry Lock-In  
January 13-14**

All 7th and 8th graders of the parish were mailed (or personally handed) the informational and registration form for our upcoming 7th/8th grade lock-in for LPA’s 15 & 16 (parishes in Southwest Virginia) to be held here at St. Anne’s. Please return your permission form to either one of your youth leaders or Sydney Farnum or drop off at the church office as soon as possible. The lock-in begins on Friday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. and ends on Saturday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$15—plus girls will bring a food snack and boys will bring a 2-liter or juice to share. Make checks payable to “St. Anne Catholic Church” and on memo line put “Jr.High Lock-In”. Please register as soon as possible! We hope all of our 7th and 8th graders will attend this fun lock-in!!



**Youth Ministry**

***March for Life in Washington DC***

St. Anne’s Youth Ministry—Grades 7 thru 12 will be going to the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Sunday, January 22 thru Monday, January 23, 2012. We have just received the information from the Diocese and must move quickly to take advantage of this opportunity. Tickets are very limited.

The cost is \$35 for teens and \$45 for adult chaperones.

The registration fee covers:

- All transportation and lodging
- Admission to the “Life is VERY Good” Rally
- Tickets to the March for Life youth rally & Mass
- Lodging and a pizza snack on Sunday night and breakfast on Monday morning

All teens who want to go on this trip need to contact Sydney ASAP by either email to [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Tickets must be ordered this week!! Please let me know by Tuesday, January 3, if at all possible. Permission forms will be provided at a later date but we do need to reserve our tickets. Thank you!