

## We have come from the East



to visit the King.

*Our Christmas celebration takes a new turn today, as the wider world is invited to share the gift of salvation. Like the magi, we come seeking the Messiah, looking for the One whom we need to have at the center of our lives. Let us pray for the grace to worship and offer our lives to the One who has come to save us from our sins.*

### Readings for this Week (Jan. 3--8)

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

### Readings for next Sunday (Baptism of the Lord)

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Here is my servant.

**Acts 20:34-38**

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.

**Matthew 3:13-17**

The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

*Brothers and sisters, listen carefully to next Sunday's first reading. Once again, we hear that the holy one of God will open the eyes of the blind and bring light to those who dwell in darkness. This, indeed, is good news that sustains us on our journey of faith. As God's voice thunders over the waters of the Jordan, let us pray that we will be counted among the holy ones of God.*

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for †**Can Tran**, the mother of **Denise Tran Mai**, who died recently in Texas. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Denise at 504 Gaffney Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are asked for †**Hazelle Goodpasture Slack**, the mother of Thad Slack Jr., who died recently. Notes may be sent to Thad at 5 Euclid Ave., #47 Lee Garden, Bristol, VA 24201

### Attention Liturgical Ministers

*(Lectors, Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Server Coordinators)*

The current schedule runs through next Sunday, January 9. Please notify the parish office **NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS** this Tues., Jan. 4 of dates you are unable to serve in January/February. Call 276-669-8200, ext. 0 or email [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org). Please remember to pick up your schedules in the commons next weekend. Thanks!

### Father Tim Away

Fr. Tim will be at Washington Theological Union in Washington D.C. doing course work on his doctoral program from this afternoon thru January 14. There will be weekday Mass this week as follows:

Monday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m. (Fr. Ron Rutkowski)

Tue/Thur/Fri. Jan. 4, 6 & 7 at 7:30a (Fr. Ron)

Wed., January 5 at 12:15 (Fr. Mike Herbert)

(No Confessions this Thurs., Jan. 7)

Next weekend, Fr. Jim Curran will be with us for all of our weekend liturgies and Fr. Jim will also be here for confessions next Saturday, Jan. 8 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. (He is Campus Minister at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.)



Thank you to all of our parishioners who made Christmas a bit brighter by participating in the "**Giving Tree**". We were able to provide gifts for 185 families for a total of over 900 gifts. We also used the monies donated to purchase gifts for the tags that didn't get returned this year. Once again St. Anne's parishioners have shown the practice of generosity and the blessing of Christmas to those in our area!

**Sunday Morning Religious Education** classes resume next **Sunday, January 9**. We will begin the New Year with a **Pancake Breakfast**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Children will meet in their classrooms with their catechist and go to the breakfast together. Parents are invited to join us in the Great Room beginning at 9:45. Many thanks to the Knights who provide a delicious pancake breakfast for us each January as we return to religious education class.



**Respect Life Month—January 2011**

**National Migration Week: January 2-8, 2011**

**Theme of the Week: Migration—Unity in Diversity**

We begin this first week of “Respect Life Month” with the theme of “Unity in Diversity”. “*Welcoming the Stranger Among us: Unity in Diversity*”, a statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, tells us that “the Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all — especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. The Church of the twenty-first century requires a profound conversion in spirit and its institutions to reflect its own cultural pluralism, to address the needs of the whole Catholic community, and to further a genuine communion of solidarity among the diverse members of the Body of Christ”. If you would like to read the Bishop’s document, “*Welcoming the Stranger Among us: Unity in Diversity*”, you can access it online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) or borrow a copy from Sydney in the church office.

***Meals for Families at Hospice House***

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to prepare meals for the families at Hospice House. If for any reason you are unable to take your meal as scheduled, or if you have any questions, please call Joyce Paloian at 423-542-2599.

- Sunday, January 2 — Teri Schrader
- Monday, January 3 — Joyce Paloian
- Tuesday, January 4 — Pam Balaban
- Wed., Jan. 5 — Pat Moore & Sydney Farnum
- Thursday, January 6 — Pat Flanagan
- Friday, January 7 — Lucy Jensen
- Saturday, Jan. 8 — Barb Fiala

**Little Rock Scripture Study: The Gospel According to Matthew begins next week.** If you haven’t had a chance to sign up for a group yet, please call Sydney in the parish office or email [sydneyfarnum@stannestristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannestristol.org). Your study sets will be given to you at the first session. Cost of the study sets: \$13.00. Please pay at the first meeting. You will be sent a reminder of the day, time, & location of the group you joined.

**Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39)**

Our January “A Slice of Theology” will be held on Saturday, January 15, at 6:45 p.m. at the rectory. The presentation will be “Church Chat with Fr. Tim”. Please save the date on your calendar and join other young adults to discuss any and all of your questions about the Catholic faith. The parish nursery will be open for attendees.

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

Our monthly 24-Hour Adoration is this week, beginning on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. and concluding on Wednesday at 8 a.m. We need to be sure the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone during this period. As we begin this New Year, please consider coming to spend time in prayer with our Lord.

*“Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to Him: “I am Yours, and I ask You, please stay with me always.”*

— Pope Benedict XVI

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

***HOLY HOUR to pray for Vocations***

The first hour of our 24-Hour Adoration (**Tuesday, January 4, from 8-9 a.m.**), is a special Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to pray for those in religious formation as well as those who serve the people of God as priests and religious.

**“UN-DECORATING”**

Our joyous Season of Christmas comes to a conclusion next Sunday and so we’ll be taking down the trees and decorations in the church, common and chapel next Sunday, January 9, beginning around 2:15 p.m. If you would like to “lend a hand” it would be appreciated.

**Thank You!** Many thanks to those who made donations toward our Christmas flowers as memorials and honorariums. If you had requested a memorial and have not yet sent in your donation, please do so in the next two weeks, and mark it “Christmas flowers”. We are hoping to be able to cover the total cost of our flowers with your donations. Thank you!



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 1** (Vigil of Epiphany)

5:30 p.m. †Can Tran

**Sunday, January 2** (Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. †Weichold Family

11:30 a.m. †Jerry Costagliola

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

**Monday, January 3**

8:00 a.m. †Geralda Moore Parkinson

**Tuesday, January 4**

7:30 a.m. Vocations

**Wednesday, January 5**

12:15 p.m. †Hazelle Goodpasture Slack

**Thursday, January 6**

7:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

**Friday, January 7**

7:30 a.m. †Jessica Lendzioszek

**Saturday, January 8** (Vigil of Baptism of the Lord)

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

5:30 p.m. †John Burns

**Sunday, January 9** (Baptism of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. †Teresa Pstragowska

11:30 a.m. †Jerry Costagliola

### Catholic Advocacy Day

Join the Bishops of Arlington and Richmond, the Virginia Catholic Conference and other Commonwealth Catholics in Richmond the morning of Thursday, **January 27, 2011**, to learn about upcoming legislation and to visit the offices of your legislators to discuss life, social and economic justice, family and education issues. The annual Catholic Advocacy Day begins with prayer and a welcome from the Bishops, followed by briefings, visits to legislators, and lunch. See more details (in English and Spanish) and register at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org). Join us! The cause is good!

### Collection Report:

Regular Collection (Dec. 18/19)	\$13,852.58
2nd Collection/Trip to Haiti	\$ 2,885.34
Additional Mission Cooperative	\$ 165.00
Additional School Collection	\$ 67.00
Building/Debt Reduction	\$ 225.00

(Christmas Holy Day & Sunday Holy Family collection results will be included in next week's bulletin.)

### E-Giving Report (Dec. 15-21):

Regular Collection	\$845.00
School Collection	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.00
Christmas Holy Day	\$100.00

Second Collection this weekend (First Sunday of the Month) is for St. Anne's School. Thanks for your support!

### Worship Notes.....EPIPHANY!

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord (traditionally observed on January 6 — the last of the familiar Twelve Days of Christmas) and now transferred to “Sunday” in the United States. “Epiphany” means “manifestation”, and it’s the celebration of Jesus manifesting His glory as Savior to all nations of the world, symbolized by the Magi. Epiphany is a gift-giving day in some cultures, as well as a day to ask for God’s blessings on our homes. One particular blessing includes bracketing the initials of the traditional names of the Magi who visited the home of Jesus — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — with the year above the front entry door, usually in chalk, like this: **20+C+M+B+11**.



### A Note of Thanks...

Thank you for your participation in this year’s *Holiday Mail for Heroes* (sending Christmas Cards to military heroes worldwide). We are pleased to report that with everyone’s help, we were able to send over 8,400 signed cards from our communities in southwest Virginia and northeast Tennessee. Please convey our appreciation to all those you know who contributed to this effort. You have made Christmas brighter for our heroes. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

*Patty Tauscher*  
Mountain Empire Chapter  
American Red Cross

**Retreat Centers....** We are blessed having two Catholic Retreat Centers located near Bristol... *Jubilee House* in Abingdon ([www.jubileeretreat.org](http://www.jubileeretreat.org) or call 276-619-0910) and *Living Waters Reflection Center*, Maggie Valley, NC ([www.catholicretreat.org](http://www.catholicretreat.org) or call 828-926-3833. Take advantage of having these Retreat Centers within driving distance!

### Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank *St. Anne's Charity Bingo* this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



In addition to the memorials listed in the last Sunday's bulletin, donations were also received toward our Christmas flowers:

**IN MEMORY OF:**

*Deceased parents and family members*

Given by Joe & Claire Doherty

*Norman Haderer*

Given by his family

*Sidney O'Dell, Gus Hall, Toni Pomrenke,*

*Rosamond Fagan, Jerry Costagliola, and*

*Jerry G. Costagliola*

Given by Pam Costagliola & family

**2010 End-of-Year Statements:** The 2010 contribution statements will be run and ready for Fr. Tim to sign when he returns from WTU (and it takes a few days to sign them all), so please plan to check in the commons the weekend of Jan. 22/23 to pick up your statement.

**2011 Catholic Calendars**

The Catholic Calendars for 2011 were put out in the commons for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Day liturgies and are available to our parishioners. We ask that you only take one calendar per registered St. Anne Parish Family. Our thanks to our most generous sponsors: **Bill & Rose Marie Burriss** (BurWil Construction Co.) and **Dr. Tony & Marilyn Broglio** (Urology Associates of Kingsport, P.C.). Their kindness allows us to offer this beautiful calendar to our parishioners.

**TRIP TO RICHMOND**

**Diaconate Ordination of Chris Hess**

**February 19**

We have chartered a bus that will leave from St. Anne's around 5pm on Friday, Feb. 18 to take folks to the ordination (staying at a hotel in Richmond on Friday evening) and returning to Bristol after the Ordination Liturgy at the Cathedral on Saturday.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST (sponsored by KofC)**  
**next Sunday, Jan. 9, after the 8:30 Mass!!**