

What kind of attitude do we bring to Mass each weekend? Do we feel proud of ourselves for what we have accomplished this week? Or do we feel inadequate, sorry for all the times we've failed, aware of our human weaknesses? Let us examine our consciences and recognize our need for God's mercy.



Readings for this Week (Oct. 28-Nov. 2)

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30
Thursday: Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35
Friday (All Saints Day): Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14;
1 John. 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12a
Sat. (All Souls Mass): Isaiah 25:6-9;
Rom. 14:7-9, 10c-12; Jn. 5:24-29

Scripture for next Sunday (31st Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

The Lord has mercy on all.

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in Him.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus came to seek and save what was lost.

Next Sunday, let us put ourselves in the shoes of Zacchaeus, so eager to see Jesus that he climbed a tree to see over the crowd! Jesus is with us today, in our neighbor, in our midst as we gather together in His name, and in the bread and wine we offer as it is blessed and broken. We don't need to climb a tree, yet we may find him difficult to see. Let us pray for the eyes of Zacchaeus, eager to see Jesus wherever He can be found.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by Brigitte Koserski in memory of her mother, **Hedwig Meussen**.

ALL SAINTS DAY — Friday, Nov. 1st
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 12:15 & 7 p.m.

(collection on All Saints is for our Operating Fund)
(incense at the 7p)

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Commemoration of all the faithful departed
All Souls Day Mass: Sat., Nov. 2 at 10 a.m.

(At this Mass we especially remember those who have been buried from St. Anne's this year.)
(incense at this 10 a.m. liturgy)

From the Pastors Desk

Recently I read an article on line that caught my interest. The article contained a list of historical figures that according to the author probably never really existed. I had a pretty good idea what the article would really be about before I read it, but I took the time to read it anyway. There were some names on the list I expected to see. There were some that surprised me. There was one name I knew would be on the list, because I am sure the entire article was written for that purpose alone.

I expected to find names like Socrates on the list. There has long been a debate about whether he really existed since he never wrote anything. All we know of him comes from the writing of his student Plato. It has been suggested that maybe Socrates was just a character invented by Plato to promote his own ideas. I understand why some people may believe this. However, later in the article it also suggested that Plato was not real either. This to me is quite absurd. How can anyone argue that Socrates is no more than a character invented by Plato and then claim that Plato was not real either? Furthermore, *The Republic* which is a masterfully written dialogue by Plato did not write itself.

The article got even more absurd when it tried to make the argument that St. Paul who wrote nearly half of the New Testament was not a real person. Again, his letters did not write themselves. In addition, there are other people who wrote about St. Paul, including St. Luke. These writings mention specific people and events that do appear in Roman historical records. There is no basis at all to the argument that St. Paul did not actually exist, but people will still make the argument knowing there are plenty of people who will read it without asking critical questions and assume that whatever is written must be true.

If it is not obvious what the conclusion of all this is at this point, it is that the last name mentioned in this article was Jesus Christ. I fully expected this to be the case. However, after reading it all I came to the conclusion that the entire article was written for that purpose. There were a few things that may be true combined with several more that are obviously not true all pointing to the final conclusion that Jesus Christ never actually existed.

On November 6, we will be having another **Parish Family Night** here at the church. The topic I chose is the *Eucharist in the Scriptures*. I chose this, because many people have been asking me about a recent survey showing how few people actually believe in the real presence in the Eucharist. There are many false ideas being circulated for the purpose of leading people away from the faith. The example I have given is but one of them. I would like to spend an evening discussing some of the truths of our faith and why I believe them. Please come join me.

Turn Clocks back 1 Hour (Sat. night, Nov. 2)!!

Desperately Seeking Nursery Workers!!!

If you like working with children,
consider joining our Nursery Crew!

Hours are flexible; some Saturdays, all Sundays,
most Wednesdays, all Holy Days of Obligation.

If you are interested, please contact Vanessa Purdy at 276-614-8463 ext. *814 or email vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org.



Spot light on...

Catholic Daughters' Wreath & Dumpling Sale THIS WEEKEND

After Masses

Today in the hallway outside the Great Room, CDA is taking orders for holiday greenery (wreaths, swags, & centerpieces) PLUS homemade apple dumplings.

GREENERY: Pick up and fill out 1 order form for each person you are buying for and return them with ONE check (payable to CDA) next weekend (Nov. 2/3) to green box that will be in the Commons. Items will be shipped by Dec. 5. Shipping is free; gift card included. This is a great gift idea for your out of town family & friends!!

DUMPLINGS: Place orders today, along with payment of \$15 for each tray of 4 tasty pastries. Trays will be ready for pick-up after all Masses Nov. 2/3. Freezer-ready for a perfect addition to your Thanksgiving/Christmas meals!!

CDA MEETING: This Monday, Oct. 28— Catholic Daughters are reminded of their meeting this Monday at the Columbian Center (Social time at 5:30 and meeting at 6p.) Any Catholic lady interesting in joining CDA, please contact Carol Reynolds at 276-494-6883.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this Tuesday, **October 22, 9:00am-4:30pm**. Please stop by the chapel for prayer and join us for Benediction at 4:30pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, in the Great Room, **630-8:00pm**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room after opening prayer in the Great Room at **6:30pm**.
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30pm** before going to class.

For more information about RCIA, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord"*

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of the saints to bring solace to the burdened as a priest? Contact the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 and speak with Fr. Brian Capuano or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



October is Respect Life Month

"Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life"

Stop by the Respect Life Table in the commons to pick-up interesting reading materials and other respect life items during the month of October as we continue in prayer for respect of all life from conception to natural death.

40-Days-For-Life

Join us next Sunday, November 3 for a candlelight vigil to end our 40 days for life campaign. We will begin gathering at the Vigil site at 5 p.m. and our candlelight service will start at 5:30. The gathering place is across the street from the Women's Clinic which is located at 2901 West State St. If you have questions, please contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com.

Invitation from St. Dominic's in Kingsport, TN

Priests for Life is providing a speaker, Fr. Dennis Wilde who will give a pro-life presentation at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Kingsport. *Priests for Life* is a ministry in the Catholic Church focused on ending abortion and facilitates a ministry for healing after abortion known as "Rachel's Vineyard". All are invited to attend this presentation.



*We welcome the following
newly registered parishioners
to St. Anne's Parish!*

**Christine Falcon
Arianne, Deanna, Ricky**
104 Memorial Dr., Bristol, TN 37620
352-364-2093

**Valerie Ramirez and John Burchett
Sebastian Burchett**
P.O. Box 1925, Abingdon, VA 24212
954-276-0154

**Brittany and Craig Roccki
Eli and Cooper**
1613 Kentucky Ave., Bristol, TN 37620
570-982-3120



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Saturday, October 26 (*Vigil: 30th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)
5:30 p.m. Spec. Int.: Patricia (Green) Johnson (b'day)

Sunday, October 27 (*30th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Hedwig Meussen
11:30 a.m. †Mary Beth Grubb
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, October 29

8:30 a.m. †Herbert Dittmar

Wednesday, October 30

8:30 a.m. †Edward E. Smith

Thursday, October 31

6:00 p.m. †Michael Merwick

Friday, November 1—All Saints (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

12:15 p.m. †Herbert Dittmar
7:00 p.m. †Molly Moore

Saturday, November 2

10:00 a.m. (*All Souls Mass*) Intention for All Souls
5:30 p.m. (*Vigil: 31st Sunday/Ordinary Time*) †Lou Pingo

Sunday, November 3 (*31st Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Anna Cooper
11:30 a.m. †Pansy Brittenham

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, October 27:

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) **Jesus Revealed—Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names—“Son of God”**. 9:45am-11:00am in the **Great Room**. Everyone welcome, no need to sign up. Next Sunday, Nov. 3: **“Son of Man”** in the Great Room.

Monday, October 28:

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: 1:00-2:30p**, Saint Vincent de Paul Center. **The Sacraments: “Marriage”**

Tuesday, October 29:

- **Book Club: 1030-11:30am** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. **The Great Divorce** by **C.S. Lewis**.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study: 6:30pm**, in the St. Vincent de Paul Center

Wednesday, October 30:

- **Wednesday Scripture Study Group, “Gospel According to John” 1:00-2:30pm** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. All are welcome to join the group!
- **RCIA at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room.**

For more details the above programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Wednesday Prayer Group:

Oct. 30, 2:45-3:45pm

at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

All are invited to join us for an hour of prayer.

Remember to turn your clocks back Sat. night Nov. 2!

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

- **Oct. 26—Fun Night! (Dollywood)** (7:15am-11:45pm)
- **Oct. 27—NO SHYM** (due to the Dollywood trip)
- **Nov. 3—NET Ministries Retreat** (9:30am-4pm)
 - SHYM will attend the NET Retreat!
 - Confirmation youth will attend NET Retreat
- **Nov. 10—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
 - Humility & Self-Confidence
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Nov. 17—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
 - Sea-ing is Not Always Believing

Junior High Youth Ministry (*Grades 7 & 8*)

- **Oct. 26—Fun Night! (Dollywood)** (7:15am-11:45pm)
- **Oct. 27—NO JHYM** (due to the Dollywood trip)
- **Nov. 3—NET Ministries Retreat (9:30am-4pm)**
 - JHYM will attend the NET Retreat!
- **Nov. 10—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
- **Nov. 17—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)

NET Ministries Retreat—ONE CHURCH

Sun., Nov. 3 (9:30a-4p) Open to youth in Gr. 7-12

One universal home guaranteed by God. What if there was an institution we could trust when our reasoning fails us? What if there was an institution guaranteed by God himself to withstand every difficulty the world offers? There is. Join us as we explore the Catholic Church as the universal home for all people. **Please notify Laura Cochran** by **October 27** if you plan to attend the retreat! Call 276-492-3095 or email lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

St. Anne Senior High Youth Ministry *Essay Contest*

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council 6695

(Contest is open to all St. Anne's Youth in grades 9-12)

Choose a topic from the list that is of interest to you, or write a separate essay for each topic. Youth may only submit 1 essay per topic. Submitted to Laura Cochran in person or by email to lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org.

Deadline is TODAY—October 27, 2019

Essay Contest Topics:

- What The Mass Means to Me
- Does God Really Love Me
- Why Is Being Catholic Important To Me

1st place \$300/2nd place \$100 Winner announced Dec. 1

For more information on writing guidelines contact Laura at 276-492-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

E-Giving Report (Oct. 1-15)

Operating: \$5,875 School 2nd Coll: \$415
BFIA: \$208. Maintenance. Res. \$185
Retired Religious: \$138 Mission Cooperative: \$98.
World Missions: \$143.

Collection Report (Oct. 19/20)

Operating: \$6,366 School 2nd Coll: \$58
World Missions: \$1,957.74

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Oct. 27: Mission Cooperative (Gate City/Dungannon)
Nov. 3: St. Anne's School
Nov. 10: Archdiocese for Military Services

St. Anne Catholic School

Celebrating our 70th Anniversary Year!!

Join us for our Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Birthplace of County Music Museum in downtown Bristol! There'll be good food, local craft beers, live bands & an auction. Tickets: \$40/person or \$75/couple. Ticket includes a chance to win a night at the Barter Theatre & Martha Washington Inn. For tickets, contact the school or parish office or PTO@stanneschoolbristol.org

HALLOWEEN CANDY:

Instead of eating up all your leftover Halloween candy... please bring in it to the commons next weekend... the goodies will be put in bags and taken to the Salvation Army & Haven of Rest during Thanksgiving weekend. (*Box will be in commons next weekend, Nov. 2/3.*)

VIRTUS session: Monday, Nov. 4, 6 p.m. in the School Library. Light refreshments will be provided. Training will last approx. 2 hours. Go to www.Virtus.org to register.

Craft & Bake Sale:

St. Elizabeth's in Elizabethton, TN on Sat., Nov. 2 from 9a to 1 p.m.

**Parish Family Night returns Wednesday, Nov. 6
"Eucharist in the Scripture"**

Sign up this weekend and next weekend in the commons if you are attending the optional dinner! We need to know how many to expect for dinner. **You do not need to sign up to attend the presentation.** *Thank you!*

- 5:30-6:15p Dinner Served (chicken quesadillas)
 - 6:30-7:00p Evening Prayer in the church
 - 7:00-8:00p Presentation in the Great Room
by Fr. Chris for Adults
- * Children and Teens will go with their age group for a fun night of learning more about the Eucharist

PARISH MISSION:

Nov. 17, 18, and 19 at 7 p.m.

"Christ-lock: Identity Theft No More"

Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

Directed by Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

Calling all BLOOD DONORS!! Sign up in the commons Nov. 2/3 or Nov. 9/10 and plan to come **Give the Gift of Life** when the Bloodmobile is here on **Wednesday, Nov. 13**, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. THANK YOU!!

Don't forget... Holy Day Masses for All Saints are this Friday, Nov. 1 at 12:15 & 7 p.m.

Our Mass for All Souls Day is Sat., Nov. 2 at 10 a.m.