

The readings for the past two weeks have reminded us to cultivate the traits of humility and receptivity. Sometimes we feel that we do not have the strength on our own to develop these traits. Today Saint Paul reminds us of a truth that we can easily miss: "*the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness*". Through the sacrament of Confirmation we were given seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Too often these gifts remain dormant. Perhaps today is the day to wake up and rely on these powerful gifts: *wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, & wonder and awe in God's presence.*

**Let them grow together with the harvest.**



**Scripture readings for this week (July 21 thru 26)**

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; John 20:1-2, 11-18  
Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:1-, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9  
Thursday: Jer. 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17  
Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28  
Saturday: Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Matthew 13:16-17

**Scripture readings for next Sunday**

*(17th Sunday/Ordinary)*

***1 Kings 3:5, 7-12***

Solomon asks for an understanding heart.

***Romans 8:28-30***

God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.

***Matthew 13:44-52***

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.

*In next Sunday's first reading, the Lord asks Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Rather than asking for riches and long life, Solomon humbly asks for an understanding heart. This becomes a real treasure for him. In the Gospel next Sunday, the kingdom of God is compared to a great treasure buried in a field and a pearl of great price. Let us be attentive to the treasures that God shares with us!*

**PARISH PICNIC IS NEXT SUNDAY!**

Join us here for our Parish Picnic next Sunday, July 27. If you forgot to sign up after Mass this weekend and plan to come, call the office by 12noon Tuesday!

**Change to Spanish Mass Schedule**

Beginning in August, the Spanish Mass on the first Sunday of each month will be celebrated on Sunday at 2 p.m. and there will not be a Saturday morning Spanish Mass. (The remaining weekends, the Spanish Mass will remain at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday). So on July 26, August 9, 16, 23, 30 the Spanish Mass is on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. and on Sun., Aug. 3 (the 1st Sunday of the month) the Mass is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 3.

**FEAST DAY—July 26**

Our parish Feast Day is Saturday, July 26, *the Feast of Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Since the Feast Day falls on Saturday, we are not having a special Evening Prayer this year but we encourage you to especially remember St. Anne and our St. Anne's parish in your prayers next weekend!

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Ronald "Ronnie" Arnold**, the son of Mike & Rita Arnold and the brother of Theresa Ward, who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the family at 2113 Westfield St., Bristol, VA 24201.

**What's Your Catholic I.Q.?**

**Answer to last week's question:**

(c) The complete prayer is: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

**This week's question:** The lawyer-saint who was ordered beheaded by King Henry VIII is

- (a) St. Thomas More
- (b) St. Joseph Cupertino
- (c) St. Benedict Joseph Labre
- (d) St. Maximilian Kolbe

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday, July 30**

**2:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Sign up this weekend or next to donate blood on Wed., July 30, 2:30-6:30 p.m. in the lower parking lot. All July donors will be entered in a drawing for a gas grill. Also, if we collect 25+ units of blood on July 30 then someone from our Blood Drive will receive a \$25 gift card! Please ***Give the Gift of Life!!***

**A Special Note from Deacon Harry's family:**

In the words of dad, Deacon Harry, "how do I begin to say thank you for your prayers, your concerns, as expressed by the many many cards, letters and telephone calls...." As he said to you in his homily on November 19, 2006, when he was diagnosed with throat cancer.

How do we begin to say thank you to all you wonderful, caring, loving, generous people? We just did not know the incredible impact our dad had on this parish and it will be a great loss for a very long time... we knew that he meant a lot to a lot of people, but nothing on this level... he was a great human being. We miss him terribly.

Thank you, Fr. Tim, for taking control of the services for dad and doing a beautiful job. Thank you to Rosie Mansfield, Jim Yench, & Debbie Snyder, we are so thankful for what you have done for us and for dad. Richard, the music was absolutely beautiful, thank you. The reception after the service was wonderful and was so helpful to the parish and to us in many ways. Thank you to the persons who organized that meal. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the duties you performed during the funeral. Thank you to Paul Robinette and Martin Robinette for the framed portraits of dad which you gave to the parish and to us. That was the last formal photo of dad taken right before he became sick. It is beautiful. Thank you to everyone — your prayers, thoughts and actions meant so much to us, helped us through and we will never forget your kindness.

We will never forget how you all honored him. We will never forget how much he meant to all of you. We will never forget how much you loved him. It will be a hard recovery for all of us, and we will never fully recover. It helps to know that we all have the same feeling of loss and that we are all there for each other in dad's, Deacon Harry's name.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, which sounds so simple, for everything you all have done and continue to do for us to help us during this time. Dad, Deacon Harry, would be proud of all of you for what you have done for us.

Peace.

***"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust destroy,  
and where thieves break in and steal.  
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where moth and rust do not destroy,  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart also be"***

(Matthew 6:19-21)



**Monday, July 21**

8:00 a.m. Haley Webb, Sr.

**Tuesday, July 22**

8:00 a.m. Bridget E. Keeney

**Wednesday, July 23**

12:15 p.m. Rita Kaul

**Thursday, July 24**

8:00 a.m. Francoise Laurence

**Friday, July 25**

8:00 a.m. Carole Fagan Harris

**Saturday, July 26**

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

5:30 p.m. Theodore Leonard

**Sunday, July 27**

8:30 a.m. Ann Dorula

10:30 a.m. Bridget Eva Keeney

**Collection Report**

Regular Collection, July 13 \$11,905.46

**Building "Capital Campaign" Report**

(As of July 6, 2008)

Total collected in pledges/donations	\$2,968,955.	99%
Uncollected amount	31,055.	1%
Parishioners who have given:	432	61.1%
Non-parishioners who have given:	103	

**PLEDGES:** Many of those who made a pledge to be paid over a 3-year period have finished their pledges or are close to finishing. If you are unsure of the amount remaining on your pledge to the capital campaign, please contact the parish office and we will get that information for you.

**ST. ANNE'S CEMETERY**

Revised/updated "Rules & Regulations for St. Anne's Cemetery" are now available for those who have purchased space in Saint Anne's Catholic Cemetery. If you have not received a copy and wish to have one, please call Nancy Weisenburger at 276-669-8983.

**Rentals Available August 1**

312 Euclid Avenue, large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on corner of Euclid and Chester. Formal living room and dining room, large deck, carport. Water included. References required. No pets. \$650.00 per month.

707-1 Chester Street, 2 bedroom, one bath apartment, new kitchen, washer/dryer. \$550.00 per month. References required. No pets, no smokers, please.

CONTACT: Nancy Kelly at 423-878-2068

**Catechist Notes: *Conclusion of Catechesis of the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes—Life in Christ***

Catechesis for life in Christ stirs the heart, enlightens the mind, and inspires the soul. It aims to enable Christians to love God with their hearts, all their souls, all their minds, and all their strength. It seeks to help people form correct consciences, choose what is morally good, avoid sin and its occasions, and live in this world according to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It teaches people their obligations in love toward God, others, and themselves. It summons them to recognize their inherent dignity and to act in accord with the divine life in which they share. Catechesis for life in Christ offers them the way of Christ, the way that leads away from death and toward life.

**Pathways Training for Catechists of Adults Workgroup** is reminded of our work session this Thursday, July 24, 10 a.m. in the conference room.

**Pastoral Ministry Leadership Formation Program**

*Are you called to ministry in the Church?*

*Are you looking to formalize your current ministry?*

*Are you interested in ongoing formation in ministry?*

**We may be able to guide you!**

Offerings will begin in September in:

Richmond, Norfolk and Blacksburg.

Since February 2007, the Office of Pastoral Ministry Leadership Formation for the Diocese of Richmond has been offering adult learning programs and training for those who labor in the vineyard of our Lord. As they plan for the second group of lay ministers to begin formation, they extend an invitation to every adult to participate in the offerings. Visit their website at [www.richmonddiocese.org/pmlf](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/pmlf) or call them at 804-622-5262 for more information. The next cycle of classes begins September 6 and they will accept applications through July 31.

**Sponsor of the Week**

We would like to thank ***State Line Bar & Grille*** (**Annette Estes, parishioner**) this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

***Interested in Advertising in our bulletin?*** The Bulletin Ad Representative will be here at St. Anne's this week (July 21 -24). If you have questions or are interesting in advertising space in the parish bulletin, please call the parish office at 276-669-8200.

**JUBILEE HOUSE RETREAT CENTER**

Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon, Virginia announces the following retreats/workshops:

**—Traditional Mountain Music Workshop**

On Wednesday, August 6, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rhody Jane Meadows returns for this hands-on workshop, involving audience participation, using a variety of traditional mountain musical instruments. This workshop during the Virginia Highlands Festival is fun for the whole family. Pre-registration is required, by July 30, donation of \$12 includes lunch.

**—Parables: Jesus as Story Teller**

Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom with stories that change our lives and our communities. Father David Valtierra will return to Jubilee House for this summer retreat which begins on Wednesday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. and ends after lunch on Friday, August 22. Pre-registration is necessary, by August 13. Please call for brochure/registration form (276-619-0919).

**For more information about Jubilee House**

visit their website at [www.jubileeretreat.com](http://www.jubileeretreat.com)

Contact: 276-619-0919 or [info@jubileeretreat.com](mailto:info@jubileeretreat.com)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS—REMINDER!**

Those scheduled to serve as Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to please check your schedules and come as assigned... If you are unable to serve, please try to find a substitute. If you are unable to find a sub, please notify the office so we will know to look for someone before Mass. It is very difficult in the final minutes before liturgy begins to find people to fill in. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

**Schedule for next weekend (July 26/27):**

**5:30:** Mass Coordinator—Karen Rock

Lectors—Jack Weisenburger & Bernie Separ

Altar Servers—Amanda & Cristin Freeman

EMs: Doug & Eileen Weberling, Joyce Paloian,

Miriam Dutcher, Karen Rock,

Rosie Mansfield, John & Nancy Kelly

**8:30:** Mass Coordinator—Molly Moore

Lectors—Kimberly Toby & Barb Kowaczek

Altar Servers—Alex Raykowitz & Tyler Despard

EMs: Jim Yench, Christine Caldwell,

Rose Marie Burriss, Gin & Dave Tester,

Greg Chudzik, Lee Armstrong, Martin Buckles

**10:30:** Mass Coordinator—Mary Pat & Doug Ernst

Lectors—Ken Monyak & Resa Munt

Altar Servers—Delaney Weiland & Shelbi Seiber

EMs: Mary Pat & Doug Ernst, Eleanor Heinis,

Linda Fraser, Hella Grayson, Teresa Ingle,

Herb & Lucy Jensen



We would like to welcome two new members to our parish staff: **Dr. Richard Fenchak** as Principal of Saint Anne Catholic School and **Mr. Steven Wagner** as the Office Assistant for St. Anne's parish.

#### PRAYER TO SAINT ANNE

*Glorious St. Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee, and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take the present affair which I recommend to thee under thy special protection. Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy Daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and with thee and Mary and all the Saints, praising and blessing Him to all eternity. Good St. Anne, mother of her who is our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope, pray to her for us, and obtain our request. Amen.*

## Saint Anne's PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday—July 27  
(on the parish grounds)

Be sure to sign up THIS WEEKEND (or if you forgot to sign up—call the office, 276-669-8200, by 12Noon this Tuesday!).

The activities & games will begin around 4 p.m. and the food will be served from 5-6:30.

We'll provide Hot Dogs, BBQ, Chicken, Drinks & Paper Products. You are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share "pot-luck". Also, bring a lawn chair or blanket. PLEASE...in order to purchase the correct amount of meat, we NEED YOU TO SIGN UP BY THIS TUESDAY if you plan to attend..

**Volunteers** are also needed and would be greatly appreciated! Sign up this weekend or call the office if you can "lend a hand" to make the picnic a success.

