

As we continue our Christmas season celebrations, today's Feast of the Holy Family is a relatively new one, instituted at the end of the nineteenth century to respond to changing conditions in family life. Families today can take comfort in knowing that the Holy Family bore its share of hardships as well. Perhaps our prayer today can be for families of all kinds, that they might grow in love and in faith through all of their experiences together.

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



Readings for this Week (Dec. 28—Jan. 2)

MONDAY:	1 John 5:2-2;	Matthew 2:13-18
TUESDAY:	1 John 2:3-11;	Luke 2:22-35
WEDNESDAY:	1 John 2:12-17;	Luke 2:36-40
THURSDAY:	1 John 2:18-21;	John 1:1-18
FRIDAY:	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Lk. 2:16-21	
SATURDAY:	1 John 2:22-28;	John 1:19-28

Scripture Readings for next Sunday (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Matthew 2:1-12

The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Listening to the readings proclaimed next Sunday, it will become apparent that God intends for the Good News of salvation to be shared by everyone. From the expansive vision of Isaiah to the radical inclusion of Saint Paul, we are to understand that the journey of the magi is one that we all can undertake. The signs are there, in the heavens and in God's word. Let us all pack our bags and seek the Lord wherever the journey takes us.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Doris Hill**, the mother of **Dan Hill**, who passed away recently. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Dan at 120 Douglas Lane, Bristol, TN 37620.

Parish Office is closed this Monday, December 28.

No Confessions this Tuesday, Dec. 29 (but there WILL BE Mass at 8:30a, followed by Adoration until 4:30p).

NO Confessions this Thursday, Dec. 31

Holy Day Vigil Mass this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Mass this Friday at 10 a.m.

***Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
for the Holy Year of Mercy***

If you are looking for an opportunity to have more prayer time in your life during this Holy Year of Mercy—perhaps it's your New Year's Resolution — plan to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesdays** from **9:15a to 4:30 p.m.** (even if there is not a morning mass). Next Adoration: **Tuesday, December 29**.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

NO Adult Religious Education Classes this week. All classes, book club, and scripture study groups will resume next week! Be sure to join us for Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class next Sunday, **January 3**, as we begin our new study series "**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**" at **9:45 a.m. in the greatroom**. No Cost. No Sign-ups. Just show up and bring your Bible.

Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Dec 27—NO SHYM—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**
- **Jan 3—Youth Group—ALL TEENS** (grades 9-12) - BYC—6pm-8pm
- **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—ALL TEENS** (grades 9-12) - BYC—6pm-8pm with dinner provided
 - * also, **Confirmation Class** at 9:45am in the BYC

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

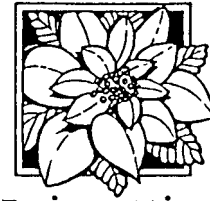
- **Catechumenate Class** does **NOT** meet this **Wed., December 30**. We will resume regular Wednesday evening classes on **Jan. 6** at 6:30 p.m. in the greatroom.
- **Inquiry Class** will also resume on **Jan. 6** in the office conference room. Please stop by the greatroom for opening prayer before going to the conference room.
- **Breaking Open the Word** for catechumens and candidates will **NOT** meet during the Liturgy of the Eucharist on **Sat., Jan. 2**. We will resume Breaking Open the Word on **Sunday, January 10** (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 conversation, please bring them on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, but unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, please contact Sydney at sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org for other possible times. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates.



We greatly appreciate all those who have made donations toward our Christmas Flowers!

In Loving Memory of:

- Isabelle Murphy** and **Lynne Marie Murphy**
Given by John Murphy
- Charles Daniel Fiala** and **Cynthia Fiala Burch**
Given by their parents, Jim & Barb Fiala
- Deceased members** of the **Mellett** and **Kozole** families
Given by Quentin Mellett & family
- Patricia Fleenor**
Given by Scott & JoAnn Fleenor
- Donald J. Miles** and **Roy B. Jenkins**
Given by Bearl & Chris Jenkins
- Christine Kupfer-Messick**
Given by her parents, Dave & Carol Kupfer
- Ramona Sanchez**
Given by Marta Rodriguez
- Emilia Cruz**
Given by Guadalupe Foley
- Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Boatright, Mr. & Mrs. Roy C. Swofford**
and **Chad Newton**
Given by Mike & Patti Boatright
- Deceased members** of the **Dutcher** and **Heffner** families
Given by Dan & Miriam Dutcher
- Sidney O'Dell** and **Phillip Ernst**
Given by Doug & Mary Pat Ernst
- Veronica Taylor**
Given by Michael & JoAnn (Van) Shepard
- Deceased members** of the **Bullock** and **Roberts** families
Given by Linda Roberts
- Ken Evans**
Frank deMartino (father)
Charles deMartino and **John deMartino** (uncles)
Given by Patty Sheppard
- Richard "Dick" Green** and **Michael A. Green**
Given by Joan Green
- James & Audrey Wilson** and **Charles & Elizabeth Bouton**
Given by Wayne & Kate Bouton
- Dr. Neal Jewell**
Given by Lucyann Jewell
- Deceased Parents**
Given by Raymond & Cassie Rice
- Deceased members** of the **Sullivan** and **Tilley** families
Given by Jim & Maureen Tilley
- Margaret Raykowitz**
Given by Bernie Raykowitz
- The Raykowitz family**
Given by Mary Williams



Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

- Raymond Bush, Jr.**
Given by Karen Bush and family
- Elizabeth Lucille Cato** (mother)
Given by Charlie, Antoinetta and Ronald Cato
- Deceased members** of the **Pasion** and **Perry** families
Given by Jerry & Frances Perry
- Anna & John Bannish**
Given by Bob & Carol Bannish
- Tony Orobona**
Given by Theresa Orobona
- Deceased members** of the **Dorula** and **Blasher** families
Given by Cathy Dorula
- Betty Hagerman**
Given by her daughters
- Don Hale**
Given by Donna, Grant, Graig, and Ricky Hale
- Arlene Boucher**
Given by Donna Hale
- Deceased family members**
Given by Doug & Thalia Cooper
- John Burns** (husband)
- Mr. & Mrs. Jose Rodriguez** (parents)
Given by Carmen Burns
- Deceased members** of the **Carolyn Ward** and
the **Rozelma Wagner** families
Given by Carolyn, Rozelma, and the family
- Maris Dickert** and **Merle Dickert**
Given by George Dickert
- Deceased members** of the **Burriss** and **Sandretto** families
Given by Bill & Rose Marie Burriss
- Christine Kupfer-Messick** and **Betty Hagerman**
Given by Stephanie Morrell
- Deceased members** of the **Fabiani** and **Arnold** families
Given by Mike & Rita Arnold
- Molly Moore, Deacon Harry Hall** and **Mike Yaromey**
Given by Richard Davis & Rosie Mansfield
- Rosamond Fagan** "Rosie #1"
Given by Rosie Mansfield "Rosie #2"
- Lucille Cato**
Given by Cassie Rice
- Deceased members** of the **Pryputniewicz** and **Flo** families
Given by Julian & Sandra Pryputniewicz

(Christmas Poinsettia Honorariums
are listed on the last page of this bulletin)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 26 (Vigil: Holy Family)

5:30 p.m. †Jim Hoy

Sunday, December 27 (Holy Family)

8:30 a.m. †Thad Slack

11:30 a.m. †Raymond Crosby

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

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 a.m. †Betty Miller and †Ann P. Rogers

Thursday, December 31 (Holy Day Vigil)

5:30 p.m. †Charity Fondale

Friday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day)

10:00 a.m. no intention yet scheduled

Saturday, January 2 (Vigil: Epiphany)

5:30 p.m. †Betty Pero

Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. †Susan Mellett

11:30 a.m. †Val Kowalski

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



Thank You

St. Anne's Social Ministry would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who made our Christmas outreach a huge success. We know the over 200 recipients of your gifts were very grateful and appreciative. For many, your gift is the only gift they will receive. Your caring and generosity exemplifies the true Christmas spirit of loving and giving to so many. Thank you!!!

Thank you to all who brought in Christmas cards to be distributed to our veterans, fire fighters, police officers, and first responders. St. Anne's collected 215 cards. Over 13,000 have been distributed. The recipients of your cards appreciate being remembered. Thank you!!!

Companions of Francis & Clare —Secular Franciscan Order (SFO)

SFO meets every 3rd Sunday at Jubilee Retreat House, 2-5p to study the way of living followed by St. Francis of Assisi. The Abingdon group is 4 yrs. old and has 7 professed members and, in May will rejoice when John Davis (Saint Anne's), Reyes Ponce and Rosalie Fratto (Christ the King) will be professed into the Franciscans. In Jan. 2016, SFO will begin a new group who are inquiring. If you would like to know more, contact Tom & Marianne Boyle, 276-525-1104 or come January 17 to Jubilee House at 2 p.m.

New Scripture Study to begin for the Holy Year of Mercy "Divine Mercy"

- Tuesday evening 6:30pm-8:00pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center, beginning January 5
- Wednesday afternoon 1:00pm-2:30pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center, beginning January 6

Please sign up to join one of the groups. Sign-ups are at the table in the commons or by emailing sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org. Cost of study materials: \$12.00 (payable at the first meeting).

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week: "The Lamb's Supper"

Based on his best-selling book, Dr. Scott Hahn reveals the early Christians' key to understanding the Mass: the Book of Revelation. With its bizarre imagery, mystic visions of heaven, and end-times prophecies, it mirrors the sacrifice and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. See the Mass with new eyes, pray the Liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the mass more fully and enthusiastically! 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!

E-Giving Report (December 1-15)

Regular/Operating	\$5,090.
Holy Day/Immaculate Conception	\$ 80.
Holy Day/Christmas	\$ 25.
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 10.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 205.
St. Anne's Social Ministry/Outreach	\$ 75.

(Due to publisher's schedule, bulletin was done prior to last weekend's collection so those amounts will be listed next week.)

2nd Collection next weekend (1st Sunday of the month) will be taken up for St. Anne's School.

End of Year statements:

To be included on the 2015 statements, **DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE no later than 5p. on Thursday, Dec. 31.**

Please Note: the collection taken up at the Holy Day Vigil Mass on Dec. 31 will be recorded on your 2016 statement.

PARISH WEBSITE.... we invite you to take a look at the new design. Read the bulletin, check the calendar, listen to a homily — by going to www.stannes-bristol.org.

2016 Catholic Calendars: The 2016 Calendars will be available to parish families at our Holy Day Masses this week, and any remaining will be available next weekend. Many thanks to our generous sponsors:

Tony & Marilyn Broglio (Urology Assoc. of Kingsport)
Bill & Rose Marie Burriss (Burwil Construction)



In Honor of *Steve & Genae Helmbrecht*

Given by Joan Green

In Honor of *my Family and Friends*

Given by Patty Sheppard

In Honor of all *Military and their Families*

With Honor and Love for

my *grandchildren (Holden, Everett, and Leo)*

In Prayer for all the *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Given by Cathy Dorula

In Honor of *Miriam Dutcher*

Given by Donna Hale and Alex

In Honor of *Rev. Kevin L. Segerblom*

Given by Dr. & Mrs. Mitchell B. Horowitz

Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

—24-Hr. Adoration will be January 5 & 6, 8a to 8a.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS!! Notify the office by 5p
on Jan. 5 of dates you can't serve Jan. 16 thru Feb. 28.

Baptismal Preparation Class—Saturday, January 2
Baptism Preparation for parents of infants and children under the age of 7 will be held **Sat., Jan. 2, 2pm to 4pm in the greatroom**. If you need baptism for your child, please plan to attend. Expectant parents are also encouraged to attend baptism preparation prior to the birth of your child. For questions and to **register**, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Child care will be provided in the parish nursery during preparation class, if needed. If you need child care, please let Sydney know as soon as possible so the nursery can be scheduled.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Masses: Thurs., Dec. 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m.

(incense will be used at the 10 a.m. Mass)



Happy New Year!