

Today we begin a new season, and a new liturgical year, in the life of the Church. In every phase of our lives we observe annual celebrations to mark those things that we value most—birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. So this annual season of Advent draws our attention to what is most important: God's love revealed in the incarnation of Jesus. Let us mark this season with a heightened awareness of God's presence in our midst, so that we may truly prepare for the coming of the Lord into our hearts this Christmas!

Readings for this week (Nov. 30—Dec. 5)

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| Monday: | Romans 10:9-18, | Matthew 4:18-22 |
| Tuesday: | Isaiah 11:1-10; | Luke 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday: | Isaiah 25:6-10a; | Matthew 15:29-37 |
| Thursday: | Isaiah 26:1-6; | Matthew 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday: | Isaiah 29:17-24; | Matthew 9:27-31 |
| Saturday: | Is. 30:19-21, 23-26; | Mt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |

Scripture for next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Baruch 5:1-9

God is leading Israel in joy.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

May your love increase ever more.

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Next week St. Paul gives us the focus for our prayer when he says that the God who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. In the other readings we hear of the coming of the Lord into the deserts of our lives — so let us bear in mind that we too can bear the presence of the Lord into the lives of those around us, carrying on the good work that God has begun in us.

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP BROGLIO!

This weekend we welcome Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services USA, to Saint Anne's. Archbishop Broglio is celebrating some of our Masses this weekend while he is in Bristol visiting his family.

FINANCE COUNCIL members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 AM in the school conference room. This is the "November" Finance meeting. **PASTORAL COUNCIL** members are reminded of their meeting Thurs., Dec. 3 at 7 PM in the school conf. room.

24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ Child this Christmas — On this First Week of Advent, we invite you to join us for our monthly 24-Hour Adoration which begins after morning Mass on Tuesday, December 1 (at approx. 915a) and concludes on Wednesday at 8 a.m.



St. Anne's Social Ministry would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all parishioners who helped in any way to make our Thanksgiving Project a huge success. To all who bought and brought in groceries & gift cards, to the volunteers who packed the boxes and delivered them to the families, to St. Anne's Middle School students for carrying groceries to the Great Room and sorting ALL the groceries (what a timesaver!), to the Youth Group for the Thanksgiving cards they made, to those who helped clean up the Great Room for Sunday morning, and the Friendship Club for donating the boxes that carried, not just food, but joy to the recipients. Thank you, St. Anne Parishioners, for your caring and generosity! You gave many a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Nov. 29—NO SHYM—Happy Thanksgiving!**
- **Dec. 6—Youth Group—ALL TEENS (Gr. 9-12) - BYC 6pm to 8 p.m.**
- **Dec. 7—Youth Group attends Seminarian James' Saxophone Concert in the chapel at King University at 7pm. More details given at youth group.**
- **Dec. 13—Youth Group—ALLTEENS (Gr. 9-12) - BYC 6pm-8pm**

BLOOD DRIVE SIGNUPS:

Dec. 5/6 & Dec. 12/13

The Bloodmobile will be here at St. Anne's (at the Msgr. Hickie Center) on **Wed., Dec. 16, 2p to 6:45pm**. Please consider *Giving the Gift of Life* this holiday season!

Saxophone Concert

Featuring *Seminarian James O'Reilly*

Monday, December 7th at 7 p.m. at the King University Chapel in Bristol, TN, with Vicky Fey (piano) and Luke Ponce (organ), featuring works by Morosco, Stamm, Swerts, Canfield, Morricone, Monti. A free will offering will be collected during intermission to benefit **Bristol Faith in Action**.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up!

Please consider selecting an ornament and return the gift designated to the commons on Dec. 5/6 or Dec. 12/13.

The recipients of these gifts were recommended by local agencies (Abortion Alternatives, Abuse Alternatives, BFIA, Bristol Neighborhood Service Center, District 3 Cooperative, Family Promise, Florida Avenue Headstart, Girls Inc., Highlands Community Services, and by St. Anne's Parishioners.) Many of these agencies' clients have never received gifts at Christmas.

PLEASE...

- Return gifts in gift bags
- Include in the gift a Christmas card with wishes and signed "St. Anne Catholic Church"
- Return to commons no later than Dec. 13
- It is critical the ornament is attached to the gift bag! This is our only way to identify what gift goes to which person and agency.

Thank you for your contribution to make someone's Christmas a merry one!!

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Tuesday Evening Confessions

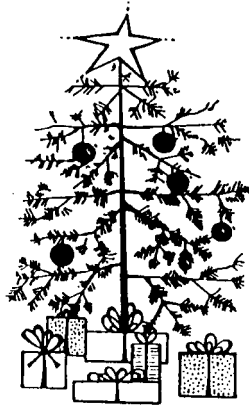
to be available for the Holy Year of Mercy

As we begin this new liturgical year and in celebration of the "Holy Year of Mercy" which begins on December 8, we will now have **weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession on Tuesdays**. Adoration will begin immediately after morning Mass and will close at 4:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. in addition to our usual times of Thursdays from 5-530 p.m. and Saturdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. You are encouraged to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your prayer life during this Holy Year of Mercy. Tuesday confessions begin Dec. 1 and Tuesday Adoration begins Dec. 15 (due to our 24-Hour Adoration on Dec. 1, and the Holy Day Masses on Dec. 8). NOTE: We will continue to have our **24-hour Adoration** on the first Tuesday of every month.

PARACLETE CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE (of Knoxville)

Here at St. Anne's—December 5/6

Plan to stop in the Great Room after Mass next weekend to pick up Advent, Christmas, and Catholic Religious items. They will be here after the 5:30, 8:30a and 11:30a Masses the weekend of Dec. 5/6.



The Giving Tree

Parish Family Night

Wednesday, Dec. 2

TOPIC: The Pope's Decree on The Holy Year of Mercy

Presenter: Fr. Kevin

Dinner Menu: baked ham, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, bread and dessert

Schedule for the evening:

- **5:15pm-6:00pm** Dinner Served
- **6:20pm-6:35pm** Evening Prayer
- **6:45pm-8:00pm** Presentation

The parish nursery will be provided for young children. Elementary aged children will have their own class and teenagers (grades 7-12) are encouraged to attend Father Kevin's presentation.

Don't Forget!! - Please sign up at the table in the commons for dinner. If you did not get a chance to sign up this weekend, you can call the church office, 276-669-8200 ext. 32, NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, NOV. 30 to sign up for dinner.

FAMILY PROMISE — Volunteers Needed!

St. Anne's will host families the week of Dec. 20-27. Volunteers are needed that week to prepare meals, serve as early evening hosts, and to spend the night at the Brady Center. Sign up in the commons next weekend, Dec. 5/6 if you are able to help with this worthwhile outreach program. In addition, donations of the following items would be appreciated: soft drinks, juice, pop-tarts, milk, cereal, snacks, lunch items, condiments, paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, paper cups. These items should be brought to the commons the weekend of December 12/13.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are collecting Christmas cards which the Red Cross will distribute to local veterans, firefighters, EMS, and police officers. There is a box in the commons Nov. 28/29 and Dec. 5/6 for your cards. The Red Cross guidelines are:


- Sign your name and St. Anne Catholic Church
- A note of thanks for protecting our freedom and keeping us safe
- Do NOT include email or home addresses
- Do NOT include any inserts (such as photos, etc.)
- **PLEASE INCLUDE UNSEALED ENVELOPES**

Thanks for helping us thank our veterans & first responders.

ATTENTION CHOIR: Two rehearsals this week: Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30p and Wed., Dec. 2 at 6:45p, and the choir will sing next Sat., Dec. 5, at the 5:30 Mass.

Special Choir (Gr. 3-8)

Children/Teens in grades 3-8 who'd like to sing at the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to come to 3 rehearsals: (315p-4pm.) on Wed., Dec. 9 & Dec. 16 & Mon., Dec. 21 If you can't get here at 315p please talk to Mr. Davis!

Mass Intentions
for the Week 

Saturday, November 28 (*Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Avila Harnois

Sunday, November 29 (*1st Sunday of Advent*)

8:30 a.m. †Kevin Bailey

11:30 a.m. †Anna Maryanski

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

Tuesday, December 1

8:30 a.m. †The family of John E. Casey, Sr.

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 a.m. †Maximo Loria

Thursday, December 3

6:00 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

Friday, December 4

7:30 a.m. †Eileen Bennett

Saturday, December 5 (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Bella Harnois

Sunday, December 6 (*2nd Sunday of Advent*)

8:30 a.m. †Maureen Ianucci

11:30 a.m. †Bridget Segerblom

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

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the Week: "A Journey Through Advent—

Liturgical Cycle C" by Fr. Robert Barron.

Get the most out of Advent and Christmas this year by following along with Fr. Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks the profound Scripture readings for Liturgical Cycle C. Pick up this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display on the table in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is greatly appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles. Thank You!

St. Anne School 7th Grade-Nativities Project

St. Anne's 7th Grade class has embarked on selling *Fair Trade Nativities* through a website they designed and created! If you need a gift for someone, consider purchasing a beautiful handcrafted nativity from their store at <https://nativity-project.myshopify.com>. There is also a link on our school's website at www.stanneschoolbristol.org. Items available for pick-up at the school (during school office hours) if you choose that option during checkout. Proceeds go to their favorite non-profits: Animal welfare programs & St. Anne School!

SCROOGE! The Musical!

Theatre Bristol presents Scrooge! The Musical! Dec. 4,5,6 and Dec. 10, 11, 12 & 13. For ticket information call 432-212-3625.

Saint Anne parishioner *Lucy Tester* will be **Tiny Tim** at the performances on Friday, Dec. 5 at 2:30p, Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2:30p & 7:30p, and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30p.

PRAYER FOR LIFE
and Discussion on the Death Penalty

During his recent address to Congress, Pope Francis again added his voice to the call for the abolition of the death penalty. This **Monday, Nov. 30**, St. Dominic's in Kingsport will host a prayer service for life, followed by a discussion on the death penalty. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. in the church and discussion in their Parish Life Center at 7:15p. Light refreshments will be served. *The Prayer Service is organized by the Community of Sant'Egidio, and the death penalty discussion will be led by Justin Phillips of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP).*

JOB OPENING—St. Mary's Church in Johnson City, TN is accepting resumes for a parish secretary/office manager. Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience as a secretary required. Must have excellent organization and communication skills with preference given to a bilingual speak of English/Spanish. Send resume to Fr. Peter Iorio, Pastor, at Fr.pete.iorio@stmarysjc.org.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

- **Sunday, Nov. 29: NO Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education** Class this weekend. Next Sunday, **Dec. 6**, we begin our 3-week Advent study of the *Infancy Narratives of Jesus*. Please read Matthew Chapters 1 & 2 prior to class next Sunday. SMARE meets 9:45-11a in the Great Room.
- **Monday, Nov. 30:—"The Lives of Great Christians"** 1:00p to 2:30p, St. Vincent DePaul Center. This week we will study **Damien of Molokai and Teresa of Calcutta**. Join us any Monday.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 1:—Tuesday Morning Book Club 10a-11a in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** We begin our new book: **Saint Joseph: the Father of Jesus in a Fatherless Society** by Leonardo Boff.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2:**
 - Little Rock Scripture Study** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1:00-2:30p. "**Second Corinthians**"
 - NO RCIA** this week.
 - Parish Family Night: *The Holy Year of Mercy***. Dinner at 5:15p, Presentation at 6:45p.
- **Thursday, Dec. 3:—Scripture Study** (to prepare us for the Sunday readings) at the St Vincent de Paul Center, **7:00-8:00p (after Mass)**. Bring your Bible! (**Please note: If there is no Mass at 6 p.m., the time for scripture study changes to **6:00-7:00 p.m.****)
- For more information about any of the above programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

NO Collection Report this week—due to publisher's early deadline for this bulletin. Will include next week.

2nd Collection next weekend (Dec. 5/6-first Sunday of the month) will be for St. Anne's School.

Don't forget...

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is this week !!**

After Morning Mass Tuesday thru 8a Wednesday

Come spend time in prayer with our Lord!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

- **Catechumenate Class** will **NOT** meet this **Wednesday, Dec. 2**. Catechumens, Candidates, and Inquirers will attend Fr. Kevin's presentation on **The Holy Year of Mercy** in the Great Room at 6:45p. The presentation is part of our Parish Family Night program and includes a dinner served from 5:15-6p. Please sign up at the table in the commons for the dinner.
- **Breaking Open the Word** for catechumens and candidates meets during the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the 5:30 Mass in the office conference room.
- If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in need of conversion, please bring them on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, but unable to attend on Wed. evenings, please contact Sydney at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org for other possible times. ***Please pray for our catechumens and candidates.***

The Council of Catholic Women December Update

The Council of Catholic Women will not have a meeting on Dec. 14, but requests members to join the Hispanic Community to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. CCW members are asked to lead & participate in the rosary as part of a novena on Mon., Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Also, CCW members will join in the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the vigil Mass at Midnight on December 11. For info, call Joyce Denton, 276-669-3224.

Looking Ahead just a bit...

Tues., Dec. 8 is a **Holy Day of Obligation** (the **Immaculate Conception**). Holy Day Masses will be celebrated at 12:15 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 8. After the 7 p.m. Mass, we will "light up" the Christmas Tree behind the parish office and have refreshments in the Great Room.

"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come— for Him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: *Ecce veniet!* - He is about to arrive!" —*St. Josemaría Escrivá*

