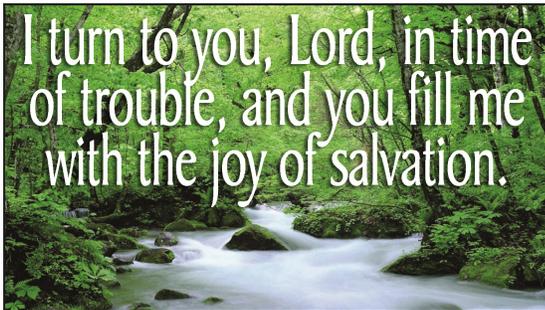


*Just over a month ago we were still celebrating the Christmas season. In another few days we will begin the season of Lent. This section of Ordinary Time is quite compressed. But it gives us enough time to complete the first chapter of Mark, which we do today. We meet the leper who, cured of his leprosy, cannot keep quiet about what Jesus did for him. He provides an example of the believer testifying to Christ's power.*



**Readings for this week: Feb. 12-17**

Monday: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13  
Tuesday: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21  
Ash Wed. Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Deut. 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25  
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15  
Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

**Scripture for next Sunday (1st Sunday of Lent)**

***Genesis 9:8-15***

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

***1 Peter 3:18-22***

The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.

***Mark 1:12-15***

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to Him.

*God's covenant with humanity is the major theme running through the Old Testament readings this Lent. Next Sunday we hear God establish this covenant with Noah. God promises that never again will humanity be wiped out like it was in the flood. The writer of First Peter links the water washing clean the earth with our sins being washed away in baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus emerges from the desert to preach the good news with a measure of urgency: "This is the time..."*

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Mary Pat Flanagan**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her husband, **John**, at 14804 Wyndale Rd., Abingdon, VA 24210.

**Blessed Palms for Ash Wednesday:** If you forgot to bring in your palm for us to burn for Ash Wednesday, please bring to the office NLT 10a this Tuesday.

**A special note...**

I appreciate all the prayers, cards, kindness and memorials from the people of Saint Anne's Catholic Community at the passing of my dad, Bob Rhymer.

In Christ,  
*Joann & Scott Fleenor  
& Hazel Rhymer*



***Women of the parish are invited to a Valentine Luncheon hosted by the Council of Catholic Women***

Date & Time: **Monday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m.**

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

125 18th St., Bristol, TN

Jennifer Long (Crisis Center Community Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator & St. Anne parishioner) will give a talk on "Self Care, Life, and Balance", and remind us to love ourselves while loving others. Sign up in the commons after Mass and join us for fellowship, delicious lunch, door prizes and more. Please contact Eileen Gibney for more information at [egibneysas@yahoo.com](mailto:egibneysas@yahoo.com) or 423-652-7425.

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

*"Through Adoration, the faithful can enjoy a particular experience of 'abiding' in the love of Christ (Jn. 15:9), entering evermore deeply into his filial relationship with the Father."* Letter of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II to priests, for Holy Thursday 1999

This **Tuesday, February 13, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Please join us for an hour of prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm**. We still need someone to commit to the 1pm-2pm hour and someone to commit to the 3:30-4:30pm hour. If you are willing to commit to one of these hours, please contact Sydney at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32 to let us know you will cover one of these hours every Tuesday. Thank you!

***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper***

**This Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m. in the Great Room** Join us for a free Pancake and Sausage Supper on Shrove Tuesday. Bring the family! Please sign up at the table in the commons to let us know you will be there so that we have plenty of food! Thank you!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY—Lent begins**

Our Masses for Ash Wednesday (this Wed., Feb. 14) will be celebrated at **12:15 and 7 p.m.** Ashes will be distributed at these Masses. *Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence for Catholics.*



### Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

**Fasting** is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

**Abstinence** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Good Friday, March 30**  
are **days of fast and abstinence**.

**ALL the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence**.

**Accompanist for Mass (Christ the King/Abingdon):**  
CTK needs a regular keyboard player for Sunday Mass and Holy Days: experience with Catholic liturgy helpful, organ skills a plus. If interested in this modest job (a substitute player remains available), contact Melanie Coddington at [mcoddington@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mcoddington@richmonddiocese.org) or 804-929-6338.

**NO Prayer Shawls Meeting** on Ash Wednesday.

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA*

**NO RCIA this Wed., Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday. Catechumens, Candidates, Inquirers, and Children's RCIA** will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at either 12:15pm or 7pm. RCIA will resume our regular schedule on Wed., Feb. 21.



**Thank You!** to the **Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Parish Life Committee** for the beautiful and delicious reception for the recent visit from Bishop Knestout. Your hard work and generosity of time and talent are very much appreciated by our parish.

**St. Anne Boy Scout Troop 21** would like to **thank Saint Anne's parishioners** for their tremendous support during our 2018 bake sale last weekend. These funds help the troop throughout the year and pay for group camping fees, merit badges, and many other activities. **This was our best bake sale ever!** Thank you!!

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

#### Upcoming Schedule:

- **Feb. 11—NO SHYM**
  - Returning from DYC!
- **Feb. 18—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - “Who’s Calling?”
- **Feb. 25—NET Ministries Retreat**  
(All youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend)
  - SHYM will attend the retreat
  - Confirmation will attend the retreat
- **Mar. 4—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - “Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful!”
  - **Confirmation (BYC 9:45am-11:15am)**

#### **NET Ministries Youth Retreat: Feb. 25**

#### **FULLY ALIVE**

Only God is big enough to fill you! The pursuit of happiness motivates every decision we make. Why is it, then, that we find ourselves unhappy so often? This retreat will explore our search for true happiness, highlighting the one thing that is big enough to fill our deepest desires — God Himself.

#### ***Operation Rice Bowl—2018***

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Find your rice bowl in the bulletin this weekend. As we engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent; **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**, fill your rice bowl with change, dollars, or checks, and return it on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7/8 to the basket provided in the commons. Thank you!

#### **40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life is a worldwide peaceful campaign of prayer and fasting, aimed at stopping abortion throughout the world. Please join with other faiths as we gather across the street from the Bristol Regional Women's Center (2901 W. State St., Bristol, TN). Catholics from our area are asked to cover each Friday afternoon, Noon to 4p, on Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. Come spend as much time as you are able to pray for an end to abortion. Please park at the former K-Mart lot and walk to the gathering area.

#### **CHOIR “NOTES” !!**

- No rehearsal this week; next rehearsal is Feb. 21.
- Choir **sings Ash Wednesday** (this Wednesday, February 14) at the **7 p.m. Mass**.
- Choir **sings** next Sunday, Feb. 18 at 11:30a Mass.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet this Thursday, Feb. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at **Aubrey's** Restaurant at the Pinnacle. Call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by this Tues., Feb. 13, to reserve your spot for lunch.

**MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK**

**Saturday, February 10** (*Vigil: 5th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Dan Dutcher

**Sunday, February 11** (*5th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. †Tom Rasnic

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

**Tuesday, February 13**

8:30 a.m. Spec. Int. (by Chuck Weisenburger)

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**

12:15 p.m. †Joseph E. Smith

7:00 p.m. All Souls

**Thursday, February 15**

6:00 p.m. †Robert L. Rhymer

**Friday, February 16**

7:30 a.m. Spec. Int. (R&R anniversary)

**Saturday, February 17** (*Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Loretta Karban

**Sunday, February 18** (*1st Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Donald Miles

11:30 a.m. †Rozelma Wagner

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

**2nd Collections:** 2nd collections are now taken up at the Offertory immediately after the regular/operating collection. Second collections in February are: St. Anne's School (Feb. 4) and Bristol Faith in Action (Feb. 25)

**Ash Wednesday collection:** There will be one collection taken up at our Ash Wednesday Masses on Feb. 14, which will be for regular/operating.

**E-Giving Report (January 1-31, 2018)**

Regular/Operating	\$9,730.
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 38.
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 48.
Catholic Charities	\$ 53.
Respect Life	\$ 83.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 615.
Social Ministry	\$ 28.
Campaign 2013	\$ 445.

**Collection Report (Feb. 3/4)**

Regular/Operating	\$9,355.25
School 2nd Collection	\$2,702.80
BFIA	\$ 575.
Ash Wed./Operating	\$ 50.
Adt'l Respect Life \$7 and Solemnity of Mary \$5	

**Don't Fix It—Donate It!** Your old vehicle can help Commonwealth Catholic Charities... they accept cars, boats, RVs and other vehicles. Donating is easy and the gift is tax deductible. Call 804-285-5900 or visit [www.cccofva.org/donate](http://www.cccofva.org/donate) to learn more.

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, Feb. 11:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am -11:00am** in the greatroom. "**Eucharist-Discovering the Mass in the Bible**" by Brant Pitre. **Session Seven-Part 2-Bread of Life Discourse: John 6 and the Real Presence**

**Monday, Feb. 12:**

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation** this week. Watch the bulletin for new study series to begin soon.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13:**

- **Book Club-Saint Mary Magdalene-Prophetess of Eucharistic Love, 10:30am-11:30am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **Mary, Queen of Heaven-Lourdes: I am the Immaculate Conception**

**Wednesday, Feb. 14:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study —“Letters from Prison”** —will meet at the St. Vincent de Paul Center after the 12:15p Ash Wednesday Mass; followed by the Wednesday Prayer Group.
- **No RCIA —Ash Wednesday**

For more information about any of the above programs, email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 18**—in Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Eight—the Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ -Part 1**. Join us in the Great Room any Sunday at 9:45am for SMARE.

***RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT***

**For HEALING after ABORTION**, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held (near Richmond) on **March 9-11**. This is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. It combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercise, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you'd like to learn more, contact Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit the website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). **Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.**

**A NOTE OF THANKS....**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Agency Staff and clients of Abuse Alternatives, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Saint Anne's for your generous support... Your generosity to Abuse Alternatives during the Holiday Season was greatly appreciated and it helped to make a Merry Christmas for the victims and children residing in our emergency shelter and those we provide services to on an outreach basis....

Donna Mix, Executive Director

*A Lent to Remember -A Lenten Encounter with Mercy*

*On FORMED.org (our parish code is 24Q8G9)*

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs *Forgiven* and *Symbolon: The Transforming Power of Confession*, *A Lent to Remember* explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent. Watch the videos online and download the study guide free. If you need help getting registered with or using FORMED, contact Sydney: 276-669-8200 ext. 32; or [sydney.farnum@stannes-bristols.org](mailto:sydney.farnum@stannes-bristols.org)

**WELCOME to St. Anne's Parish!**

*John & Nicole Long*

*Madison, John, Kate, Gabby, Griffin*

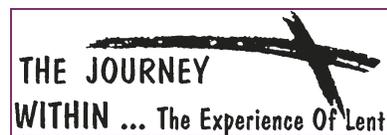
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**STATIONS of the CROSS  
and Simple Soup Supper  
The Fridays of Lent**

Plan to join us this Friday, February 16, and all the Fridays of Lent, for Stations of the Cross. The Stations are prayed in Spanish at 5 p.m. and in English at **6 p.m.**

You are also welcome to join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

"Via Dolorosa" (*Way of the Cross*) is a devotion following Christ's path as He carried the Cross. This pilgrimage devotion dates back to a time soon after Christ's death. In the 1300's the Franciscans were given guardianship of the pilgrimage route. Placement of Stations of the Cross in churches became common near the end of the 17th century. *Be part of this prayer tradition and join us on the Fridays of Lent for the Stations of the Cross.*

***Looking Ahead just a bit...***

—Office closed Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day holiday

—Liturgical Ministers: turn in dates by Feb. 21 of when you can't serve from March 1 thru April 15. Thanks!