

Over the next two weeks we will hear an extended passage from Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus reinterprets the law for his disciples. He challenges them to take it one step further, to do more than just follow the letter of the law. On this President's Day weekend, when we honor those people whom we have trusted to guide our country, let us consider how we can trust Jesus to guide us in our daily life.

Weekday Readings (Feb. 17-22)

Monday:	James 1:1-11;	Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday:	James 1:12-18;	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday:	James 1:19-27;	Mark 8:22-26
Thursday:	James 2:1-9;	Mark 8:27-33
Friday:	James 2:14-24, 26;	Mark 8:34—9:1
Saturday:	1 Peter 5:1-4;	Matthew 16:13-19

**Scripture for next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

"God catches the wise in their own ruses."

Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Next Sunday, in the first line of the first reading, we hear God tell Moses, "**Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.**" then in the last line of the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, "**Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.**" How's that for a challenge? Not only are we told to be holy, we are told to be perfect! The truth is that we can be neither without God's help. When we hear these readings next Sunday, let us note how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can perfect in us their earthly dwelling.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for Glenmary **Fr. John Rausch** who died last Sunday. He was a Glenmary missionary for 53 years. Fr. John served for many years in Appalachia and in years past had covered some of our liturgies here at St. Anne's when our Pastors were away. Memorials may be made to Glenmary Home Missioners, P.O. Box 465618, Cincinnati, OH 45246-5618.

From the Pastor's Desk

Starting Monday the daily Mass readings will be taking us through the letter of James. This will continue until the beginning of Lent. Yes, Lent is almost upon us. This is a great opportunity for reflection on one of the shorter epistles in the New Testament. I invite everyone to take the next week and a half to read the letter of James and reflect on this. This is the perfect pre-Lenten mini-Bible study. It is only five chapters.

This epistle is probably best known for James' quote, "**faith without works is dead.**" It was because of this quote that Martin Luther sought to remove this epistle from the Bible. Some mistakenly thought this expressed a belief that we are saved by good works and not by our faith.

The Church teaches that we obtain salvation through our faith that Jesus Christ died for our sins. Doing good work in the world will not help us if we do not first have faith. However, that does not mean there is no connection between faith and works.

It is one thing for us to say we have faith in Christ, but what does it say about us if the lives we live do not reflect that faith? If our lives do not reflect the faith we profess, then our faith is not real, or as James writes, it is dead. One of the things I say the most often about evangelization is the best way to spread our faith is by living it. We profess our faith every weekend when we come to Mass. What happens when we leave Mass? Is the world able to see and understand what we believe simply by the way we live our lives?

CONFIRMATION

Candidates for Confirmation are reminded of our **Confirmation Retreat** this afternoon (Feb. 16) at **2 p.m. at the Brady Youth Center (BYC)**. Please remember these teens in your prayers as they make their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 22.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet today, **Sunday, February 16**, in the **Great Room, 9:45-11:15 a.m.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room after opening prayer in the **Great Room, at 9:45 a.m.**
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the **Great Room at 9:45 a.m.** before going to class.

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

A Special Note...

Thank you for your prayers, visits, and cards during my recent hospital stay and my continued recovery. My improvement has been better than I expected thanks to your support.

Clint Smith

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule

- ◆ **Feb. 16—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - * Getting to "The Good Life"
 - * **Confirmation Retreat (BYC 2:00-5:00pm)**
 - * **Youth Ensemble Rehearsal (Church 515-6pm)**
- ◆ **Feb. 23—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - * Traveling Light
- ◆ **March 1—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - * More Than Getting Wet
- ◆ **March 8—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - * God Creates

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule

- ◆ **Feb. 16 — Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
- ◆ **Feb. 23 — Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
- ◆ **March 1—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
- ◆ **March 8—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**

Parish Office will be **CLOSED** this Monday, Feb. 17, for the Presidents' Day holiday. Bulletin deadline is still noon Monday—leave info on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes-stannes-bristol.org.

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, February 18. Please join us in the Chapel any time between **9:00am-4:30pm.** Benediction is at 4:30pm.

PALMS!! Bring in your blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. We'll burn and use the ashes at Masses on Ash Wednesday. Please bring palms in to the commons next weekend, Feb. 22/23.

Theology on Tap
Young Adults

Young Adult Catholics (age 21 to 35-ish) are invited to come learn more about their faith and to share in the Catholic community. Next gathering is this **Wednesday, February 19** at **BRISTOL STATION** (located on Piedmont Ave./downtown), from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Join with Father Chris & other Young Adults — topic will be the upcoming **season of Lent.**

⇒ If you **NEED the NURSERY** to be available here at the parish, please call the parish office (276-669-8200 ext. 0) **NLT 3pm on Tuesday, Feb. 18.** If no one requests the nursery, then we won't ask our nursery workers to be here on Wednesday evening.

Saint Anne's FRIENDSHIP Club

The Friendship Club will meet this **Thursday, Feb. 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Johnny Bruscos** at the Pinnacle. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, Feb. 18 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join!!

Please note:

—**No public confessions this Thursday, February 20.**
The Candidates for Confirmation will be having their **Confirmation Penance Service at 5 p.m.**

Bishop Knestout here next weekend!

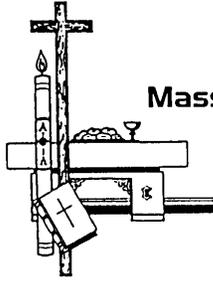
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond, will be here next weekend. One of the things he will be here in the area for is to install Fr. Chris as Pastor of St. Anne's. (Father Chris has been Pastor for over a year, but our Bishop visits each parish to officially install the Pastor's) - this will occur at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 22.

**"No Greater Love —
A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion"
A Lenten Study**

Thousands sought Jesus during his life.
Only a few followed him to Calvary.

What will you do?

Join us as we walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Groups are being offered on Sunday morning, Monday afternoon, and Tuesday evening. For those who cannot join a group or choose to not participate in group discussions, the 30-minute DVD that is the basis of the study will be shown after Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Stop by the table in the commons to sign-up to join a group. There are no required materials to be purchased to participate in the study; however, there is an optional book that is very good that you may want to purchase for \$14.99. If you would like one of the books, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet and your book will be ordered.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15 (*Vigil: 6th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. † Kevin Corbett

Sunday, February 16 (*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. † Emilia Cruz

11:30 a.m. † Ron Davis

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

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. † Loretta Karban

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 a.m. † Rozelma Wagner

Thursday, February 20

6:00 p.m. † Wes Faylor

Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m. † Edward E. Smith

Saturday, February 22 (*Vigil: 7th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. † Donald Miles

Sunday, February 23 (*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. † Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. † Lillian Catherine Hall

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

PRAY for VOCATIONS

"It is loyalty to do His will."

Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Fr. Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection Report (February 8/9)

Regular/Operating	\$8,126.
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 146.
Add'l Respect Life	\$ 10.

Second Collections:

February 22/23	Bristol Faith in Action
Feb. 29/March 1	St. Anne's School
March 21/22	Catholic Relief Services

Note: There will be one collection taken up at Masses on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th**, for the parish operating fund.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, Feb. 16

- **SMARE** (Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education) is on a **Winter Break** until the **1st Sunday of Lent**. Join us then as we begin our Lenten study, "**No Greater Love**".
- **RCIA** in the **Great Room, 9:45am-11:00am**.

Monday, Feb. 17

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation:**
Presidents' Day Holiday

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Book Club: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, 10:30-11:30am** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30-8:00pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. "**The Origin of the Bible: Human Invention or Divine Intervention?**"

Wednesday, Feb. 19

- **Wednesday Scripture Study and Prayer Group** will be on a break until after Easter. Watch the bulletin for a start-up date for "**The Book of Revelation**". **1:00-2:30pm** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. All are welcome to join the group!
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** will also be on break until after Easter.

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

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our regularly scheduled planning meeting on **Monday, February 24** at **4 p.m.** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

The Evangelization Committee will NOT meet this month. Our next meeting will be **March 18** at **9:30 a.m.** at the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**. New members are always welcome to join us.

CDA Meeting Monday, Feb. 24



Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting on **Monday, February 24th** at the **Bristol Columbian Center** (125 18th St., Bristol, TN). Social time begins at 5:30pm and the meeting begins at 6pm. Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, 276-494-6883. Please join us!

The CDA theme is:

For Him, we live and move and have our being."

Acts 17:2

**Please join us in prayer during the 40 Days for Life
Prayer Vigil from Feb. 26th-April 5th**

40 Days for Life is an international prayer vigil to end abortion. Since Bristol has a clinic which does abortions, we have been participating in this peaceful vigil two times a year for over ten years. We want to increase our prayerful presence for life in Bristol so we are seeking more prayer warriors to bring His Light to those seeking abortions or need healing after having an abortion. The vigil takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. across the street from the Bristol Regional Women's Clinic (2901 W. State Street, Bristol, TN) or you can pray at home. For more details, contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or 423-482-1324.

**Please join us for the 40 Days for Life kick-off rally on Sat., Feb. 22, 2:00 p.m. at Grace Point Church (1318 Shelby Street, Bristol, TN). You are welcome to bring others who might want to get involved.

Looking Ahead a Bit...

- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26 LENT BEGINS!**
Masses: 12:15 & 7pm
Ash Wed. is a day of fast & abstinence from meat
- ◆ **Soup & Stations of the Cross (Fridays of Lent)**
Soup Supper 5:30pm in the Great Room
Stations at 6pm in the commons (in Spanish at 5p)
Fridays of Lent—days of abstinence from meat.



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020

**2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
*Building Our Family of Faith***

In honor of this landmark year for our Diocese, Bishop Knestout has announced a special Bicentennial Challenge to raise \$5 million through this year's Annual Appeal. Reaching this challenge will allow the diocese to fund three key priorities: the **education of our youth**, **care for our elderly poor**, and **support for our mission parishes**. In addition, this success will flow back to all parishes and provide significant boosts to all the ministries supported by the Appeal.

It is with these goals in mind that we hope all our parishioners will join with us this year in making a generous pledge to the Appeal to help us launch our Diocese into the next 200 years.