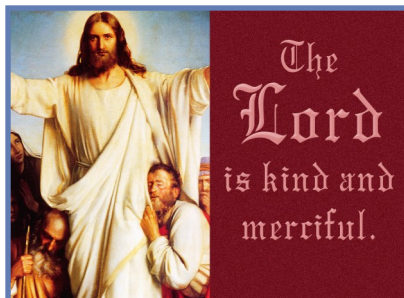


Jesus challenges us to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies. These are not our instincts. It is not easy. We get angry, we are upset, we want to do or say something to express that pain and rage.



As we approach the season of Lent, let the example of our Lord inspire us to respond to hurt and conflict with mercy and forgiveness.

Weekday Readings (Feb. 24-29)

MONDAY:	James 3:13-18;	Mark 9:14-29
TUESDAY:	James 4:1-10;	Mark 9:30-37
ASH WED. :	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2; Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18	
THURSDAY:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20;	Luke 9:22-25
FRIDAY:	Isaiah 58:1-9a;	Matthew 9:14-15
SATURDAY:	Isaiah 58:9b-14;	Luke 27-32

Scripture for next Sunday (1st Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 *The Lord God planted a garden in Eden.*

Romans 5:12-19 *In Adam all die. In Christ all live.*

Matthew 4:1-11 *Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.*

The serpent tempts Eve and Adam in the garden of Eden. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert. Though Adam and Eve are talked into disobeying God, Jesus resists the devil's repeated attempts. St. Paul related the two and explains that the effects of Jesus' obedience to God's will—from the desert to the cross—far exceed the harmful effect of Adam's disobedience. Let us listen next Sunday to these stories of temptation.

PALMS: If you have your blessed palms from last year, please bring them in to the commons NLT 2 p.m. this Monday, Feb. 24. We'll burn and use on Ash Wednesday.

Ash
WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 26 — LENT BEGINS!

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 12:15 & 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday (and Good Friday April 10) are days of fast and abstinence. ALL the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by those 18+ who have not yet turned 59. On a fast day 1 full meal is allowed. Two other meals (sufficient to maintain strength) should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, 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. (When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

PASTORAL SHARINGS

Lent is almost upon us. It begins this coming week. This is that time when we are deciding exactly what we are going to do for Lent, and what we are going to give up for Lent. I encourage everyone to take this to prayer. It is so easy to say I am going to give up desserts for Lent. It is especially easy to say that when we want to lose weight. That may seem like a good idea, but there is a better way to benefit from fasting in Lent.

The first reading this weekend invites us all to be holy. It invites us to be like God. The reason I invite people to pray about their Lenten sacrifices is so that God can lead us to what will make us truly holy. What can we all give up that will remove some of the noise from our life? What can we give up that can bring us closer to God? What can we do this Lent that will truly make us holy?

In addition to the sacrifices we make for Lent, it can also be a time for us to add something to our lives. There are many things we can add to our lives that will also help us to become holy. The simplest thing we can add is prayer. I hope that is something that is already a part of everyone's daily life, but we can always add more. We can take some extra time for ourselves to just spend in God's presence.

We can also find more ways to pray together as a community. We will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening here at the church. This is a great way to spend some time reflecting on the Passion of our Lord and exactly how our lives have been changed by this. We can also spend some extra time going to Mass. For anyone who does not regularly attend daily Mass, consider going at least once a week. I continue to keep both morning and evening Masses on our daily calendar so as many people as possible will have the opportunity to attend at least once during the week.

There are many other things we can do as well. There are ways to get more involved in ministry or in service to the community. Whatever you choose, I pray that this Lent will be an opportunity for everyone to grow closer to the Lord and become more holy.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA

- ◆ **Catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil** will meet today, **Sunday, February 23**, in the **Great Room, 9:45am-11:15am.**

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

Welcome Bishop Knestout!

This weekend we welcome the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond, who was with us for Confirmation Saturday morning and for the Installation of Father Chris as Pastor at our 5:30 Mass.

Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

This weekend at the 11:30 Mass we celebrated the “*Rite of Sending for Election*” with our Catechumens:

Caleb Carpenter Jaree Knopp
Harper Lively Kaelyn Nelson

The Church has discerned their readiness for reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter. These catechumens, along with their sponsors, will be sent by our parish to the bishop next Saturday, February 29, for the **Rite of Election**.

We also recognize our already baptized **Candidates** for their Call to Continuing Conversion, **Tara Brookshire, Isaiah Carpenter, Zachary Carpenter, John Carty, Michael Honea, Tripp Lively, Sally Lively, Alvin Porter, and Hannah Summers** as they continue their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **March 15—Fun Night! (3:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - * Masterpiece Mixers

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

Upcoming Schedule:

- ◆ **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)**
- ◆ **March 15—Fun Night! (3:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - * Masterpiece Mixers

Catholic Daughter of the Americas (CDA)

Meeting—Monday, Feb. 24

EVERYONE is welcome to attend this Monday evening, Feb. 24, at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN), to hear the speaker, **Matt Harrison, Detective from Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office**, who will talk about “Internet and Phone Scams”. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the commons this weekend. Light refreshments/social time at 5:30; meeting/speaker at 6 p.m.

WEEKLY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, February 25. Please join us in the Chapel anytime between **9:00am-4:30pm**. Benediction is at 4:30pm.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Feb. 25—5:30pm—Great Room

This Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday!

Plan to join your parish family for a feast of Pancakes & Sausage the evening before Ash Wednesday—the beginning of the season of Lent. If you did not get a chance to sign up after Mass but would like to attend, you can sign-up no later than 4pm on Monday by calling the office 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org.



40 Days for Life—Feb. 26 to April 5

40 Days for Life is an international prayer vigil to end abortion. We have participated in this peaceful vigil twice a year for over ten years. Join with others to pray for an end to 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 St., Bristol, TN), or you can pray at home. Contact Angie Bush, 423-482-1324 or 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com for more details.

Prayer Shawl Ministry members are reminded of our gathering this **Wed., Feb. 26 at 10 a.m.** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join.

ASH WEDNESDAY—February 26
Masses at 12:15 & 7 p.m.

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 a.m., school conference room.

CYBER SAFETY/SECURITY Event

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room

Everyone is invited to attend. Special Agent Travis Howard with the Virginia State Police High Crimes Unit will give a highly informative Cyber Security presentation for parents, guardians, teachers, and other caregivers this Thursday evening, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room. His presentation will **focus on current internet trends and apps used by children and the potential risks and red flags to look out for**. Special Agent Howard will also provide advice as to how to **implement parental controls** to protect children on the Internet. There will be a simultaneous presentation for students (Grades 5-8) by a Virginia Rules Instructor entitled “**Technology and You**” which will focus on improving students’ understanding of some of the difficulties posed by technology, including the hazards of the Internet and dangers and consequences of sexting and cyber-bullying. This separate program, implemented by the Office of the Attorney General, is specifically geared towards middle and high school students. There will also be crafts and/or activity for younger children during the presentation.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22 (*Vigil: 7th Sunday in 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*)

Tuesday, February 25
8:30 a.m. †Jenifer Kelly

Ash Wednesday, February 26
12:15 p.m. †Janice Grayson
7:00 p.m. †Joseph Smith

Thursday, February 27
6:00 p.m. †Marian M. King

Friday, February 28
8:30 a.m. †Mike Parkulo

Saturday, February 29 (*Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent*)
5:30 p.m. †Isabelle Murphy

Sunday, March 1 (*1st Sunday of Lent*)
8:30 a.m. †Harley Bratton
11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



E-Giving (February 1-17)

Regular/Operating	\$6,400.
School (2nd Collection)	\$ 520.
Maintenance Reserve (former Bldg. fund)	\$ 160.
Respect Life (2nd Collection)	\$ 60.
BFIA (2nd Collection)	\$ 250.
Ash Wednesday	\$ 50.

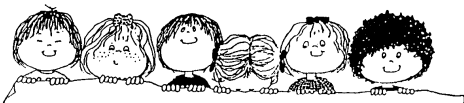
Collection Report (February 15/16)

Regular/Operating	\$8,128.29
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 120.
Social Ministry	\$ 102.

Note: There will be one collection taken up during the Offertory at our **12:15 & 7p Masses on Ash Wednesday**, which will be for our parish operating fund.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend (Feb. 22/23) Bristol Faith in Action
Feb. 29/March 1 for St. Anne Catholic School
March 21/22 for Catholic Relief Services



We've noticed a number of young children leaving the sanctuary during Mass unaccompanied to use the restroom or go to the drinking fountain. Parents, PLEASE do not let your young children leave on their own... remember that our building is open to the general public — we are concerned for their well being and safety. Thank you.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, Feb. 23

- **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. 24

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation: Pillar 3 of the Catechism— "Life in Christ"**. **1:00-2:30pm** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center**.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- **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. 26

- **Wednesday Scripture Study and Prayer Group** is 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!

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

**SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, March 11
"Lunch & Learn"**

The Bereavement Committee will sponsor the first of a series of "Lunch & Learn" presentations on issues of interest. The first presentation will be by Funeral Director Brent Buchanan on "**Funeral Planning—what you need to know—decisions you will need to make**". Put it on your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the commons so we know how many to expect for lunch. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Pilgrimage/Retreat—Yellowstone National Park!

Fr. Michael Cummins (Pastor of St. Dominic's/K'port, TN) is leading a retreat in our nation's first National Park from **October 11-16**. Wildlife viewing in the early morning thru early afternoon, followed by Mass, retreat talks, and prayer opportunities in late afternoon and evening. Cost is \$1,995 (airfare not included). For more details, call 423-288-8101 or email stodomchurch@aol.com.

To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope.

(Bishops of Japan as quoted in "Laudato Si")

LOOKING AHEAD just a bit... our "**1st Tuesday**" Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is **March 3, from 9am to 9p**—Start out your first week of the Lenten Journey in prayer with our Lord!

Remember to — PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!!

*Congratulations to the following St. Anne's teens who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Feb. 22.*

May God bless you abundantly!

Cole Gayewski	Madison Mitchell
Spencer Hopkins	Madeline Simcox
Joseph Kreutzer	Cyril Tester
Danica Mai	Carmen Webb

“No Greater Love—A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion”

A Lenten Study begins the 1st Sunday of Lent: March 1

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Bestselling author Edward Sri guides us through the last hours of Christ’s life. Join us as we walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus. 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; however there is an optional book that is very good if you want to purchase for \$14.99. If so, indicate on the sign-up sheet you want a book to be ordered.

Stations of the Cross—Fridays of Lent

Journey with our Lord on the Fridays of Lent (beginning this Friday, Feb. 28) on the Way of the Cross. Stations will be prayed in Spanish at 5 p.m. and in English at 6 p.m. in the Chapel and Commons. You are also welcome to join us on the Fridays of Lent for a simple (meatless!) **Soup Supper** at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room.



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
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**2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
*Building Our Family of Faith***

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal. For those who did not receive a mailing or haven’t had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at Masses the next two weekends. In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful all our parishioners will support the Appeal!

SAVE the DATE! Our annual **Parish Lenten Retreat** is **March 27/28**. **Fr. James O’Reilly** will be our retreat director. Watch the bulletin for more details.