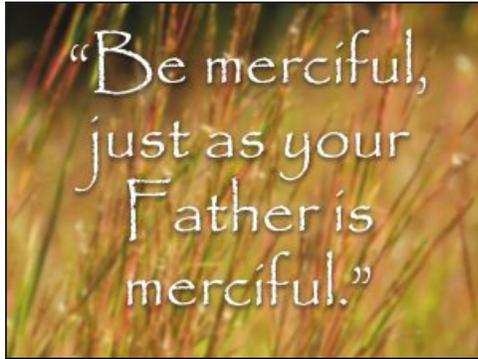


Jesus teaches His disciples the Golden Rule in the passage we hear today: *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* But He goes on to require more: *“Love your enemies and do good to them... expecting nothing back.”* Today let us listen for what God is calling us to do for the people in our lives, both those who treat us kindly in return and those who do not.



Weekday Readings (February 25-March 2)

Monday:	Sirach 1:1-10;	Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sirach 2:1-11;	Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sirach 4:11-19;	Mark 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sirach 5:1-8;	Mark 9:41-50
Friday:	Sirach 6:5-17;	Mark 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sirach 17:1-15;	Mark 10:13-16

Scripture for next Sunday—8th Sunday/Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7

Praise no one before he speaks.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

Wisdom literature is chock full of aphorisms—short, pithy statements of truth—and the opening reading from Sirach next Sunday is typical. Jesus shares some of His own with His disciples, and St. Paul’s letter includes a few. These often-heard sayings come from seldom-heard passages, however. Due to the variability of the liturgical seasons, these particular readings have not been proclaimed at Mass for over 20 years. Let us seize this opportunity to listen to these wise words.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Kevin Corbett**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his family c/o “the family of Kevin Corbett”, 216 Oakview Dr. Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are asked for **George Washington Long**, the uncle of **Martin Buckles**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Martin at 912 Virginia Ave., Bristol, TN 37620.



From the Pastor

I am going to revisit something I wrote about over a year ago. I do this because I have heard it being discussed again. I was listening to a political discussion on the radio, and Michael Smerconish was reporting on a survey that out of the 535 members of Congress, none of them claimed to be either atheist or agnostic. He did not believe this and was making the argument that politicians are afraid to admit they are not religious, because they are afraid people will not vote for them. There is a great deal I could write about just that argument, but there is another reason I wanted to write this.

After reporting this, Smerconish invited people to call in to the show to share whether or not they would be willing to vote for someone who is not religious. The overwhelming majority of people who responded said they did not care if their elected representatives were religious as long as they were moral.

That sounds pretty good, right? I guess it is important for someone to be a good moral person. There is just one problem. My philosophical mind immediately threw out a question that has to be asked. How can we define morality without religion?

This is another example of how moral relativism is becoming more and more prominent in our culture. If morality is not based on our religious beliefs, then it can become anything we want it to be. It will be left up to each person to decide what morality is. When that happens the idea of morality will be meaningless.

What do I mean by this? Well, if we define morality outside our religious beliefs, what are the limits? If one person defines it differently, how can we resolve this. A politician can claim to be a moral person and at the same time make arguments that defend things like abortion, euthanasia, and even prostitution. It sounds like a good argument to say it is only important that someone is a moral person, but if religion is not part of the discussion, there is nothing to stop morality from becoming very immoral.

**Pancake Dinner for
Shrove Tuesday, March 5
6 p.m. in the Great Room**

Plan to join your church family for a delicious dinner of Pancakes & Sausage before Lent begins. No cost, donations accepted. Be sure to sign up at the table in the commons this weekend or next weekend so we know how many to expect for dinner.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Feb. 24 — Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - *The Mystery Revealed Pt. 1*
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Mar. 3 — Youth Group** (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)
 - *Necessity of the Sacraments*
 - **Confirmation Class**
- **Mar. 10 — NO SHYM**
 - **Confirmation Retreat (1:00pm-5:00pm)**
- **Mar. 12 — Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates (5:00pm)**
- **Mar. 16 — Confirmation Mass**
 - Christ the King/Abingdon at 11:00am
 - Be there at 10:30am!
- **Mar. 17—NET Ministries Retreat (1:00pm-7:00pm)**
(All youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend!)
 - SHYM will attend the retreat
 - Confirmation teens are encouraged to attend

NET Ministries Retreat—*In His Image*

March 17 (1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.)

(Open to all youth in grades 9-12)

Remember who you are!

Who are you? A Soccer player? A dancer? The funny guy? The nice girl? There is one identity you don't have to earn and cannot be taken away. Join us to explore our inclination to identify ourselves by what we do rather than who we are as God's sons and daughters.

CDA Meeting: Monday, Feb. 25

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are reminded of their meeting this **Monday, Feb. 25**, at the Columbian Center. Social time: 5:30; the meeting at 6 p.m. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please bring any items you wish to donate to Hope House. We look forward to seeing you! Catholic ladies wishing to join CDA, call Regent, Carol Reynolds, 276-591-1134 or Gina Rossetti, 423-78-7827. The CDA theme is: *“For Him, we live and move and have our being.”* Acts 17:2

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday

Please join us this **Tuesday, Feb. 26, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you all for the cards, best wishes, and prayers from everyone at St. Anne's for our recent wedding. We hoped for a “low key” marriage ceremony and you followed it up later on a high note! God bless you all!!

Carol Reynolds & Ken Johnson

Prayer Shawl Ministry is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, February 27 at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join!

Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., Feb. 27, 2:45pm-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wednesday, February 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

This week we will ***begin in the Chapel*** at **6:30pm** for the ***Rite of Acceptance*** and ***Enrollment of Names*** of those being baptized this Easter. *Following this service in the Chapel we will move to the Great Room.*

- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the **Chapel** for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the **Chapel** at **6:30pm** before going to class.

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



Due to the RCIA Rites in the Chapel this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., the **CHOIR REHEARSAL** this Wednesday, Feb. 27 will begin at **7 pm.**

FINANCE Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7 a.m. in the School Conference Room.

ENDOWMENT Committee members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, Feb. 28 at 12N in the parish office conference room. (Lunch will be provided.)

Please take note!!

Due to vacation schedule, the bulletin deadline for the March 10th bulletin will be **Sunday, March 3 NLT noon**. Leave items on general office voicemail or email.

Parish Life Ministries Fair

Weekends of March 2/3 and 9/10

Be sure to stop by the table in the commons the next two weekends to join the Parish Life Committee. We need your gifts and talents to help us plan the work of our committee. You can sign-up to be on the committee or you can sign up to help with any of the following parish fun events:

- Parish Picnic in July
- Christmas Tree Lighting Reception
- Valentine's Day Dinner
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Easter Vigil Reception

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

Saturday, February 23 (*Vigil: 7th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Isabelle Murphy

Sunday, February 24 (*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Larry Gray

11:30 a.m. †Rozelma Wagner

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

Tuesday, February 26

8:30 a.m. †Joseph F. Smith

Wednesday, February 27

8:30 a.m. †Glenn Mooney and †Donna Moffitt-Jen

Thursday, February 28

6:00 p.m. †Marian M. King

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers

Saturday, March 2 (*Vigil: 8th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

Sunday, March 3 (*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Phyllis Hanlon

11:30 a.m. †Jim "Boo" Worrell

2:00 p.m. Parishioners



CHURCH SUPPORT

E-Giving (*February 1-15, 2019*)

Regular/Operating	\$4,580.
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 200.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 350.
BFIA 2nd Collection	\$ 253.

Collection Report (*February 16/17*)

Regular/Operating	\$8,696.01
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 150.
School Addt'l 2nd Collection	\$ 260.
Social Ministry/Outreach	\$ 100.

Second Collections:

February 23/24	Bristol Faith in Action (BFIA)
March 2/3	St. Anne's School
March 30/31	Catholic Relief Services

ASH Wednesday, March 6: only 1 collection (for Operating)

LENT

The *Season of Lent* begins Ash Wednesday, March 6. Our Masses will be celebrated at **12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast & abstinence** from meat for Catholics.

Again this Lent, we will pray the *Stations of the Cross* in the Commons on the Fridays of Lent, beginning on Friday, March 8. Via Crucis (*Stations in Spanish*) at 5 p.m., a soup supper will be served in the Great Room at 5:30pm, and Stations of the Cross in English at 6 p.m. We hope you will join us to walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, February 24:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE):** "*The Mass-God Speaks Our Story*"- **Lesson Three.** 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. All are invited. No need to sign-up.

Monday, February 25:

- **Adult Faith Formation** class is on a winter break and will resume class on **Monday, March 4**. Next study session will be "*Living the Eucharist*". Sign-up in the commons.

Tuesday, February 26:

- **Book Club:** 10:30-11:30am at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. "*From Slave to Priest*".
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study,** 6:30-8:00pm, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Wednesday, February 27:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study,** 1:00-2:30pm in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center. *Acts of the Apostles*
- **RCIA—6:30 p.m.** in the **Chapel**. Please try to arrive on time as we will begin with the Rite of Acceptance and Enrollment of Names for those being baptized this Easter.

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

Welcome to St. Anne Parish

We welcome the following newly registered parishioners:

Kevin Nelson and children **Kaelyn & Noah**
72 Cherry St., Bristol, VA 24201 (276-551-0871)

Rosary Leaders Needed: In order to continue to pray the rosary prior to the 8:30a & 11:30a Masses, we need more rosary leaders. If you are willing to lead the rosary prior to either of these Masses, please contact Sydney Farnum as soon as possible at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32. Training can be provided, if needed.

CEMETERY Walkway BRICKS: If you would like to purchase a brick for our cemetery in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please contact the parish office. An order will be placed soon. Cost per brick: \$75.

Grease the musical (Abingdon High School): March 8 at 7p & March 9 at 2p & 7p. John Bush & Aisling Ringrose are in the cast. Purchase tickets at <http://tickets.ahschorus.com>

"Rejoice and Be Glad"

Parish Lenten Retreat—April 5 & 6

Retreat Director: Fr. Eric Asamoah

Registration will begin in a few weeks.
Watch the bulletin for more information



St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee

Location: Columbian Center

Tickets on sale the next two weekends (March 2/3 & 9/10) after Mass in the hallway by the Great Room! Cost of tickets is \$8/person, \$15/family.

Fundraiser: Appalachian Literacy Initiative: St. Anne parishioner and author *Kimberly Brubaker Bradley* will be speaking and signing books to benefit **Appalachian Literacy Initiative** at the Blackbird Bakery this Tuesday, February 26, from 4-6 p.m. Free admission. Please come!

Machiavelli's "Spirit Night"

Thursday, Feb. 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come eat at *Machiavelli's* (downtown at 8 5th St. Bristol, TN) this Thursday night, February 28, 5:30-8:30p. Mention you're there to support ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL & the school gets 15% of your food purchase. Order the "special" pizza we'll get an extra \$1.00!! (Offer is for Dine-In only)

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6, Masses: 12:15 & 7p
A Day of Fast and Abstinence

Living the Eucharist—Lent 2019

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." Pope Francis

Share the Joy this Lent! As Lent approaches, our parish is preparing for *Living the Eucharist*. This spiritual renewal experience will involve small groups for adults, teens, and families. Pray about participating in one of the small groups and sign up in the commons. Sign-ups will continue the next two weekends. We have 4 groups meeting during the week. If you would like to do it at home with your family there is a sign-up sheet for family materials also. Join the group that works best with your schedule. If you miss your session you can always come to one of the other groups during the same week (we will be doing the same lesson each week in all groups).

- **Sunday Morning**, 9:45-11:00a, in the Great Room
- **Monday Afternoon**, 1:00-2:30p, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center
- **Tuesday Evening**, 6:30-8:00p, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr
- **Thursday Evening**, 6:45pm (after Mass) to 8:15pm, at the St. Vincent de Paul Center

PALMS! If you have palms from last year, bring them in NLT next Sunday, March 3. We'll burn and use for ashes on Ash Wednesday.