

## Second Sunday of Lent

As Jesus is transfigured before His disciples in today's Gospel, a voice comes from the cloud saying,

***"This is My Beloved Son. Listen to Him."*** (Mk. 9:7).

Lent is a particularly appropriate time to listen to Jesus. Last week we heard Him proclaim,

***"Repent, and believe in the Gospel."***

During this penitential season we reflect on when we have disobeyed or turned away from God and we ask for forgiveness.

### Readings for this Week (Feb. 26-March 3)

MONDAY:	Daniel 9:4b-10;	Luke 6:36-38
TUESDAY:	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;	Matthew 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY:	Jeremiah 18:18-20;	Matthew 20:17-28
THURSDAY:	Jeremiah 17:5-10;	Luke 16:19-31
FRIDAY:	Genesis 37:3-4 12-13a, 17b-28a;	Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### Readings for next Sunday (3rd Sunday of Lent)

*(we will use the Cycle A readings)*

#### ***Exodus 17:3-7***

Water flowed from the rock to quench the people's thirst.

#### ***Romans 5:1-2, 5-8***

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

#### ***John 4:5-42 (or) 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42***

The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

*Flowing through the readings next Sunday is the image of water. In the desert, the LORD provided water to the Israelites. St. Paul describes the love of God being poured out into our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well and offers her the water of eternal life. Next weekend, as we celebrate the First Scrutiny for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, let us recall the thirst-quenching, life-giving waters of our own baptism.*

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Thalia Cooper**, a member of our parish family who died recently. Notes may be sent to her family c/o her husband, Doug, at 201 Lynfield Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.

#### ***A note of thanks...***

I would like to express my appreciation to the Eucharistic Minister for bringing me Holy Communion for several weeks.

*Veronica Ferski*

### Welcome Father Miguel

This weekend we welcome Fr. Miguel Melendez from Blessed Sacrament parish in Harrisonburg, VA. Father Miguel is celebrating our Masses while Fr. Nicholas is at Blessed Sacrament facilitating their parish retreat. *(After the retreat ends on Tuesday, Fr. Nicholas will be going to Richmond for the diocesan Presbyteral Council meeting.)*

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

- No Mass & No Confessions Tuesday, Feb. 27
- There **WILL BE Weekly Adoration** on Tuesday. *(Deacon Steve will open at 9:15a and close at 4:30p.)*
- No Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 28.
- Weekday Mass this **Thursday, March 1 at 8:30a** (instead of 6p) & no confessions Thursday due to a diocesan regional event.

## THANKS

A big **"Thank You"** to Mike Farnum, George Rosen, Bill Greany, and Dave Hall for preparing our **"Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper"** (sponsored by Parish Life). It was a fun time full of good food and fellowship.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** this **Tuesday, February 27 9:15am-4:30pm.** Please join us for an hour of prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets this **Wed., Feb. 28, 10a-11a** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

#### **Prayer Group meeting this week:**

- **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2:45pm-3:45pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

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

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., February 21, in the Great Room 6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer **at 6:30pm.**
- **Children's RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30pm** before going to class.

For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Food for Families:** Please bring in canned goods/non-perishables to the blue bin *(near the wheelchair lift)*. The Knights of Columbus are collecting food during Lent for the needy in our local community through Bristol Faith in Action. Thank you for your support of this outreach project!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP  
(Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Feb. 25—NET Ministries Retreat (1:00pm-7:00pm)**  
(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)**
- **Mar. 11—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - “The Church”
- **Mar. 18—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - “Are you talking to me?”
  - **Confirmation (BYC 9:45am-11:15am)**



RETREAT

*Parish Lenten Retreat*

March 9/10 at the Jubilee House Retreat Center

*“Faith as a Gift”*

with Retreat Director, Mark Hoggard

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** While faith is your response to God, God acts first, extending to us an offer of being in relationship. Come join us as we explore this year’s Gospels from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, and how they can deepen our experience of God’s grace in our lives. Stop by the table in the commons to pick-up a registration form and please return your completed form and fee to the basket provided on the table as soon as possible. (no later than next Sunday, March 4) Thank you!

*The RCIA Scrutinies*

Next Weekend, **March 3**, we will celebrate the “**First Scrutiny**” at the **5:30 p.m. Mass** for those in our catechumenal process who are preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil. On **March 11** we will celebrate the “**Second Scrutiny**” at the **8:30 a.m. Mass** and on **March 18**, the “**Third Scrutiny**” at the **11:30 a.m. Mass**. We urge you to prepare for the celebration of these scrutinies in a personal way by discerning what it is in your own life that needs to be freed from sin’s bondage. Join in spirit with all in our community who turn to Jesus for freedom from sin and protection from all evil. Please continue to pray for our catechumens as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



*The Stations of the Cross*  
(Fridays of Lent)

Journey this Lent with our Lord on the *Way of the Cross*. Join us this Friday, March 2, and all the remaining Fridays of Lent (March 9, 16, 23) to pray the Stations — Via Crucis (Spanish) at 5 p.m. and **Stations of the Cross in English at 6 p.m.** We gather in the Chapel and the Commons for this spiritual journey of faith.

(On Good Friday, March 30, the time for Stations will be: English at 12N and Spanish at 2p)

SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER

*The Fridays of Lent*

Come Pray the Stations with us and

**Join us for a Soup Supper**

on the Fridays of Lent

**at 5:30 p.m.**

in the Great Room



**Read Across St. Anne’s!** In celebration of Read Across America Day, our School is having a **Read-A-Thon!** This is an online fundraiser. Parents, students, staff are asked to read at least 10 minutes a night between March 2-9. Help us find sponsors by sharing our Read-A-Thon link on social media and via email. Donations will help add books to the school library and needed items to classrooms. If you’d like to sponsor or share our link, please go to: <https://www.stanneschoolbristol.org/read-a-thon>. Questions? Call Angie Bush, St. Anne School librarian, at 276-669-0048.

**A Lent to Remember –A Lenten Encounter with Mercy on FORMED.org — our parish code is 24Q8G9**

**Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy**

*“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.” (Psalm 51:1)*

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us “Go and sin no more”, he also gives us the grace to do so. Learn more about God’s mercy by watching session two of **A Lent to Remember** on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). If you need help getting registered with or using FORMED, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32; or [sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK**

**Saturday, February 24** (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Joe & †Betty Wasco

**Sunday, February 25** (*2nd Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Smith

11:30 a.m. All Souls

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

(*No weekday Mass on Tuesday/Wednesday, Feb. 27/28*)

**Thursday, March 1** (*Note Mass Time!*)

8:30 a.m. †Frank Hanson

**Friday, March 2**

7:30 a.m. †Paul Carrieria and †Joanne Carrieria

**Saturday, March 3** (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Frank Hanson

**Sunday, March 4** (*3rd Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Frank Hanson

11:30 a.m. †Chloe Stewart

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

**REMINDER:** *No Mass this Tuesday or Wednesday.*

*Mass on Thursday is at 8:30a (not 6p).*

*No Confessions Tuesday or Thursday.*

**2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

***Building Our Family of Faith***

Last week, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to this request. An important aspect of the Appeal is that our parish receives back a portion of their funds collected that we can use for important local parish priorities. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact programs outside our parish boundaries, it also supports services the Diocese provides directly to our parish. All pledges can be paid in 10 monthly installments which makes it easy to support the important ministries of our Diocesan Church while also supporting our parish. Thank you in advance for your partnership in the 2018 Appeal!

**Collection Reports:**

E-Giving (Feb. 1-15):	Operating	\$4,550
	School 2nd collection	\$ 360
	Ash Wednesday	\$ 70
Ash Wed. (Feb. 14):	Operating	\$3,520
Collection (Feb. 17/18):	Operating	\$10,497.34
	School 2nd collection	\$ 160

**2nd Collection** this weekend (Feb. 24/25) for:

Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA).

**March 2nd Collections:** March 4 (St. Anne's School) and  
March 11 (Catholic Relief Services).

*Our 2nd Collections are taken up during the Offertory, immediately following the regular operating collection.*

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, Feb. 25**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am -11:00am** in the greatroom. "Eucharist-Discovering the Mass in the Bible" by Brant Pitre. **Session Eight-Part 2-The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ**

**Monday, Feb. 26:**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 27:**

- **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. **The Consecration: My Immaculate Heart will Triumph**

**Wednesday, Feb. 28:**

- **NO Rock Scripture Study** this week.
- **RCIA at 6:30pm** in the Greatroom

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

**Next Sunday, March 4**—in Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Nine— The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist-Part 1.** Join us in the Great Room any Sunday at 9:45am for SMARE.

**CDA Scholarships**

Catholic Daughters offers scholarships to rising 9th graders: The Nat'l Court of the CDA will award two \$1000 scholarships to an 8th grade student entering the 9th grade in a Catholic High School in the fall of 2018. **REQUIREMENT:** 1. must be Catholic (male or female), 2. must be attending Catholic (not a home setting) High School in the fall. 3. An essay of approx 250-300 words typed/double-spaced on "May we joyfully witness to our faith" (Pope Francis) or "How will you share with a joyful heart your faith with others?" must be submitted with application. **DEADLINE is May 1, 2018.** For more information and to request an application, contact Judy Smith at 423-652-7780 or [jumpinjudy6148@yahoo.com](mailto:jumpinjudy6148@yahoo.com).

**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 Friday afternoons, 12Noon to 4p, on 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.

### Nursery Workers Needed!!

If you or someone you know likes working with children, consider joining our nursery crew. Hours are flexible: some Saturdays, all Sundays, some Wednesdays, and all Holy Days of Obligation. If interested, please contact Vanessa K. Purdy at 276-591-5378 ext. \*814 or [vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org).

**CDA Meeting:** —Members of the Catholic Daughters are reminded of their meeting this **Monday, Feb. 26** at the Columbian Center. Social hour 5:30pm to 6:00pm. Sarah Faulk, Home Care Consultant from Home Instead is the guest speaker at 6 p.m. Come and join us, we look forward to seeing you there! Catholic ladies wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds at 276-591-1134 or Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827. The CDA theme is:

***“For Him, we live and move and have our being”*** Acts 17:2

### PARACLETE BOOKSTORE HERE: March 10/11

The Paraclete Catholic Books & Gifts Store will be here at St. Anne’s after Masses on March 10/11 with Lent, First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA merchandise. They’ll also have books, rosaries, medals and other religious items. If you have a special request, call 1-800-333-2097 or email [theparaclete@dioknox.org](mailto:theparaclete@dioknox.org).

### Come get your **GREEN** on!

St. Anne’s Parish Life Committee  
and the Knights of Columbus

Invite everyone to the:

### **St. Patrick’s Day CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, March 17, 7p to 11p**



**Join us on Saturday, March 17, from 7-11 p.m.** (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN). Cost: \$10/adult (17 and under free).

Come enjoy fine dining, adult and soft beverages, and dance to Irish music performed by regional favorite **“SIGEAN”**. Tickets will be available in the hall by the Great Room after Masses on March 3/4 and 10/11.

*(Yes! You need to get a ticket if you plan to attend!!)*

### **Looking ahead on the calendar a bit...**

- 1st Tuesday Adoration, March 6, 9:15a to 9p
- **“Spring Forward”** clocks ahead an hour: 2am Mar. 11
- Lenten Penance Service: Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.  
*(several priests here for individual confessions)*