

Every year on the first Sunday of Lent, the focus is on temptation. Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent in the garden of Eden. Jesus is tempted in the desert by the devil. Though the temptations in our life may not be as dramatic as those in the scriptures, they may be just as powerful. Let us pray for strength to resist temptation and for mercy when we fall.

## First Sunday of Lent



### Readings for this Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;	Matthew 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 55:10-11;	Matthew 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jonah 3:1-10;	Luke 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25;	Matthew 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Ezekiel 18:21-28;	Matthew 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Deuteronomy 26:16-19;	Matthew 5:43-48

### Scripture for next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Lent)

**Genesis 12:1-4a** *The call of Abraham*  
**2 Timothy 1:8b-10** *Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.*  
**Matthew 17:1-9** *Jesus is transfigured.*

This Sunday's readings center on temptation, next week they coalesce around the theme of  **blessing** . The reading from Genesis, though only four verses, uses the word "bless" or "blessing" five times. Next, Paul reminds Timothy of the blessings God bestowed on us through Christ Jesus. Finally, we witness the Transfiguration, a visual manifestation of God's blessing on Jesus. Let us listen next Sunday to God's promised blessings.

### Building Our Family of Faith

This weekend at all Masses is the in-pew process for the **2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal**. We encourage all parishioners to support the appeal which helps with education of our youth, care for our elderly poor, support of our mission parishes, provides for our seminarians, supports the Fuel & Hunger Fund and more!



### From the Pastor

Last weekend, Bishop Knestout visited our parish. He was here for confirmation, but he also took time to do a parish visitation, and celebrate Mass with us on Saturday evening. He plans to do an official visit to all parishes in the diocese every three years. This is ambitious, but he is committed to being present to all the parishes in this diocese.

During his visitation, I was able to spend time with him discussing what has been going on at St. Anne's and the overall status of our parish. I gave him a tour of all our property. This was the first time he had seen the entire campus at St. Anne's and he was very impressed with how much is here and how well it is being maintained. I was impressed that he took so much time to learn about everything that is going on here. He really is taking an interest in us.

He also spent some time meeting with the staff and with the pastoral and finance councils. They were given a chance to submit feedback and comments to him before the meeting and then discuss them during our meeting. I learned a few years ago that he is a good and attentive listener and gave everyone a chance to express their thoughts and concerns about our parish.

I think this is something that had been lacking in the past. Not because Bishop DiLorenzo was not as concerned about our parish or southwest Virginia, but because his health prevented him from traveling as much as our current bishop does. It is so easy for us living in southwest Virginia to feel disconnected with what is happening in Richmond, or to feel like those in Richmond are unaware of what we do out here. This is probably even more so for those living in Tennessee. I could see in this visit that our bishop is aware of what is happening here and wants to have a pastoral presence for all the parishes in this part of the state.

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Willet Moretz**, the father of **Darlene Lyons**, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Darlene at 203 Roscommon Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are asked for **John Loy**, the nephew of **Kathy & Jack Sardina** who died last weekend in Utica, NY. Notes may be sent to Kathy & Jack at 142 Yarrow Dr., Bluff City, TN 37618.

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

- Candidates & the Elect will meet today, Sunday, March 1, in the Great Room, 9:45am-11:15am.
- Children's RCIA & Parent will join Sacramental Preparation Class in the lower level, 9:45am.

**RCIA notes:** Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, to inquiry sessions. For more information about RCIA, please contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org).



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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **March 22—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - \* God Keeps Promises

**Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)**

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **March 22—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, March 29**  
**MJM7 Concert**

Join us for a concert featuring MJM7. MJM7 is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and 4 of his daughters: Gabriella (15), Trinity (14), Charity (12), and Cecilia (11). The Mette's gifts of music, joy, and family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. The music is uplifting without being preachy, creating an environment that is engaging. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this unique event. The concert is free, donations are accepted.

**Bereavement Committee** members are reminded of our meeting this **Monday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.

**“No Greater Love—  
A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion”  
A Lenten Study—begins this week!  
Session 1: “The Prayer of the Agony —  
Jesus in Gethsemane”**

Our biblical walk through Christ's passion begins on the Mount of Olives in the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus came with his disciples to pray. Jesus had passed over this same mountain when he entered Jerusalem riding a donkey. He had come here to pray at other times during his time in Jerusalem for the Passover feast. After celebrating his Last Supper, in which he gave us the gift of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, he came back to this Mount of Olives once more to pray. Join in one of our study groups this Lent to enter more deeply into Jesus' walk from Gethsemane to Calvary. 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.



**“First” Tuesday Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament**

**March 3 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**In the Chapel**

*In this first week of Lent, will you come  
spend time in prayer with our Lord?*

**Pastoral Council members** are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m., School Conference Room.

**Pet Supplies Needed!!**

St. Anne's School is collecting PET SUPPLIES (towels, rags, cleaning items, blankets, food, treats). Please bring in your items and place them in the bin in the hall by the Great Room by March 13. Thanks!!

Remember to turn your  
**Clocks AHEAD 1 hour**  
When you go to bed next  
Saturday night.

Daylight Savings Time  
Begins at 2 a.m. on  
Sunday, March 8!





Mass Intentions

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)

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 a.m. †Jenifer Kelly

Wednesday, March 4

8:30 a.m. †Clotilde Jones

Thursday, March 5

6:00 p.m. †Gerry Dado

Friday, March 6

8:30 a.m. †Michael J. Smith

Saturday, March 7 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent)

5:30 p.m. †Loretta Karban

Sunday, March 8 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

8:30 a.m. †Sister Mary Nixon

11:30 a.m. †Ron Davis

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



Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions

To better know "the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions", the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."

March 2020—Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for 40 days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life, call Fr. Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

Collection Report (Feb. 23/24)

Regular/Operating	\$9,011.00
2nd Collection/BFIA	\$2,813.75
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 8.00
Living Our Mission/Parish share	\$7,531.67

2nd Collections: Feb.29/Mar. 1 for Saint Anne's School.  
March 21/22 for Catholic Relief Services.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BFIA: toilet paper, dish soap, body soap, cleaners/disinfectants, toothpaste, shampoo (bring to blue box by wheelchair lift) and VOLUNTEERS needed, especially receptionists and with appointments)—call 276-466-8292 for more details.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, March 1

- SMARE: "No Greater Love" 9:45am-11:00am in the school library.
- RCIA in the Great Room, 9:45am-11:00am.

Monday, March 2

- Monday Adult Faith Formation: "No Greater Love" 1:00pm-2:30pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Tuesday, March 3

- 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 "No Greater Love"

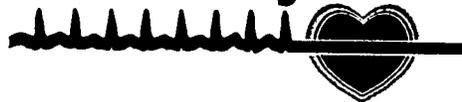
Wednesday, March 4

- Wednesday Scripture Study and Prayer Group are 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](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or  
Call 276-669-8200 ext. 32

CAFÉ CENTRAL/RIVERS WAY: Since 2014 students with differing abilities from TN High & VA High have prepared and served lunches at Café Central (located at Central Christian Church/Bristol, TN) Lunches served on Thursdays/Fridays and are \$5 which includes coffee/tea and dessert! Help support a program that makes a difference in these students' lives. To sign up for a lunch, go to [www.bit.ly/bristolcafe](http://www.bit.ly/bristolcafe). Please sign up by Wednesdays of the week you would like to attend lunch. The Menu for March 5/6 is Tomato Bisque & Ultimate Grilled Cheese sandwich.

Abortion stops  
a beating heart



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](mailto:40daysbristoltn@gmail.com) for more details.



**St. Patrick's Day Party**

**Saturday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee**

**Location: Columbian Center**

Tickets on sale this weekend and next weekend after Mass, in the hallway by the Great Room! Cost of tickets: \$8/person; \$15/immediate family

**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!



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

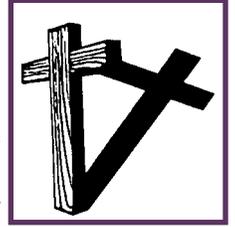
**The Color Purple:** The purple color the Church uses during Lent symbolizes Christ's suffering and death, but because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ's kingship and resurrection.

**Stations of the Cross  
and Simple Soup Supper**

**The Fridays of Lent**

Join us this Friday and all the Fridays of Lent for Stations of the Cross. Stations in Spanish at 5 p.m. and Stations in English at **6 p.m.**

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



**Calling all Blood Donors!!** Please plan to donate Blood when the Marsh Bloodmobile is here at St. Anne's on **Wednesday, March 18, 2:00-6:30pm**. Sign up in the commons the weekends of March 7/8 and March 14/15.

**Give the Gift of Life!!**

**Did somebody say COOKIES????!**

St. Anne School's Girl Scout Troop will be selling Girl Scout Cookies NEXT weekend, March 7/8, after Masses in the hallway by the Great Room. Plan to stop by and pick up some tasty treats and support the Girl Scouts!!