

Third Sunday of Lent

Today we celebrate the first of the three scrutinies with the elect, who will be initiated into the Church in less than a month. The purpose of the scrutinies is twofold. First, these rites help uncover and heal the weaknesses of the elect. Secondly, they reveal and strengthen what is virtuous in them. Let us pray that the elect may be delivered from the power of sin and strengthened in Christ.

Scripture Readings for this Week

MONDAY: 2 Kings 5:1—15ab; Luke 4:24-30
TUESDAY: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
THURSDAY: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
FRIDAY: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
SATURDAY: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Scripture for next Sunday

(4th Sunday of Lent—*Laetare Sunday*)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel anointed David to be king of Israel.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

John 9:1-41 (or) *9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

“Open your eyes!” you can almost hear God saying in the readings next Sunday. Samuel is convinced that Eliab is the one that the Lord will choose as king, but he is reminded, **“Not as (humans) see does God see.”** The Lord directs Samuel to anoint David instead. In the Gospel, Jesus cures the blind man, but the authorities label Jesus a sinner for performing such a deed on the Sabbath. **“Surely we are not also blind?”** they ask incredulously, not realizing that they have failed to see.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *David Anthony Wilson*, the father of Susan Walling, who died recently in Florida. Notes may be sent to Susan at 1061 Old Abingdon Hwy., Suite 3, Bristol, VA 24201.

A special note...

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the prayers, food, cards, and calls during my recent surgery and rehabilitation. I feel very blessed to be a member of Saint Anne's parish family.

In Christ,
Sue Atkinson

1st Tuesday ADORATION
This Tuesday, March 6
9:15 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Parish Lenten Retreat

March 9/10 at the Jubilee House Retreat Center
“Faith as a Gift”

with Retreat Director, Mark Hoggard

REGISTRATION Closes Tuesday, March 6!! Join us on March 9/10 for our annual Parish Lenten Retreat held at the Jubilee House. We welcome Mark Hoggard as our retreat director this year. 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 or to the church office no later than this Tuesday, March 6. If the fee creates a financial hardship, please speak with Sydney Farnum. We do have scholarship money available so that everyone can benefit from the retreat. Thank you!

SPRING CLEANING TIME IS HERE!

It is that time again! Please donate cleaning agents and supplies, such as: brooms, mops, sponges, bleach, window cleaners, cleanser, 409, Clorox wipes, etc. to be given to Bristol Faith In Action. **Bring your items in** to the display in the commons **NEXT weekend, March 10/11**. Thank you for your generosity.

The Social Ministry Committee

And Speaking of ‘SPRING’ —

Don't forget to **SPRING FORWARD** next weekend! Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 10. (*Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 11.*)



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 Sat., 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 this weekend **March 3/4 and next weekend March 10/11**.

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

PARACLETE BOOKSTORE HERE: March 10/11
The Paraclete Catholic Books & Gifts Store will be here at St. Anne's after Masses next weekend 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.



(Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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)**

Attention CHOIR Folks: Rehearsals this week at 6:30p on Monday, March 5 and on Wed., March 7. The Choir will sing next Sunday, March 11 at the 11:30a Mass.

Operation Rice Bowl—2018

3rd Week of Lent: As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially meaningful to come together in prayer as a family. Reflecting on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war carried by our brothers and sisters, we have an opportunity to also reflect on our roles in caring for them as members of our human family. As we engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**, fill your rice bowl with change, dollars, or checks, and return it on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7/8** to the basket provided in the commons. For more information about Operation Rice Bowl, visit www.crsricebowl.org. Thank you!

The Book of Hebrews—Scripture Study begins Wednesday, March 14

Hebrews is more like a sermon than a letter. It reviews the history of Israel to demonstrate how Jesus Christ fulfills and even surpasses all the hopes expressed in the Old Testament. It presents Jesus as the unique High Priest who is simultaneously the one who offers sacrifice to God and is himself the sacrifice. Join us at the St. Vincent de Paul Center on **Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-2:30pm** for this seven week study. Cost of study set: \$15.95. Please sign-up at the table in the commons or by emailing sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org so that your study set can be ordered.

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.

First Scrutiny

This weekend, at the 5:30pm Mass, we celebrated the First Scrutiny with those in our catechumenate. These very moving and powerful prayers ask God’s protection on those who will soon become full members of our Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. In the scrutinies, we pray for deliverance from evil and protection against all of the demonic forces that would enslave the disciples of Jesus. Your prayers and your support are important for our sisters and brothers who have been journeying for so many months toward the sacraments of Christian initiation. Please continue to hold in your Lenten prayers the elect who count on you for support in making their faith journey.

Prayer Groups meeting this week:

—**Wednesday, March 7,**

- **Noon-1:00pm in the Chapel and**
- **2:45pm-3:45pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Center**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., March 7**, in the Great Room, **6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Children’s RCIA** will gather in the hallway by the Great Room at **6:30 p.m.** before going to class.

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

Presentation of the Creed

Thursday, March 8, 6 p.m. Mass

Our parish will celebrate the “Presentation of the Creed” this Thursday, March 8, at the 6 p.m. Mass. In this celebration our elect will receive from us this important profession of the faith. We will recite the words of the Creed and they will listen. In turn, they will make this same profession of faith as they gather before the font to be baptized. Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

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*)

Tuesday, March 6

8:30 a.m. †Milly Venardi

Wednesday, March 7

8:30 a.m. "Special Intention"

Thursday, March 8

6:00 p.m. †Loretta Karban

Friday, March 9

7:30 a.m. †Michael J. Smith

Saturday, March 10 (*Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †Dan Dutcher

Sunday, March 11 (*4th Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Jack Mellett

11:30 a.m. †Louis Przystas

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

COLLECTION REPORT (Feb. 24/25)

Regular/Operating	\$6,500.50
Bristol Faith In Action 2nd Coll.	\$2,935.00
Add'l Ash Wednesday	\$ 13.00
Add'l School 2nd Collection	\$ 278.00

2ND COLLECTIONS: (March 4) - St. Anne's School
(March 11) - Catholic Relief Services: Your donations to CRS provide humanitarian aid, resettling the displaced, advocating on behalf of victims.

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

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week:

"My Beloved Son, Meditations for Lent"

Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season—a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness. Pick up this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles.

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 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.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, March 4:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education, 9:45am -11:00am** in the greatroom. "Eucharist-Discovering the Mass in the Bible" by Brant Pitre. **Session Nine-Part 1-The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist**

Monday, March 5:

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

Tuesday, March 6:

- **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. "Movie Night"

Wednesday, March 7:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30pm** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center; *Letters from Prison*
- **RCIA at 6:30pm** in the Greatroom

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

Next Sunday, March 11—in Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Nine— The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist-Part 2.** Join us in the Great Room any Sunday at 9:45am for SMARE.

A Lent to Remember

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

on FORMED.org — our parish code is **24Q8G9**

Session 3: Embraced in Mercy: the Rite Explained

"Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

(1 Cor. 15:54-55)

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite — what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life. **A Lent to Remember** on www.formed.org. If you need help getting registered with FORMED or using it, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org for help.



BLOODMOBILE HERE

Wed., March 21

2:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Sign up in the commons
March 10/11 & March 17/18**

Or contact Rosie Mansfield in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

GIVE the GIFT of LIFE!!

“40 Hours” of Adoration

For the Evangelization of St. Anne Parish

Sunday 3/18, 3:30pm-Exposition (at end of Spanish Mass)

— Tuesday 3/20-Benediction at 8am

The image of an hour with Jesus has been part of Catholic Tradition since the very beginning. Jesus, the Garden of Gethsemane, mournfully asked His disciples,

“Could you not watch with me one hour?”

Matthew 26:40

A Holy Hour gives us the opportunity to honor Our Lord’s request and place ourselves before Him. We join our own prayers, works, joys and sufferings with His and “by the mercies of God, present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1). **We are asking all parishioners to sign-up for one hour of adoration during the 40-hour period.** Please join in prayer for the evangelization of St. Anne Parish. Please sign-up in the commons so that we know all 40 hours will be covered and that we have at least two people for each hour. Thank you!

ORDINATION

Anyone DEFINITELY interested in going to the ordination of Deacon James O’Reilly to the priesthood on June 1 & 2, please contact Paula Cericola at 276-466-4773 or email pncericola@va.net.

CCW Meeting—March 12

The Council of Catholic Women will have a meeting on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN). All women of the parish are invited to join us as we pray the Women’s Stations of the Cross. For more information, contact Eileen Gibney at 423-652-7425 or egibneysas@yahoo.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we continue along our faith journey in this holy season of Lent, join us as we journey with our Lord along the Way of the Cross.

On the Fridays of Lent: March 9, 16, 23

Stations in Spanish at 5 p.m.

Simple Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in English at 6 p.m.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

On Good Friday, March 30th—

Stations in English at 12N; in Spanish at 2 p.m.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be here for confessions.