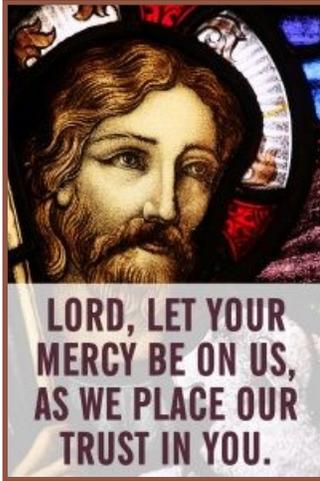


During this penitential season we make a conscious effort to avoid sin and be faithful to the gospel. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus journeyed into the desert and was tempted by the devil. Today Jesus climbs a high mountain on which he is transfigured in front of his closest disciples. Whether isolated in the wilderness or accompanied by friends on a mountaintop, Jesus remains faithful to the will of God. May he be a model for us.



Readings for this Week (March 9-14)

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 0:17-28
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

Scripture for next Sunday
Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

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

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

God's love is poured into our hearts in the gift of the Spirit.

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

The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life.

Water takes center stage in next Sunday's scripture. The Chosen People grow thirsty in the desert and the Lord provides water from the rock in Horeb. Paul suggests the image of water in stating that the love of God has been poured into our hearts. A thirsty Samaritan woman realizes that in Jesus she has received living water. Let us quench our thirst with God's word.

Operation Rice Bowl 2020

Join our faith community — and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. If you did not get your rice bowl in your bulletin a couple weeks ago, you can pick one up from the table in the commons. Bring your Rice Bowl donations back on **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Thank You!

from the
Pastor's desk

I have an interesting Lenten challenge for everyone reading this that is inspired by the first reading for this weekend. Leave. Yes, that really is what I meant. No, I am not encouraging anyone to get up and leave the Church or even our parish. I am very happy you are all here. When we read the first reading however, that is exactly what God is telling Abram to do. Get up and leave the land of his fathers and go somewhere completely unknown to him.

What does this mean for us? Is there something in this that we can incorporate into our own lives? Definitely. I have often talked about how God challenges us to step outside our comfort zones. That may mean leaving home and going to someplace unknown to us, but it can also involve staying where we are. There are other ways we can step away from things well known to us and trust God to show us something new.

I think this is also important when we talk about evangelization. In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis stressed that we must be careful of saying we have always done it this way. We have to constantly evaluate what we are doing to encourage those around us. Some things just do not work as well as others. Some things that once worked very well may not work as well when as we see cultural shifts around us.

There is a reason we often hear Jesus telling his disciples not to be afraid. Following where God leads us can take us where would never expect to be and in some cases to places we would never choose for ourselves. I pray that everyone will find the courage to trust in the Lord this Lenten season and let him lead us all to some new and challenging places.

Daylight Savings Time BEGINS
at 2 a.m. this morning (Sunday, March 8)!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Candidates & the Elect** will meet today, **Sunday, March 8, in the Great Room, 9:45am-11:15am.**
- **Children's RCIA & Parent** will join Sacramental Preparation Class in the lower level at **9:45am.**

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

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- ◆ **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)

- ◆ **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
MJMY Concert at 7 p.m.
Parish Life Center



The Council of Catholic Women will meet this **Monday, March 9, at 6 p.m.**, at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN). Our Lenten meeting will include praying the Stations of the Cross and preparing personal care kits for Bristol Faith in Action clients. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. Please call Eileen Gibney at 423-652-7425 for more information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, March 10. Please join us in the Chapel any time between **9:00am-4:30pm**. Benediction is at 4:30pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry members are reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m.** in the Saint Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us.

Lunch & Learn
“Funeral Planning”

This **Wednesday, March 11**, we will have our first **“Lunch & Learn”** at the **Monsignor Hickie Center** at **12Noon**. **Lunch will be provided by the Prayer Shawl Ministry group and the Bereavement Committee.** The first in our series of “Lunch & Learn” presentations will be by Funeral Director Brent Buchanan on **“Funeral Planning—what you need to know — decisions you will need to make”**. Please sign up at the table in the commons so we know how many to expect for lunch. If you did not get a chance to sign-up in the commons, you can let us know that you will be there by emailing sydney.farnum@stannes-bristol.org or by calling 276-669-8200 ext. 32 by noon on Tuesday, March 10. Thank you!



St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 14
7 p.m.

Sponsored by the
Parish Life Committee
Location: Columbian Center

This is the last weekend to purchase your tickets!!
Cost of tickets: \$8/per person / \$15 immediate family

Parish Life Committee Members are reminded of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting this **Wed., March 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church office conference room. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Mike Farnum know. Anyone who would like to help with the **Saint Patrick's Day Party** is invited to attend. New members are always welcome to join the committee.

“No Greater Love —
A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion”
A Lenten Study

Session 2— “Are you the Christ?” Jesus' Arrest
and Trial Before the Sanhedrin

Imagine being at Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin. There is confusion and disarray. False testimonies are sought, and they are not consistent. The high priest stands up and presses Jesus to speak, but Jesus remains silent before his accusers. Only when the high priest puts Jesus under oath does he finally speak. They condemn him to death, slap his face, spit at him, blindfold him, and strike him. Jesus referred to himself as *“the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven”* (Matthew 26:64). We will unpack the meaning of this statement, which is the turning point of the trial. 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.

CLEANING ITEMS NEEDED—for BFIA!!

Spring is just around the corner and that means it's time for the big spring clean!! Social Ministry Committee is collecting cleaning supplies of all types for BFIA—bring your donated items in to the commons NEXT weekend, March 14/15. Of particular need are disinfectant wipes, all purpose disinfecting cleansers, and sponges!



**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**

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*)

Tuesday, March 10
8:30 a.m. †Jonathan Mendoza-Onate

Wednesday, March 11
8:30 a.m. †Marylou Sulier

Thursday, March 12
6:00 p.m. †Emilie Green

Friday, March 13
8:30 a.m. †Bernie Separ

Saturday, March 14 (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*)
5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

Sunday, March 15 (*Third Sunday of Lent*)
8:30 a.m. †Rose Bosciotta
11:30 a.m. Spec. Intention for President Trump & family
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



COLLECTION

E-Giving (Feb. 17-29)

Regular/Operating	\$3,655.
Ash Wednesday/Operating	\$ 258.
School 2nd Collection	\$ 250.
BFIA	\$ 93.
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 28.
Maint. Reserve/former Bldg Fund	\$ 25.

Collection Report (Feb. 29/March 1)

Regular/Operating	\$13,208.44
Ash Wednesday/Operating	\$ 4,156.50
School 2nd Collection	\$ 3,795.00
Add'l BFIA 2nd Collection	\$ 452.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 275.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

- March 22: Catholic Relief Services
- April 5: St. Anne's School
- April 26 Catholic Virginian (offsets cost to parish)

** Holy Thursday, April 9 (one collection: outreach to local poor)
** Easter (Apr. 11/12) (both the regular Sunday operating AND the Easter Holy Day are to be placed in the one collection basket at the offertory)

**Annual Diocesan Appeal
Building Our Family of Faith**

If you have not yet responded to our Bishop's Appeal for 2020, we encourage you to please be generous to this year's Appeal — you can respond to the information you received from the Bishop in the mail, or you can pick up a brochure in the commons— **THANK YOU!!!**

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, March 8

- SMARE: "No Greater Love" 945-11am in the school library.
- RCIA in the Great Room, 9:45-11am.

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

- 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 11

- Wednesday Scripture Study is on a break and will resume study on March 18— "The Book of Revelation", 1:00-2:30pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- Prayer Group will also resume on March 18, 2:45-3:45pm in 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.

Lenten Noon Organ Meditations

**Wednesdays, March 11 thru April 1
12:05 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church
(301 Euclid Ave.—Bristol, VA)**

March 11—Alice Sanders (from 1st Presbyterian/K'port)
March 18—Nick Andrews (from St. John Episcopal/J.City)
March 25— Jacob Moorman (organ student)
April 1 — Stephanie Yoder (from Emmanuel Episcopal)
All are welcome to attend. Admission is free, but donations to the music program are gratefully accepted.

**The Healing Place Support Group
A Grief Recovery Program**

Weekly sessions of grief support are now being offered at the **Ballad Health Hospice House on Mondays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** Sessions will run through April 13. Join us this Monday at the Hospice House (280 Steeles Road, Bristol, TN). No need to register prior to attending.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For information about upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends on April 17-19 and June 26-28, go to GATN-wwme.org or call 678-242-WWME.

Planning to be married in the Catholic Church?

Be sure to contact the priest at least six months prior to your expected wedding date in order to complete all the required marriage preparation—(several appointments with the Pastor, paperwork to be completed) and including attending the Unveiled session offered by the diocese, upcoming session of Unveiled here at St. Anne's May 16; next session will be in the fall. Questions? Contact the parish office.

St. Anne's Annual Parish Lenten Retreat

March 27 & 28

Retreat Director: Fr. James O'Reilly

"States of the Spiritual Life"

Join us this Lent as we welcome Fr. James O'Reilly back to St. Anne's as our Lenten Retreat Director. Registration forms can be found on the table in the commons. You have a choice of staying overnight at our beautiful retreat center or if needed, you can commute. Prices are on the registration form. Price of the retreat includes Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Watch the bulletin for more information and **register no later than March 22**. Early registrations are appreciated to help us with our planning. Thank you!



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

*Sign up this weekend or next to give the Gift of Life here on **Wednesday, March 18 from 2pm to 6:30 p.m.***

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet Thurs., March 19 at 11:30 a.m. at **Greene's Seafood** (1817 W. State Street, Bristol, VA). Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, March 17 to reserve your spot for lunch.

New members are welcome to join us!

St. Anne School—Pet Supplies Drive

All pet items welcome—including towels, rags, cleaning items, blankets, food and treats — bring your items to the bin in the hall by the Great Room by March 13. THANKS!

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.

Reminder: Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics.



Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

⇒ **Theology on Tap** for Young Adults (age 21 to 35-ish) on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Bristol Station *(if you need the nursery provided, please notify the office NLT 2p on Tues., March 17)*

⇒ **Lenten Penance Service**, Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.