

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We gather today with the elect in the final weeks of their preparation for initiation into the Church. The scrutinies serve to uncover what was hidden in darkness and bring it into the purifying light. As we celebrate the second of the three scrutinies of the elect today, let us also scrutinize our own lives. May the Light of the world illuminate our lives and reveal that which we failed to see in our own blindness.

Readings for this Week (March 12-17)

MONDAY:	Isaiah 65:17-21;	John 4:43-54
TUESDAY:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;	John 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY:	Isaiah 49:8-15;	John 5:17-30
THURSDAY:	Exodus 32:7-14;	John 5:31-47
FRIDAY:	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;	Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY:	Jeremiah 11:18-20;	John 7:40-53

Scripture for next Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit in you that you may live.

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

John 11:1-45 (or) John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Our God is the God of Life and we see this in dramatic form in next Sunday's readings. Ezekiel's vision has God bursting open the graves of those who died in faith, putting a living spirit in them and bringing them triumphant back to Israel. Paul, too, testifies to the Spirit of Christ inside us. Finally, in the story of Lazarus, Jesus displays the power He holds over death. As we listen to these readings next week, let us realize that death can have no power over the One who is the resurrection and the life.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Earl Wesley Griffith, Sr.**, the father of **Vanessa Purdy**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Vanessa at 19095 Tandy Rd., Abingdon, VA 24210.

Your prayers are asked for **Arlene Mullin Russo**, the aunt of **Joan Mullin** and **Marianne Vaught**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Joan at 232 Hilltop Cr., Bluff City, TN 37618 or to Marianne at 120 Dartmouth Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE This Thursday, March 15th at 7 p.m.

*Prepare your hearts for the Lord's
joyous Resurrection at Easter!*
(Several priests will be here for
individual confessions.)

Special Notes...

The family of Mary Pat Flanagan would like to thank Saint Anne's Parishioners for your prayers and sympathy. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Mary, Jim and John

To my St. Anne's Family,
Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, phone calls, text messages, and cards expressing friendship and love. I am now recovering at home following aortic valve replacement surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, TN. I am blessed to be part of such a loving St. Anne's community. Your kindness and love provided me with peace and strength during a very difficult time. May God's blessings and peace be with all of you.

Kevin Corbett

EASTER LILLIES



If you would like to make a donation to our Easter flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please notify the office NLT 10 a.m. on Monday, March 26. These will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

Don't forget — **St. Pat's Party: Sat., March 17** 7-11 p.m. at the Columbian Center

Cost is \$10/adult (17 and under free). Enjoy delicious food, adult and soft beverages, and dance to Irish music (by local favorites: **SIGEAN**). **BE SURE TO SIGN UP AT THE TABLE IN THE HALLWAY BY THE GREAT ROOM AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND (March 10/11).**

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Penance Service, Mass this Thursday will be at **8:30a** (not at 6p).

SPRING CLEANING ITEMS—If you forgot to bring in your donations this weekend of cleaning items for BFIA, be sure to bring them by the office NLT 4 p.m. this Tuesday, March 13. They need brooms, mops, sponges, bleach, Windex, cleanser, 409, Clorox wipes, etc. — Thanks!!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **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)
- **Mar. 25—NO SHYM (Palm Sunday)**
 - **Confirmation** (Retreat 1pm-4pm)
 - Drop off at the Great Room
 - Pick-up at the BYC
- **April 1—NO SHYM (Easter Sunday!)**

PARACLETE CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

(from Knoxville)

HERE THIS WEEKEND (March 10/11)

AFTER MASS IN THE GREAT ROOM

Be sure to stop in after Mass to browse for Catholic religious items — gifts for First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and more!!

**OPERATION
RICE BOWL**



Operation Rice Bowl—2018

4th Week of Lent: Are you looking for a way to make Lent more meaningful for your family? Here are a few suggestions:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Visit www.crsricebowl.org/stories to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.
- Visit www.crsricebowl.org/families for activities that will help your family grow in our Catholic faith this Lenten season.

Return your rice bowls **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!

Second Scrutiny

This weekend, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we celebrated the Second Scrutiny with the elect. We hear in the Gospel reading that because of his encounter with Jesus, the blind man receives the gift of sight. We are enlightened by Christ, the Anointed One sent by God; the illuminating grace that He offers is a gift. We cannot achieve this illumination, this seeing, on our own. A choice presents itself to us. We could remain in stubborn blindness, willfully rejecting the gift being offered, or we can accept the shining truth that transforms us into witnesses to the faith. Please continue to pray for our elect, catechumen, candidates, and inquirers as they move toward the light of Christ in their RCIA journey of faith.

Please take note!! The bulletin deadline for the March 18 bulletin is Monday, March 18 NLT 11 a.m.

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

Hebrews describes the exaltation of Jesus Christ as superior to all that came before, whether prophet, priest or angel. Jesus is presented as our High Priest whose compassion for us is rooted in His humanity, but whose sacrifice is all sufficient because He is without sin. Those who receive this sermon/letter are reminded of the great heroes of faith found in the Old Testament and are urged to imitate their faithful endurance. Join us at the St. Vincent de Paul Center on **Wednesday afternoons, 1:00pm-2:30pm** for this 7-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.

Prayer Group meeting this week:

—**Wed., March 14, 2:45-3:45p**, 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., March 14**, in the Great Room, **6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Inquirers** 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.

**“40 Hours”
of
Adoration**

**for the Evangelization
of St. Anne Parish**

Sunday 3/18, 3:15pm—Exposition
(at the end of the Spanish Mass)

thru Tues. 3/20—Benediction: 8 a.m.

It is the heart of who we are as Catholics: **the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.** The Holy Father, in his recent encyclical “*The Church and the Eucharist*”, is calling for heightened appreciation of this beautiful gift from God through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A Holy Hour gives us the opportunity to honor Our Lord’s request and place ourselves before Him. **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!



MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

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*)

Tuesday, March 13

8:30 a.m. †Jeanne Leppert

Wednesday, March 14

8:30 a.m. †Albert & †Amelia Carriera

Thursday, March 15

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Friday, March 16

7:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

Saturday, March 17

5:30 p.m. †Bud Karban

Sunday, March 18

8:30 a.m. †James Wilson

11:30 a.m. †Chloe Stewart

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Penance Service this Thursday evening, our weekday **Mass on Thursday, March 15** will be celebrated **at 8:30 a.m.** (not at 6 p.m.).

E-Giving Report (Feb. 16-28)

Regular/Operating \$3,840; School \$255; BFIA \$258;

Catholic Relief Services \$25; Ash Wed. \$20.

Collection Report (March 3/4)

Regular/Operating \$12,209; School \$3,264.62; BFIA \$210;

Catholic Relief Svs \$50; Ash Wed. \$10; Holy Thurs./Poor \$200

2nd collection this weekend (March 10/11) is taken up for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a worldwide peaceful campaign of prayer and fasting, aimed at stopping abortion throughout the world. Join with other faiths to gather across from the Bristol Regional Women's Center (2901 W. State, Bristol, TN). **Catholics from our area are asked to cover Friday, 12Noon to 4p, on March 16 and 23.** 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.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the week:

"Meditations on the Stations of the Cross"

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion and a reflection in which we walk alongside Jesus on His way to Calvary. This CD includes powerful meditations by Dr. Ronald Thomas, Assistant Professor of Theology at Belmont Abbey College and was recorded at the Basilica of Mary, Help of Christians at Belmont Abbey College. Pick up this CD and many others at the Lighthouse CD display in the commons. A \$3.00 donation per CD is appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, March 11:

- **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 2-The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist**

Monday, March 12:

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

Tuesday, March 13:

- **NO Book Club this week**—Watch the bulletin for the next book announcement.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. "**Movie Night**"

Wednesday, March 14:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30pm**, St. Vincent de Paul Center; ***The Book of Hebrews***
- **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, Mar. 18—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) **Session Ten— Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time-Part 1.** 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 4: The Paschal Mystery

"The mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection"

"The Paschal Mystery" is a phrase we hear and use in the Mass and sacramental rites, but do we understand what it means in the greater story of Salvation, from the Passover in Egypt to the Last Supper and Crucifixion of Jesus? Learn more about the Paschal Mystery at ***A Lent to Remember*** on www.formed.org. If you need any help getting registered with FORMED or using it, contact Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org for help.

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Mass are needed! We are in need of more parishioners for this most important ministry (**especially for the 11:30 Mass!**). If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

CHOIR PRACTICE

CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR: It is almost time for the St. Anne's Children's Choir to start rehearsals for Easter Sunday. There will be three rehearsal dates and they are all on Wednesdays: March 14, March 21, and March 28 at **3:20pm** and will last 30-35 minutes. The Children's Choir will sing at the 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday (April 1) and is open to all children in Grades 2 thru 8.

SAINT ANNE'S ADULT CHOIR: Rehearsals this week on Monday, March 12 and Wed., March 14 at 6:30 p.m. and the Choir will sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, March 18.

Parish Life Committee members are reminded of our monthly planning meeting **this Wednesday, March 14**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the School Conference Room. New members are always needed and appreciated!!

KofC LENTEN FOOD DRIVE!! Bring in your non-perishable items to the box by the wheelchair lift. THANKS!!

CCW Meeting: The Council of Catholic Women will meet this Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Center (125 18th St.). 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 email egibneysas@yahoo.com.

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.

SOUP and STATIONS

Join us for *Stations of the Cross* (in Spanish at 5p) and in English at **6 p.m.** and for a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on Friday March 16 and March 23. (Stations on Good Friday, March 30, will be at 12N in English and 2p in Spanish).



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

Bloodmobile here on **Wed., March 21, 2pm-6:30pm** at the Msgr. Hickie Center. Sign up in the commons **THIS** weekend or **NEXT** weekend, or contact the parish office.