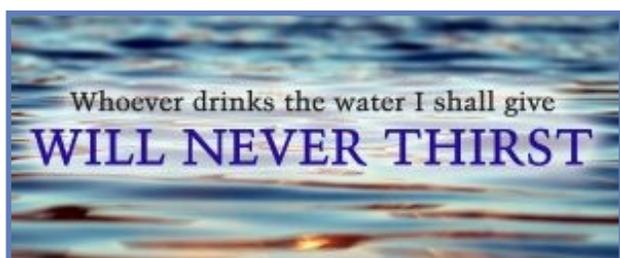


During this holy season of Lent, we examine and reflect upon our lives and call on God for aid. There are times in our lives — and this may be one of them— when we feel alone, abandoned. We may ask, as the Chosen People did when thirsting in the desert, “**Is the LORD in our midst or not?**” As we grow weary crossing the deserts in our life, let us remember Jesus’ words: “**I am with you always.**”



Readings for this Week (March 16-21)

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
Thurs.: (Solemnity) 2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a (or) Luke 2:41-51a
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.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, children of light.

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

I know this much: I was blind, but now I see.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Pauline Price**, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her son, Larry Price, at 551 Springfield Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are asked for **John Ebert**, the father of **Mary Herrera**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Mary at 22762 Osprey Ridge Rd., Bristol, VA 24202.

BLOOD DRIVE—this Wed., March 18

Msgr. Hickie Center from 2p - 6:30p

Please Give the Gift of Life!

 **Pastor's Notes**

In recent weeks we have seen so many people in our community come together in prayer for a missing child in our community. I think this says so much about the people in our community. It shows how much goodness is around us to see people coming together to support someone they do not know. Most of the people involved in these gatherings do not know Evelyn Boswell or anyone in her family, and yet they feel a connection to them. I see this happening and it definitely expresses the common bond we all have as members of the Body of Christ. We are all called to support each other in this way.

I would like to take this even farther based on what we hear in the second reading this weekend. It can be very easy to come to the support of someone even when we do not know them if we believe this person to be good and deserving of our help. In this reading St. Paul reminds us that Jesus died for us, not because we deserve this, but rather because we do not deserve it. It was because we do not deserve his mercy and find ourselves most in need of salvation that he did this for us.

I do not write this in criticism of those who come together and pray for those who are good and innocent and deserving of our help. We should always do this, and as I said, I think it is a credit to our community. I write this, because what will truly define us as the Body of Christ is the way we treat those who do not deserve our compassion. They may not deserve it, but they need it. They are in just as much need of salvation as any of us are. The way we treat them can have a great effect on whether they are able to receive that salvation.

St. Anne's Annual Parish Lenten Retreat

March 27 & 28 at the Jubilee House Retreat Center

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. Please register as soon as possible and **no later than March 22**. Early registrations are appreciated to help us with our planning. If you have any questions about the retreat, call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or sydneyfarnum@stannes-bridol.org.

1st Scrutiny of the Elect

This weekend, at the 5:30pm Mass, we celebrated the “First Scrutiny” for those in our catechumenal process who are preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil. We continue to celebrate these powerful rituals, convinced that those about to enter into a covenant with God in Christ stand in need of our prayers for deliverance and protection. We also called forth the already baptized, the candidates, who will enter the Church through the Rite of Full Communion and prayed for them. We urge you to prepare for the celebration of the 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. Next weekend, the 2nd Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 8:30am Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Candidates & the Elect** will meet today, **Sunday, March 15**, 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 email sydneyfarnum@stannesbristol.org.



Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

- ◆ **March 15—Fun Night!** (3:00pm-8:00pm)
 - * Masterpiece Mixers
- ◆ **March 22—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
 - * God Keeps Promises
- ◆ **March 29—Youth Group** (BYC 5:45pm-8:00pm)
 - * MJM7 Concert ⇒ Meet in the PLC @ 545pm
- ◆ **April 5—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
 - * God is Present

Junior High Youth Ministry (Grades 7 & 8)

- ◆ **March 15—Fun Night!** (3:00pm-8:00pm)
 - * Masterpiece Mixers
- ◆ **March 22—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
- ◆ **March 29—Youth Group** (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
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Operation Rice Bowl 2020

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, “Give them some food yourselves.” How can you contribute to support the hungry in our community? What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? For more information visit www.crsricebowl.org.

Bring your Rice Bowl donations back on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 18/19). Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE —Sunday, March 29

MJM7 Concert

6 p.m.—Parish Life Center

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.

Respect Life Committee members are reminded of our meeting this **Monday, March 16, at 4 p.m.** in the parish office conference room.

You are Invited

Orville Fisher, State of the Tennessee Culture of Life, will be speaking about the pro-life movement at the Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN) this **Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m.** Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, March 17. Please join us in the Chapel anytime between **9:00am-4:30pm**. Benediction is at 4:30pm.

Evangelization Committee members are reminded of our meeting on **Wednesday, March 18, at 9:30am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcomed.

****Bloodmobile Here**** - *Wed., March 18, 2-630p!* ***

Theology on Tap—Young Adults

Young Adult Catholics (age 21 to 35-ish) are invited to come learn more about their faith and to share in the Catholic community. Next gathering is this **Wednesday, March 18 at BRISTOL STATION** (located on Piedmont Ave./downtown), from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Come join with Father Chris & other Young Adults. If you **NEED our NURSERY** to be available, please call the parish office (276-669-8200 ext. 0) **NLT 2pm Tues., Mar. 17.** If no one requests the nursery, then we won’t ask our nursery workers to be here on Wednesday evening.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St. Anne’s Friendship Club will meet this **Thursday, March 19 at 11:30am 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!

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

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*)
Tuesday, March 17
8:30 a.m. †Billy Thomas
Wednesday, March 18
8:30 a.m. †Maureen O'Brien Knoth
Thursday, March 19
6:00 p.m. †Clotilde Jones
Friday, March 20
8:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers & †Elizabeth "Betty" P. Miller
Saturday, March 21 (*Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*)
5:30 p.m. †Janet Agnes Wnuk
Sunday, March 22 (*Fourth Sunday of Lent*)
8:30 a.m. †James Wilson
11:30 a.m. †Mike Arnold
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

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. Find this CD and many others in the "Lighthouse" display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated and helps us to restock with new titles.

Collection Report (March 7/8)

Regular/Operating	\$7,970.00
Add'l School 2nd collection	\$ 146.00

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** (1 collection: outreach to local poor)
** **Easter (Apr. 11/12)** (both the regular Sunday operating AND Easter Holy Day placed in the 1 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!!!**

Lenten Noon Organ Meditations

(Wednesdays) 12:05pm at Central Presbyterian Church
(301 Euclid Ave.—Bristol, VA)

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.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March

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

Tuesday, March 17

- **Book Club: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, 10:30-11:30am**, 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 18

- **Wednesday Scripture Study "The Book of Revelation", 1:00-2:30pm** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. All are welcome to join the group!
- **Prayer Group: 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.

**"No Greater Love—
A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion"**

A Lenten Study

Session 3—The Trial Before Pilate

--Jesus is Condemned to Death

Though Jesus is arrested, beaten, and condemned to death by the Sanhedrin, he remains in control. The Sanhedrin carefully plot their next move. They must work with the Roman governor Pontius Pilate and convince him to crucify Jesus. Pilate quickly recognizes that Jesus is innocent, but the chief priests keep the pressure on him. Pilate sends Jesus off to be scourged and crowned with thorns. When the Jewish leaders start threatening Pilate he sends the innocent Jesus off to be crucified. 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.

Adult Faith Formation Committee members are reminded of our meeting on **Monday, March 23, 4 p.m.** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

The Book of Revelation

Wednesdays beginning March 18

1:00pm-2:30pm—St. Vincent de Paul Center

The study of the Book of Revelation will begin this Wednesday, March 18. Please sign-up at the table in the commons or by emailing sydneyfarnum@stannesbristol.org. If you did not get a chance to sign up, join us anyway on Wednesday. All are invited to attend!

Stations of the Cross

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.

CDA Meeting: March 23

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting on Monday, March 23, at the Columbian Center. Social time: 5:30 p.m. and the meeting follows at 6:00 pm. We will have a Lenten Meditation.

Any Catholic Lady wishing to join CDA, please call our Regent, Carol Reynolds, at 276-494-6883. Please come and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

The CDA theme is ***“For in Him, we live and move and have our being.”*** Acts 17:28

LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!! Please notify the office NLT 4p on Wed., March 25 of dates you are unable to serve in **April & May**. And let us know if you are available during Holy Week & Easter—THANKS!

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We are in need of more folks who can volunteer to help with Bingo on Monday, Tuesday, or Saturday evenings. If you might be able to help, please contact the parish office.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—Several priests will be with us for individual confessions after our Penance Service on **Thursday, March 26—7 p.m.**

Precautions: Due to parishioners’ concerns related to the Coronavirus, we have temporarily suspended the distributed of Precious Blood, knowing that Christ is fully present in each species and that one receives the fullness of Holy Communion of Jesus Christ in the consecrated Host. Also, we have suspended the offering of a physical sign of peace. **We ask everyone to be mindful that many people are not comfortable with handshakes, hugs, etc. during this time, please be respectful of this.** Please—anyone who is ill, especially if it may be a contagious illness, is reminded that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply. **It is a sign of consideration of others that those with flu-like symptoms remain home.** Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.