



**Readings for this Week (March 25-30)**

<b>Monday:</b>	Is. 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb. 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
<b>Friday:</b>	Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

**Scripture for next Sunday**

**4th Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday**

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

*The people celebrate the first Passover in the promised land.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

*Jesus reconciles us to his Father.*

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

*Forgiveness and reconciliation are reasons for celebration.*



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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **Mar. 24—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
  - Necessity of the Sacraments
- **Mar. 31—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - What is Our Response?
- **Apr. 7—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - The “Whys” Behind the “Whats”
- **Apr. 7—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
  - Catholic Jeopardy!

**Diocesan Youth Work Camp—Wise County, VA  
(Saturday, June 22 thru Friday, June 28)**

(Open to all rising 9th graders thru graduated 12th graders)

Work Camp is not just a youth event. It's an opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of those in need right here in our diocese... right here in Southwest Virginia! This is also a great opportunity for you to fulfill community service hours that you may need for high school programs.

[Take advantage of Early Bird Registration thru April 25!](#)

Contact Laura Cochrane to register...

276-492-3095 or [lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org)

***A Message from Father Chris....***

In the Gospels we hear multiple stories of how Jesus first sent his disciples out on their own to bring the message to surrounding towns that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sent them out in groups of two and instructed them to take almost nothing with them. Every time I reflect on these stories, I cannot help but think about how this must have seemed to the disciples as they were sent forth. They had to think this was a bad idea. At the very least, they had to be skeptical about going forth with nothing to accomplish something so great. I wonder how successful they expected to be.

The ending to this story is why I chose to write about this now. When the disciples returned, they were amazed at how successful they had been. They had been able to cure the sick, to drive out demons, and inspire many people to seek the Kingdom of God. I am sure they were so amazed, because as I already wrote, there is no way they could have expected to be this successful.

What is the point I am trying to make here? The disciples who were sent forth on this mission had already had a life changing experience. They had left everything they knew behind to follow Jesus. That is most likely why they were willing to trust him and take on such a daunting task to begin with. As much as their lives had been changed by their encounter with Christ, their understanding of this was brought to a whole new level when they went forth and put what they had learned into practice.

We all come here to the Church seeking the same encounter with Christ. We are seeking to have our lives changed by that encounter. We encounter Christ in the liturgy, we encounter him in our reading of the Scriptures, and we encounter him in our own prayer lives. All of these are very good things and I encourage everyone to make these things a part of your daily lives.

I also encourage everyone to learn from the experience of the disciples of Christ. If we really want to understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we need to put what we are learning into practice. There are so many different opportunities for us to serve both our parish and our community in ministry. Some of these are very public ministries, and some of these involve more behind the scenes work. There is something for everyone. For anyone who wants to have a deeper experience in their faith, I would suggest finding the ministry that is right for you. Some may not feel that they would fit in very well in active ministry. Yes, it can feel daunting to actually get involved and not just sit in the pews. I can promise that you will be just as amazed as the disciples to see how much you can accomplish by putting your faith in action and letting Christ work in your life.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sign ups for photos for our new *Parish Directory* begin THIS WEEKEND and will continue thru April. Sign up for an appointed date/time—photos will be taken on several dates in May. Participating families will receive a “Community Connect” parish directory and a free 8 x 10 portrait. So stop by the table in the commons and sign up!!

### CDA Meeting—this Monday, March 25

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624, are reminded of their meeting this **Monday, March 25**, at the Columbian Center. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. We will have a short Lenten Prayer Service. We will discuss ideas for projects for the coming year. Please come join us and bring us your ideas. We look forward to seeing you there! Catholic ladies wishing to join CDA, please contact Carol Reynolds at 276-494-6883. The CDA theme is: **“For Him, we live and move and have our being”** Acts 17:2

**Finance Director Position:** St. Anne’s is seeking a Finance Director to be a good steward of the parish/school assets. The Director creates/presents monthly financial reports; manages cash flow/investments; monitors bank accounts (St. Anne Church/School, St. Bernard/St. Patrick); will review/verify bank reconciliation; prepare annual budgets & annual reports; work w/property manager to report on the parish’s rental properties’ financial performance and expenses; report/track the financial aid rewards for school families, among other duties. B.S. or B.A. in Finance, Accounting or related field is required; strong analytical skills/strong communication skills required, with proficiency in Microsoft Office 365. General knowledge of the structure and functioning of the Catholic Church is preferred. Candidates should send a cover letter, resumé and completed Diocesan Application to Rosie Mansfield, Ofc. Mgr., at [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

# THANKS

### Thank You to the Parish Life Committee!!

A big Thank You goes out to the Parish Life Committee and all those who helped with the planning, set-up, decorating, and clean-up at our St. Patrick’s Day Party last Saturday evening. A fun time was had by all. We appreciate all your hard work to provide fun community-building events for our parish!!

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesdays 9:15am-4:30pm**

**Why Have Eucharistic Adoration?** The celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist is, certainly, the “fount and apex” of the entire Christian life. Yet the “spiritual life... is not limited solely to participation in the liturgy”. Pope John Paul II called worship of the Most Holy Eucharist outside Mass “an important daily practice that becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness” and a practice “of inestimable value for the life of the church”. Please join us this **Tuesday, March 26, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Join us in prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet **Wednesday, March 27**, in the **Great Room, 6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the **Great Room** for opening prayer at **6:30pm**.
- **Children’s RCIA** will gather in the **Great Room** at **6:30pm** before going to class.

This week we will begin with a Scrutiny and the Presentation of the Creed to our two Elect who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. 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, Candidates, and Elect. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

### “Rejoice and Be Glad” - The Call to Holiness

**“Rejoice and be glad—a call to Christian Charity and Holiness”**

### Parish Lenten Retreat—April 5 & 6

**Retreat Director: Fr. Eric Asamoah**

Retreat registrations are due now! If you are planning to attend the Parish Retreat and have not registered yet, please do so during this week. We are making final arrangements (supplies, materials, headcount to the cook, etc.) Leave your registration form and payment in the basket in the commons or bring to the church office this week. Thank you!! Registration forms are on the table in the commons. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and continues until mid-afternoon on Saturday. You may register as an overnight participant or as a commuter if for some reason you are unable to stay overnight. Prices are listed on the registration form. Pick one up and return it with your payment this week. If you have any questions about the retreat or need to apply for financial assistance, please contact Sydney Farnum at [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32. More details are found on the retreat registration form.

**MASS INTENTIONS for this Week**

**Saturday, March 23** (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*)  
5:30 p.m. †Francis Oliver  
**Sunday, March 24** (*Third Sunday of Lent*)  
8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor  
11:30 a.m. †Priscilo Dazo Pedro  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)  
**Tuesday, March 26**  
8:30 a.m. Spec. Int.— Emma Pedro & Gloria Pacheco  
**Wednesday, March 27**  
8:30 a.m. †Lorraine M. Smith  
**Thursday, March 28**  
6:00 p.m. †Hedwig Meussen  
**Friday, March 29**  
8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor  
**Saturday, March 30** (*Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*)  
5:30 p.m. †Lynne Marie Murphy  
**Sunday, March 31** (*Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday*)  
8:30 a.m. †Kevin Corbett  
11:30 a.m. †Priscilo Dazo Pedro  
2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**Living the Eucharist—Lent 2019**

*“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives  
of all who encounter Jesus.”* Pope Francis

**Share the Joy this Lent! It's not too late!** *Living the Eucharist* has begun but you can still join us. We have materials for everyone. No cost. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us on this Lenten spiritual journey.

**“The Joyful Homecoming”**

*The Eucharist is the feast of our reconciliation with God.  
It is the banquet that heals us, personally and communally.*

*As we experience the love of Jesus, so freely  
and generously given, we are made whole.*

*Yet sometimes obstacles stand in the way.*

*How does this healing work? How can we cooperate with God,  
who wants to heal us through the Eucharist?*

*What about our parish? Can a community also be healed?*

We have three groups meeting during the week. Join the group that works best with your schedule. If you miss your session you can always come to one of the other groups during the same week (we'll be doing the same lesson each week in all groups). We currently have close to 50 participants. Join us!

- **Sunday Morning** 9:45-11:00a in the Great Room
- **Monday Afternoon** 1:00-2:30p, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr
- **Tuesday Evening** 6:30-8:00p, St. Vincent de Paul Ctr

**Lenten Noon Organ Meditations**

at Central Presbyterian (across from St. Anne's)

Wednesdays — thru April 3 at 12:05 p.m.

March 27: James Winfree (Organist-St. James Episcopal Church, Greeneville, TN) Admission is free, but donations to the music program are gratefully accepted.

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, March 24:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class (SMARE) “Living the Eucharist--The Joyful Homecoming”** 9:45am-11:00am in the Great Room. All are invited.

**Monday, March 25**

- **Adult Faith Formation: “Living the Eucharist”.** 1:00p-2:30p in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

**Tuesday, March 26:**

- **Book Club:** 10:30-11:30a at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *“From Slave to Priest”*.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study, “Living the Eucharist”** 6:30-8:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Center.

**Wednesday, March 27:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study,** 1:00p-2:30p, St. Vincent de Paul Center. *Acts of the Apostles.*
- **RCIA at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Great Room.**

For more information about any of the above programs, please email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call her at 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., March 27, 2:45p-3:45p in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.** All are invited to attend. No preparation.

**40 Days for Life: March 6 thru April 14, 2019  
& Virginia March for Life—April 3  
Join us in our fight for life in Virginia!**

**40 Days for Life** typically occurs two times each year: once during the spring (normally in Lent) and once in the fall leading into Advent. The effort unites multiple cities around the globe for the purpose of spreading awareness of God's gift of life. Recognizing that “with God, all things are possible”, several cities within our Diocesan community join with hundreds of other cities for this global 40 Days for Life year. This effort represents one of the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilizations in history. In Bristol we have prayer vigils at the Bristol Women's Center located at the corner of W. State & Slaughter streets. The Catholics in the area are responsible for the prayer on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. A rosary begins at noon. Please join your Respect Life Committee and other Catholics from St. Dominic's & St. Mary's as we support pro-life. Park in the old K-Mart parking lot.

Also, we have the opportunity to join with other Catholics from around Virginia for the **Virginia March for Life on Wednesday, April 3.** Bishop Knestout will celebrate Mass at the Greater Richmond Convention Center at 9 a.m. prior to the rally at the Capitol. No registration required. All pro-life Virginians are encouraged to attend! Additional information is available from the Virginia Catholic Conference at <https://vacatholic.org/news-events/virginia-march-for-life/>.

## Third Sunday of Lent

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** is reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, March 27** at 10 a.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

### ***Don't forget the BLOOD DRIVE!!***

The Marsh Regional Bloodmobile will be here (at the Msgr. Hickie Center) this **Wed., March 27**, from 2p to 6:30p. Please consider donating the Gift of Life! Call the parish office to sign up for a timeslot or simply drop by the bloodmobile on Wednesday. THANKS!!

**Finance Council** members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday morning, March 28, at 7 a.m.

### **STATIONS of the CROSS**

Plan to join us this Friday, March 29, for **Stations of the Cross**. The Stations are prayed in Spanish at 5 p.m. and in English at **6 p.m.** You are also welcome to join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

### **Looking ahead just a bit...**

**"First" Tuesday Adoration** will be Tuesday, April 2 from **9a** (after the 8:30a morning Mass) until Benediction at **9p** in the Chapel. Please plan to sign up in the commons next weekend to come spend time in prayer with our Lord.

***The PARACLETE Catholic Bookstore***  
(from Knoxville)  
**will be at Saint Anne's after Masses**  
**NEXT Weekend (March 30/31)**

Plan to stop by the Great Room to shop for Catholic religious items, Easter gifts, First Communion gifts and more!!

### **Collection Report (March 17/18)**

Regular/Operating \$7,885.60  
(Sol. of Mary \$25, Ash Wed. \$50, School \$125)  
(BFIA \$25, Social Ministry 100, Resp.Life \$25)

### **E-Giving (March 1-17, 2019)**

Regular/Operating \$4,630.  
(Ash Wed. \$145, School \$420, BFIA \$255)  
(Holy Thurs./poor \$5, Catholic Relief Svcs \$60.)

### **Upcoming 2nd Collections**

March 30/31—Catholic Relief Services  
April 6/7—St. Anne's School

**PRAY for VOCATIONS!** Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest? Contact the vocations office at 804-359-5661 or email [vocations@richmond diocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).