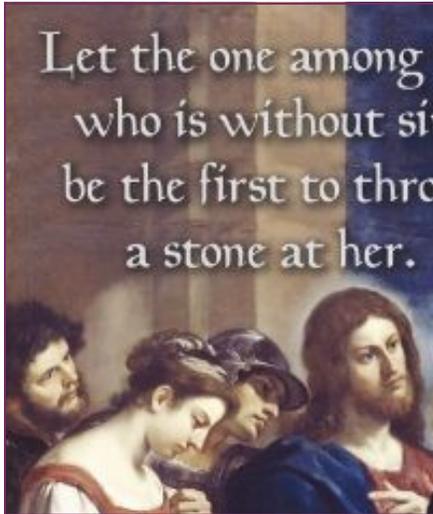


If our God were a vengeful God, who could survive? We are sinful creatures, struggling to do good in God's eyes, but often coming up short. Even now, during this penitential season, we need to seek God's mercy. Fortunately, our God is a merciful God, always ready to forgive us. Let us thank God for this overflowing mercy and consider those whom we ourselves need to forgive.



Readings for this Week (April 8-13)

MONDAY:	Daniel 13:41c-62;	John 8:12-20
TUESDAY:	Numbers 21:4-9;	John 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY:	Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;	John 8:31-42
THURSDAY:	Genesis 17:3-9;	John 8:51-59
FRIDAY:	Jeremiah 20:10-13;	John 10:31-42
SATURDAY:	Ezekiel 37:21-28;	John 11:45-56

Scripture for next Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.

Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation.

Luke 22:14—23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday in Luke's account of the Passion, we will hear of the supreme confidence Jesus had in his Father and his Father's will. Isaiah also exudes confidence in the face of abuse, holding his head high as he places his trust in the Lord God. St. Paul testifies that by humbling himself and submitting to his Father's will, Jesus was glorified by God the Father. May we also have confidence in God's will as we listen to God's word.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are asked for ***Esther Rose***, the mother of ***Andrea Hopkins***, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Andrea & Mike at 1728 Holston Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

We ask your prayers for St. Anne parishioner ***Dorothy Gerenday*** who died recently. Notes may be sent to her niece Ann Sharrett at 2175 Carolina Ave., Bristol, TN 37620.

 ***Pastor's Notes***

I spoke briefly last week about the movie *Unplanned*. I wanted to be brief speaking at the end of Mass, so I did not say very much about the movie itself. There is, however, much more I wanted to say about this movie.

The movie is the true story of Abby Johnson. It is based on a book she wrote in 2012 by the same name. Abby was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. She quit her job after witnessing an abortion being performed with the assistance of an ultrasound machine. She later converted to Catholicism and has become one of the most well known pro-life advocates in the United States. She founded a non-profit group called *And Then There were None*, and has helped 487 workers leave the abortion industry as she did.

Obviously this movie deals with some rather controversial subject matter. I know some people may be concerned about the fact that it has an R rating. I do not believe the film deserved that. I believe there are influential people who simply do not want young people to see it. I may sound like a crazy conspiracy theorist, but Batman the Dark Knight was rated PG-13 and this movie was rated R. You will never convince me there is not a political motive behind that.

As I said last week, I wanted to see the movie on opening day, because I wanted to know the truth for myself. I do not want to rely only on those who endorsed the movie despite the R rating, including the USCCB. I wanted to see it for myself. That was my reason for going. I have to say I was very surprised by this movie. I did not expect it to be one of the best movies I have seen in a long time. I have been a fan of Abby Johnson and her work for years so I was already quite familiar with the story, but I was still very impressed at how well it was portrayed in this movie. It was a very powerful film. I highly recommend going to see it.

If anyone would like to know more about this story, there are CD's in the Lighthouse Media rack out in the commons with Abby Johnson telling her own story. She has also published multiple books telling her story and the story of her ministry now. It took great courage for her to tell this story the way she did. She revealed some very personal and unflattering details about her own life, but she felt she could make a difference in other people's lives by doing so. She also faced some strong opposition as there are many who still do not want her story to be heard. I think she has made a difference and will continue to do so by the example she has set.

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Apr. 7—Youth Group (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)**
 - Pursuing Holiness
- **Apr. 14—Youth Group (BYC 3:15pm-8:15pm)**
 - Masterpiece Mixers
- **Apr. 21—NO SHYM (Happy Easter!!)**
- **Apr. 28—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00pm)**
 - Divine Mercy Prayer Svc. / Catholic Jeopardy
 - Meet in the Church at 5:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:15am-4:30pm

What is the importance of Eucharistic devotion? The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is repeatedly praised and recommended by the Magisterium, and is supported by the example of many saints. Particularly outstanding in this regard was St. Alphonsus Liguori who wrote: *“Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.”* The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace. Please join us this **Tuesday, April 9, 9:15am-4:30pm.** Join us for prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm** in the Chapel.

NO Confessions this Tues., April 9 as Fr. Chris will be at Christ the King/Abingdon for their Lenten Penance Service.

Parish Life Committee Members are reminded of our planning meeting this **Wed., April 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the school conference room.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** meet **Wed., April 10**, 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 the **Anointing of our Elect** and the **Presentation of the Our Father** to the Elect.

Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, think for a moment whether there is someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic faith might hold for them. For more information about RCIA, contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 x32.

Easter Children’s Choir

St. Anne’s Children’s Choir will sing at the **11:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday** (April 21). Rehearsals are underway — two rehearsals remain: Wednesday, April 10 & April 17 at 3:20 p.m. (Rehearsals last approx. 30 minutes.) Children/Teens in grades 2 thru 8 are invited to be part of this Easter Choir. Please contact Chris Neal (423-268-1520) if you have questions, or just show up for the remaining rehearsals!



Penance Service

Join us this Thursday, April 11, for our **Lenten Penance Service** at 7 p.m. There will be several priests here for individual confessions. Prepare your hearts for the joyful celebration of Easter!

No Confessions at 5p & No Weekday Mass this Thursday

A Special Note...

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Anne for the love expressed in the many cards, Masses and prayers offered in memory of my brother, Mitchell Joseph Goldman. Your concern and kindness are a great comfort and much appreciated.

Marilyn & Skeeter Ritter

BUS DRIVER wanted for St. Anne’s School

TN or VA CDL License: Preferred license is a Class B with airbrake, passenger, and school endorsement. Class C license with a passenger and school endorsement would be acceptable, but driver would not be able to take advantage of field trip consisting of 24 or more passengers. Class D with a school mandated DOT physical would be acceptable to operate the school’s 14 student/driver Activity Bus. Please contact the school for more details, 276-669-0048.

SOUP & STATIONS of the CROSS: This Friday, April 12 at 5p/Spanish (Soup in Great Room at 5:30p) & Stations in English at 6 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class—April 13

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class is this **Sat., April 13, 2pm-4pm in the Great Room.** If you have a child under the age of 7 who needs baptism or you are expecting the birth of your child soon, please plan to attend. The nursery will be provided for siblings, if needed. **To register**, please call Sydney Farnum at 276-669-8200 ext. 32 or email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org **no later than this Wednesday, April 10.**

MASS INTENTIONS for this Week

Saturday, April 6 (*Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent*)

5:30 p.m. †John Paloian

Sunday, April 7 (*5th Sunday of Lent*)

8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor

11:30 a.m. Special Intention: Bianca Almario

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

Tuesday, April 9

8:30 a.m. †Lou Pingo

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. †Kevin Corbett

(no Weekday Mass on April 10 due to Penance Service)

Friday, April 12

8:30 a.m. †Mitchell Goldman

Saturday, April 13 (*Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*)

5:30 p.m. †Lynn Marie Murphy

Sunday, April 14 (*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*)

8:30 a.m. †Wes Faylor

11:30 a.m. †Don Ward

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

Living the Eucharist—Lent 2019

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. There is no cost. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us on this Lenten spiritual journey.

"The Eucharist: Pathway to a Holy and Virtuous Life!"
Every person longs for happiness. Sadly, we often pursue paths that lead us far from the happiness we seek. Yet the Eucharist is like a compass. It gives us direction. By turning to the Eucharist again and again, we find our way to a happiness that rests in God and is enduring. Eucharist strengthens the life of God within us. Formed and strengthened by the Eucharist, we can live a holy and virtuous life!

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). 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

The Book of Exodus

The exodus event is ancient, yet always new. No book is more important for a foundational understanding of salvation than the Book of Exodus. Through the journey from bondage and death to freedom and life, Israel came to know who God is and who God called them to be. The experience of liberation and learning to live fully is what God wants for all people. It is the central thrust of God's saving work among us. Join us on Wednesday afternoons **beginning on April 24** to study the **Book of Exodus**. We meet in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1:00pm-2:30pm**. Please sign-up in the commons to join the group. Everyone welcome. No cost. Materials will be provided.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Sunday, April 7:

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Ed. Class/SMARE** "*Living the Eucharist--Pathway to a Holy & Virtuous Life!*" 9:45am-11am in the Great Room. All invited.

Monday, April 8:

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

Tuesday, April 9:

- **Book Club:** 1030-11:30a 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, April 10:

- **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 or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Prayer Group meeting this week: Wed., April 10, 2:45p-3:45p in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

All are invited to attend. No preparation.

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

40 Days for Life

(March 6 to April 14)

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:4-5
Catholics in the Bristol area are responsible for the prayer vigil on **Fridays from 12N to 4pm** at the Bristol Women's Center (at the corner of W. State & Slaughter streets). We begin with the Rosary at Noon. Please join your Respect Life Committee and Catholics from St. Dominic's, Christ the King and St. Mary's as we support pro-life. Parking is available in the old K-Mart parking lot.

SAVE the DATE: Sunday evening, May 5, Joe Kerns from **Abortion Alternatives** will be here as guest speaker in the Great Room at 6:30pm. Joe will enlighten us on the mission and history of Abortion Alternatives along with the work they are currently doing in Bristol and how we might help their pro-life efforts. Plan to join us on May 5!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on **Holy Thursday, April 18th, at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Olive Garden** Restaurant at Exit 7, Bristol, VA. Please call Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827 by Tuesday, April 16th to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!!

Fifth Sunday of Lent

CCW MEETING: The Council of Catholic Women will have a planning meeting this **Monday, April 8** at **6:30pm** at the Columbian Center. Events for May, June, and the coming year will be discussed. Please contact Eileen Gibney at egibneysas@yahoo.com for more information.

FOOD CITY School Bucks: While shopping please thank Food City for their financial support of St. Anne Catholic School (School Bucks program). Last year parishioners/school families shopping at Food City helped us raise approx. \$1500!. Linking your ValuCards to our school has a lasting impact. Thank you so much for participating in this year's fundraiser.

PARISH DIRECTORY!! Don't forget to sign up in the commons to come have your photo taken for the new Parish Directory! Participants will get a directory and a free 8x10 portrait. Photos will be taken in May.

Egiving Report (March 18-31): Operating \$3,235; School \$210
Collection (March 30/31): Operating \$7,346.20;
Catholic Relief Services \$2,090; Add'l School \$90

2nd Collection this weekend April 6/7 is for St. Anne's School
The 1 Collection on **Holy Thursday**, Apr. 18 is for the local poor
On Easter (Apr. 20/21) 1 collection for Sunday AND Holy Day
2nd Collection (Apr. 27/28) helps our costs for Catholic Virginian

PALM SUNDAY (*the beginning of Holy Week*) next weekend April 13/15. Regular Mass schedule but due to the blessing of palms/reading of the Passion, Masses will run a bit longer than normal. (*Incense at all except 8:30a.*)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

(*no weekday Mass or Adoration on Tues., April 16*)

Weekday Mass (Wed., April 17) - 8:30a in the church

HOLY THURSDAY (April 18)

— **7 p.m. Mass** (*w/incense*) **Sacred Triduum Begins!**

— Altar of Repose (*after Mass until 11 p.m.*)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 19)

— Stations of the Cross (English at 12N; Spanish at 2p)

— **Good Friday Service** (with Holy Communion) **7 pm**

— Via Dolorosa at 9:15 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 20) (NO 5:30p Mass!)

— Food Blessing at 10a, Chapel

— **Easter Vigil Mass** at **8:30 p.m.** (*w/incense*)

(A Reception will follow the Easter Vigil)

EASTER SUNDAY (April 21) **NOTE MASS TIMES!!**

— Masses: **8:30a, 11:30a**, (and 2pm/Spanish)

(*Incense at 11:30a & Spanish Mass*)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS!! Check your calendars and notify the parish office by close of business Wednesday, April 24th of dates you are unable to serve in May & June. Pick up schedules weekend of April 27/28.