

**Divine Mercy Sunday** was officially established in the year 2000 by Pope John Paul II to be celebrated each year on the Octave Day of Easter, the eighth day of Easter. Today we rejoice in the gift of God's mercy that Jesus offered to the whole world through His cross and resurrection. Let us thank God for that mercy and pray for the grace to extend that mercy to one another.



**Readings for this Week (April 9-14)**

<b>Monday:</b> ( <i>the Annunciation</i> )	Is. 7:10-14, 9-10;
	Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Scripture for next Sunday**  
**(3rd Sunday of Easter)**

**Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead.

**1 John 2:1-5a**

Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only  
but for those of the whole world.

**Luke 24:35-48**

Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day.

During the Easter Time, we generally don't hear any readings from the Old Testament. (*An exception is Monday, April 9—the Annunciation, which this year falls during the Easter season*). Instead of an Old Testament reading, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which is like reading a diary of the early Church. We hear how the disciples, especially Saints Peter and Paul, taught and preached and expanded Christianity in, around, and beyond Jerusalem. Next Sunday Peter explains to his Jewish audience that what had been told by the prophets throughout the centuries came to fulfillment in Jesus.

**Easter Flowers**

In addition to the Memorials and Honorariums listed in our Easter bulletin, a donation was also given:

**In memory of**  
deceased members of the  
**Funaro and McSheehy**  
**Families**

by Brendan & Connie McSheehy



**WELCOME Father Hugh Duffy**  
**CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Hugh Duffy of Cross Catholic Outreach who is celebrating our Masses while Father Nicholas is away and who will speak on behalf of the poor in developing countries. The ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach creates a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. (*Many of you will remember visits in year's past from Fr. Tim O'Toole and other priests on behalf of Cross International.*) There is NOT a second collection taken up for Cross International, but brochures will be available if you might be interested in contributing to this most worthwhile ministry to the poor.

**"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done."** (Prov. 19:17)

**Divine Mercy Service**  
**(TONIGHT) - Sunday, April 8**  
**6 p.m.**

Join us on this evening (Sunday, April 8) at 6:00 p.m. for a special **Divine Mercy service** for Divine Mercy (*with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet*).

Deacon Steve Helmbrecht will be with us for this special service.

**PLEASE NOTE:** No Mass or Confessions Tues., Apr. 10.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** this **Tuesday, April 10, 9:15am-4:30pm**. Please join us for an hour of prayer during the day and for **Benediction at 4:30pm**. Deacon Steve will open and close Adoration.



### **Operation Rice Bowl – 2018**

We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! If you forgot to bring back your Rice Bowl this week, please return it no later than next weekend, **April 14/15** to the basket in the commons so that we can get all of the money counted and sent in to Catholic Relief Services. We will let you know how much we collect as soon as the money is all counted. Thank you for your generosity!

**NO Weekday Mass** this Wednesday, April 11.

**Prayer Shawl members** are reminded of your gathering this Wednesday, **April 11, at 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

**Prayer Group meeting this week:**

- **Wednesday, April 11, 2:45pm-3:45pm at the Saint 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***

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wed., April 11**, in the Great Room, **6:30-8:00pm**.
- **Mystagogy** will join us for opening prayer in the Great Room and then move to another location.
- **Inquirers** will meet in the office conference room. Stop by the Great Room for opening prayer at **6:30pm**.
- **Children's RCIA & Mystagogy** 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](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call her at 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

**Parish Pastoral Council** members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the school conference room.

### **AUTHOR DINNER**

Join St. Anne's School for the 25th Annual Judith Rosenfeld Author Dinner. This year, an award winning silhouette artist, author, story-teller, and song writer will be our guest. The dinner and presentation will be held in the Great Room on April 19. Cost: \$10. Register for the dinner by this Thursday, April 12 by calling Angie Bush at 276-669-0048.

### **CCW Meeting**

The Council of Catholic Women will meet this Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited to attend and help plan events for CCW meetings in September 2018 to May 2019. The CCW meets at the Bristol Columbian Center (125 18th St., Bristol, TN).

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB—April 19**

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, April 19, 11:30 a.m. at the **Cracker Barrel** at Exit 7. Please call Gina Rossetti (423-878-7827) by Tuesday, April 17 to reserve your spot for lunch. New members are always welcome to join us!

### **Annual Asians for Mary Pilgrimage Saturday, May 5**

The Office of Asian Ministry invites you to attend the 16th Annual Asians for Mary Pilgrimage on Saturday, May 5 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. There are buses available from the Pastoral Center in Richmond. See the flyer on the parish bulletin board. Register online at <https://www.regonline.com/afmpilgrimage2018> or by phone 804-622-5262 or email [asianministry@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:asianministry@richmonddiocese.org).

### ***EASTER SEASON***

The 50 days from ***Easter Sunday to Pentecost*** are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast. The Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary near the ambo and is lighted for every celebration during the Easter Season. Throughout the Easter Season we will pray the **Apostles' Creed** for the Profession of Faith instead of the Nicene Creed.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Sat., April 7** (*Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy*)

5:30 p.m. †Lynne Marie Murphy

**Sunday, April 8** (*2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy*)

8:30 a.m. †Robert Rhymer

11:30 a.m. †Tim Dye

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

(no weekday Mass April 10 or 11)

**Thursday, April 12**

6:00 p.m. †Robert Bublitz

**Friday, April 13**

7:30 a.m. †Joe Wasko

**Saturday, April 14** (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter*)

5:30 p.m. †Dan Dutcher

**Sunday, April 15** (*3rd Sunday of Easter*)

8:30 a.m. †Judy Mazzei

11:30 a.m. All Souls

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

**Collection Report:** The collection report for Easter weekend was not yet available for this bulletin and will be listed next weekend. Thanks for your understanding.

**2nd Collections:** Just a reminder... when we have second collections they are taken up during the offertory immediately following the regular offertory collection. Second collections are listed in the bulletin (weekend prior) and also in the worship aid (weekend of the collection).

Upcoming second collections are:

- **April 29** (*Catholic Virginian*, which helps to defray the cost to our parish for Subscriptions to the Cath.VA)
- **May 6** (*St. Anne's School*)
- **May 13** (*Diocesan Home Missions*)
- **June 3** (*St. Anne's School*)
- **June 20** (*Holy Father/Peter's Pence*)

**Cancer as a Turning Point**

*Mobilizing your life force...*

**Cancer Psychotherapy Residential Workshop Retreat  
Jubilee House Retreat Center — April 29-May 4.**

Although these workshops were originally designed for people with cancer and their families, experience has shown their value and validity for a much wider group. These workshops are now designed not only for people with life-threatening illness and those close to them, they are also for those simply wanting to improve their health and create more richness in their lives. The workshop begins with dinner on Sunday, April 29 and ends after lunch on Friday, May 4. For registration and fee information, please contact Mary Bobis at 704-332-8394 or email her at [somedee@aol.com](mailto:somedee@aol.com).

**This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

**Sunday, April 8:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education.**  
“Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time—Part 2” 9:45a-11:00a in the great room.  
All are welcome to attend.

**Monday, April 9:**

- **Monday Adult Faith Formation. Conversion:**  
*Following the Call of Christ* by Bishop Robert Barron.  
All are welcome to join this study group. **1:00p-2:30p** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.**

**Tuesday, April 10:**

- **Book Club, 10:30-11:30a** in the **St. Vincent de Paul Center.** ***To Light a Fire on the Earth*** by Bishop Robert Barron
- **NO Tuesday Evening Scripture Study** this week.  
Watch the bulletin for information about our next study.

**Wednesday, April 11:**

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00p-2:30p** in the **Saint Vincent de Paul Center.** ***The Book of Hebrews***
- **RCIA: 6:30p** in the **Great Room.**

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

**Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarships**

The Catholic Daughters will award (3) \$2500 scholarships to persons who've completed undergraduate studies and desire assistance for tuition to continue graduate level studies. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and of the Catholic faith. Can be male or female and must be a member of CDA or a relative of a current CDA member. Deadline is May 1. For more information concerning the requirements for this scholarship or to request an application, contact Judy Smith at 423-652-7780 or [jumpinjudy6148@yahoo.com](mailto:jumpinjudy6148@yahoo.com).

**Queen of Heaven (*Regina caeli*)**

(Prayer during the Easter Season instead of the Angelus)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia

v. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia!

r. Because the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia!

*Let us pray.*

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to  
give joy to the whole world,  
grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother,  
we may attain the joys of eternal life.

Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

**Sunday School of Religion &  
Junior High Religious Education Happenings...**

- \* **April 8** SSR/JH 9:45am
- \* **April 15** SSR/JH 9:45am—prayer service in the Chapel at 10am for SSR
- \* **April 22** SSR/JH
- \* **April 29** SSR/JH 9:45am
- \* **Save the dates for Vacation Bible School:  
June 18-22 from 9am to noon (Grades K-5th)**  
Junior High Students can be volunteers at VBS.  
If you are working on getting Community Scholar hours  
this will go towards that.

**Vacation Bible School 2018**

At *Splash Canyon* VBS, your children will learn that God is with us, God gives us life, God is faithful, God gives hope, and Jesus is our Savior! The Canyon will be **opening on June 18 until June 22 from 9am to 12n**. Please mark your calendars and watch for registration material so your children do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

**RACE WEEKEND—NEXT WEEKEND!** Just a reminder that next weekend (April 14/15) is race weekend. If you are traveling past the track to get to Mass, you might want to plan a little extra time in case of traffic issues.

**APRIL** is National Child Abuse Prevention month. There is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. For info on our diocesan child protection policies, visit <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment>.

**ADDRESS:** Some of you have asked about Deacon James O'Reilly's address. He is still currently at Seminary in Baltimore, however graduation is mid-May so if you plan to send him a note you may want to use this address: 113 McPherson Court, Seaford, VA 23696. (Also: after ordination on June 2nd, he will be here at St. Anne's for our Masses on June 16/17.)

**THANKS**

Many thanks to all who donated blood at our Blood Drive on March 21. We registered 21 donors and were able to take 19 units (which potentially saves as many as 63 lives!). Please mark your calendars and plan to donate at our next Blood Drive which is set for Wednesday, **May 16th from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**GIVE BLOOD! GIVE LIFE!**