

*Especially in the winter months, many of us have come to rely on the daily weather forecasts to prepare our activities and plans for the coming days. Our readings today also provide us with a kind of forecast, letting us know what to expect for those who put their trust in the Lord and those who don't. As we gather for our liturgy, let us reflect on where or in whom our trust is placed.*



**BLESSED  
ARE YOU  
WHO ARE POOR,  
FOR THE  
KINGDOM OF  
GOD IS YOURS.**

**Scripture Readings for this week (Feb. 15-20)**

**Monday:** James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21  
**Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18  
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Deut. 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

**Scripture for Next Sunday (1st Sunday of Lent)**

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

The Lenten fast, like the Exodus, leads to a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Romans 10:8-13**

The journey of faith is open to all.

**Luke 4:1-13**

The fast can be a sign that we live on more than bread.

*Real conversion begins when we recall the deeds God has accomplished throughout salvation history, as well as in the histories of our own faith journeys. Next Sunday's sacred word summons us to remembrance and strengthens us in our own deserts of temptation.*

**MARDI GRAS:** (Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16) If you signed up to come to Mardi Gras—don't forget to come and party with us this Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. in the Parish Life Center for great food, music and fun!

**Sunday Morning Adult Religious Ed.** class meets today (Feb. 14) from 9:45-11 a.m. in the Great Room. The topic this week is "**Matrimony**" presented by Deacon Juan. Next Sunday, **Feb. 21**, the topic will be "**The History and Theology of Eucharist**" presented by Fr. Tim.

**The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday**

The observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter.

**FASTING** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** by all those 18 yrs. of age & older (who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday). On a "Fast Day" one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. **ABSTINENCE** is to be observed by all those 14 years of age & older. On days of abstinence, **no meat is allowed**. **Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday** are days of abstinence.

*(Note: if a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged)*

**FASTING, ALMSGIVING, AND PRAYER** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for renewal of baptism at Easter.



This Wednesday (February 17) is **Ash Wednesday**, a day of **Fast & Abstinence** for Catholics. Our Masses will be celebrated at **7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Palms:** If you'd like to bring in your blessed palm from last year for us to burn to use for our ashes on Ash Wed., please bring to the church office by close of business this Monday.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Your prayers are requested for **Ted Pasion**, the father of **Frances Perry**, who died recently in California. Notes may be sent to Frances at 487 Harrington Hollow Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618.

We ask your prayers for **Mary Shaw**, the sister of **Kathy Sardina**, who died this past week in New York. Notes may be sent to Kathy at 142 Yarrow Drive, Bluff City, TN 37618.

**Symphony of the Mountains:** Father Tim will have the opportunity to sing "**Ave Verum Corpus**" (by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart), with the Symphony next weekend at their "**Amadeus!**" concerts: Sat, Feb. 20, 8:00 p.m., Toy F. Reid Center (Eastman) in Kingsport and Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m., at the SW VA Higher Ed. Center in Abingdon. For more information, or to get tickets, go to [info@symphonyofthemountains.org](mailto:info@symphonyofthemountains.org) or call 423-392-8423.

### ***Operation Rice Bowl***

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. In your bulletin today, you will find a Rice Bowl packet and we ask that you follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. For more information, visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org). Rice Bowls will be returned on the weekend of April 10/11. Thank you.

### **Lighthouse Catholic CD's available**

Are you looking for a practical way to increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? No time to attend classes? How about listening to a CD while driving or at home? Beginning next weekend, **Feb. 20/21**, the Council of Catholic Women will be providing educational CDs by inspirational speakers including Blessed Mother Teresa, Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Fulton Sheen and many more. On Feb. 20/21, we will offer the CDs for sale at a special price of 4 for \$10. The sale will be held in the hallway down by the Great Room. After next weekend, they will be available on the religious education table for two weeks and then in the foyer of the church by the Haiti chapel for a donation of \$3 each. Your donations will enable us to continually replenish our supply with new titles. Buy a few, trade with friends, pass them on to someone you love. Stop by the table in the hallway after each of the Masses next weekend.



### **"Year for Priests"**

#### **Film Festival**

**Many Thanks! To KP Bailey Consulting** for sponsoring our January Film Festival. The generosity of our sponsoring businesses & individuals have made our Film Festival possible. Save the date: **February 23** is our next Film Festival evening at the Abingdon Cinemall. February movie is "**The Mission**" starring Robert DeNiro.

**Tuesday Morning Book Club** begins our discussion of **The Shack** by Wm. Paul Young on this **Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at Java J's on State Street**. Anyone who would like to join the group is welcome to attend.



## **Confirmation**

**Confirmation Preparation** begins next Sun., Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. in the Brady Center. If you are a high school student (Gr. 10, 11, 12) and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please plan to attend. An interview is part of the new preparation process and should be scheduled through Michael Robison at [mrobison@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:mrobison@stannes-bristol.org). Interviews are being conducted Sunday, Feb. 14 starting right after Mass in the Brady Center. The interviews are for the candidate and their parents. The complete schedule of Preparation Classes is Feb. 21 & 28, March 7 & 14. For more information, please contact Michael.

### **First Eucharist**

#### **We Belong**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and His Body, the Church. Our membership in the Christian community is both a privilege and a responsibility. How are we as a parish witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence to others? This week, please pray for the boys and girls preparing for their First Eucharist.

### **Prayer of the Month materials available**

Be sure to stop by the religious education table in the commons to pick up your "Prayer of the Month" reading materials. Each month we will have educational materials highlighting one prayer of the Church. There are a few copies available from previous months to include: December-The Angelus, January-The Benedictus and this month, February-The Act of Contrition.

### **FLU SHOTS—next weekend at St. Anne's**

The H1N1 flu shots will be available (free of charge) here at St. Anne's next Sunday, Feb. 21, in the commons (after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until time for the 11:30 mass to begin; then again after the 11:30 Mass ends until 1pm).

**ANGELUS & LITANY:** Join us this Friday, Feb. 19, and all the Fridays of Lent, in the Chapel at **12Noon**, as we pray the *Angelus & Litany of the Sacred Heart*. Take 5 minutes from your lunch break to come pray!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, February 15**

8:00 a.m. Jesse Adams

**Tuesday, February 16**

7:30 a.m. Michael Migliano

**Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)**

7:30 a.m. Joe & Mary Adams

12:15 p.m. Spec.Int.: for Andrew Ervin

7:00 p.m. Cindy Burch

**Thursday, February 18**

7:30 a.m. Loretta Karban and Helen Dudek

**Friday, February 19**

7:30 a.m. Peter Noe

**Saturday, February 20**

8:30 a.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

5:30 p.m. Louis Killeen

**Sunday, February 21**

8:30 a.m. Dennis Hanlon

11:30 a.m. Bridget Eva Keeney

5:00 p.m. Frances, Joanne, Paul Carriera (*Latin Mass*)

**Note:** Monday is President's Day, but the parish office and school will be open. Our **Mass Monday will be celebrated at 8 a.m.** For those coming to Mass, please plan to park on the street as there will not be access to the parking lot due to school drop off. Thanks for your understanding.

**LATIN MASS**

Today (**Feb. 14**) Fr. Neal Nichols, Chaplain of St. Benedict Chapel/Chesapeake, VA, is here at Saint Anne's to lead us in an educational and informative session on the Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 5 p.m.; then will celebrate a Latin Mass at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to better understand the Latin Mass. *Beginning the 1st Sunday of Lent (next Sunday, Feb. 21) and thru Palm Sunday (March 28), we will celebrate Mass in Latin on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. with Fr. Franz Humpert as the main celebrant.*

**NO Evening Prayer** tonight (Feb. 14) due to the session and Mass with Fr. Nichols.

**Kick-Off Reception of Baby Basics Moms Club**  
*(an innovative, interactive club for expecting moms)*  
Thursday, February 18 at Bristol Regional Medical Center from **5-7 p.m.** Call 276-676-4501 for more information or visit them on facebook Baby Basics Moms Club of Tri-Cities TN/VA

**Collection Report: February 6/7**

Regular Collection—\$18,812.90

School Collection—\$4,423.37

**Second Collection next weekend Feb. 20/21 for BFIA**

**HAITI DONATIONS**

- A new law allows you to claim donations for Haitian relief on your 2009 tax return.
- To be eligible for a deduction on your 2009 tax return, donations must be made after Jan. 11, 2010 and before March 1, 2010.
- You have the option of deducting these contributions on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return, but NOT BOTH!
- Federal law requires you keep a record of any donations you make. Be sure to keep a bank record, such as a cancelled check or a receipt from the charity.
- For the donations made to St. Anne's Church for the Haiti Earthquake relief (Haiti/Catholic Relief Services) collected a few weeks ago, these are recorded here as a 2010 donation. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO CLAIM THAT DONATION on your 2009 tax return, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE** as soon as possible so that we can provide you with a special contribution letter to include with your tax filing. **IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT US,** the donation will remain on our records to be included on **your end-of-year statement for 2010.**

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet this Thurs., Feb 18 at 12 Noon at the Family Buffet (2841 West State Street, Bristol, TN). Please call Gina Rossetti (423-878-7827) to reserve your spot for lunch.

**Wednesday Night Scripture Study** will **NOT** meet this Wed., Feb. 17, due to the Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 p.m. Please join us next week, **Feb. 24**, at 7 p.m. in the Msgr. Hickie Center for scripture study led by Seminarian Chris Hess. No preparation required. Bring your Bible.

**CHOIR NEWS:** No Choir Rehearsal this week but we'll sing for the 7pm. Mass on Ash Wed. The choir will also sing next Sunday (11:30 Mass). **ADULTS & High School Teens** who'd like to sing with our choir for Holy Week and Easter are welcome! **Plan to come to the rehearsal: Wed., Feb. 24, at 7 pm.**

**St. Anne's Council of Catholic Women** will meet next Sunday, **Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Great Room** for a business/planning meeting. Our opening prayer will be the Stations of the Cross. Please join us at 4:00-5:30pm. Any woman who is not currently a member but would like to join the CCW is invited to attend.

**Adult Faith Formation Committee** members are reminded of our regularly scheduled meeting next **Monday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m.** in the Great Room.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross is a devotion used by Catholics for centuries to adore God and to follow in Christ's path as He carried the cross. As part of your Lenten Journey, we invite you to join us for **Stations of the Cross beginning this Friday, Feb. 19** (and on all the Fridays of Lent). The Stations begin at **6 p.m.** in the Chapel & Commons. (*Via Crucis, Stations of the Cross in Spanish, is prayed at 5pm.*)

**SOUP SUPPER:** You are invited to join us for a simple soup supper in the Great Room on the Fridays of Lent at **5:30 p.m.** before praying the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.

**Saint Anne's PreSchool Enrollment 2010-2011**  
PreSchool Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is open. Space is limited, so please contact the school if you'd like to check on enrollment for next year. Our preschool offers an academic preschool curriculum for both 3-yr-olds and 4-5 year olds preparing for Kindergarten! **We love visitors and every day is an open house!** Call the school office, 276-669-0048.

### *Just Neighbors*

The Just Neighbors program returns to St. Anne's as our Lenten Adult Education Series through the joint efforts of the Adult Faith Formation Committee and the Justice & Peace Committee. The "Just Neighbors" program provides a comprehensive overview of the issues of poverty and it will not only educate us about poverty, but also motivate and empower us to be advocates for our neighbors in need. "Just Neighbors" will be presented by Seminarian Chris Hess on **Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.** in the Great Room, beginning on **March 2**. Please sign up in the commons beginning next weekend so we know how many to expect. Thank you.

**Attention Catholic Daughters:** Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Monday, Feb. 22, social begins at 6:30 and meeting at 7 p.m. at the KofC Hall.

**LENTEN Mornings of Reflection** at Jubilee House on Tuesdays, 9a-12N on Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23. Includes Lunch. Cost: \$15. Call 276-619-0919 or email [info@jubileeretreat.org](mailto:info@jubileeretreat.org).