

This is the beginning of our Lenten retreat. We, like Jesus, are being led by the Spirit into forty days of reflection and renewal. Along the way we will be tempted by shortcuts and attractive alternatives. As we celebrate this sacred meal, may it nourish us and give us the strength that we need for this Lenten journey, so that we will emerge on Easter ready to carry on Jesus Christ's mission in the world.

THE JOURNEY WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

Scripture Readings for this week (Feb. 22-27)

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| Monday: | 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday: | Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt. 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ezekiel 18:21-28; Mt. 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Mt. 5:43-48 |

Readings for Next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Christ will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body.

Luke 9:28b-36

His face changed in appearance and His clothes became dazzlingly white.

Next Sunday's readings are all about promises. God promises Abraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the skies. In the story of the Transfiguration, we are given a glimpse of the promise of glory made to those who put their faith in Christ. Bathed in the brilliant light of the Transfiguration, we open our hearts to listen once again to the dazzling promises made by our loving and compassionate God.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **John Hugh MacFarlane**, the brother of Mr. Fran MacFarlane, who died recently in New Jersey. Notes may be sent to Fran at 1283 Allison Road, Piney Falts, TN 37686.

Your prayers are requested for **Grace Castro**, the aunt of Mrs. Marilyn Ritter, who died recently in Louisiana. Notes may be sent to Marilyn & Skeeter at 401 Mountain View Ct., Blountville, TN 37617.

EVENING PRAYER
SUNDAYS at 6 p.m.
In the Chapel



Masses For The Week

Monday, February 22

7:30 a.m. Janet Keeney

Tuesday, February 23

7:30 a.m. Edward E. Smith

Wednesday, February 24

12:15 p.m. Sidney O'Dell

Thursday, February 25

7:30 a.m. Marian M. King

Friday, February 26

7:30 a.m. Mary Lotz Kauffmann

Saturday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Jef Roberts (*Spanish Mass*)

5:30 p.m. George Edwards

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Norman Haderer

11:30 a.m. Connie Dillard

5:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Latin Mass*)

Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education class meets today (**Feb. 21**) from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room. The topic this week is "**The History and Theology of Eucharist**" presented by Fr. Tim. Next Sunday, **Feb. 28**, the topic will be "**Lent**" presented by Stacy Robinette.

Wednesday Night Scripture Study meets this **Wednesday, February 24** at 7 p.m. in the Monsignor Hickie Center. Seminarian Chris Hess will lead us in a study of the scriptures that will be proclaimed at Mass next Sunday. No preparation is required. Bring your Bible. In case of inclement weather, please check the website—www.stannes-bristol.org or call the main church number 276-669-8200 ext. 0 for any cancellation information concerning Scripture Study.

"Year for Priests" Film Festival

"The Mission" starring Robert DeNiro

The next film Festival evening will be this **Tuesday, February 23**, at **7 p.m.** at the Abingdon Cinemall. There is no cost for admission. We ask that you please bring a food item to be donated to Bristol Faith In Action. See you at the movies!

St. Anne's Council of Catholic Women members are reminded of our business/planning meeting today, **February 21 at 4 p.m.** in the Great Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Operation Rice Bowl

First Week of Lent—Jesus' Temptation

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

First Eucharist

We Gather

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on gathering together as a church family. The Church is the assembly of those people, belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How do we as a parish come together to pray and care for one another? This week, please pray for the boys and girls preparing for their First Eucharist.

Just Neighbors

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Those five simple words are one of scripture's most basic commands. People of faith have a responsibility to serve their neighbors and care for them — for any and all of God's people in need. Sometimes the needs are so overwhelming that it is difficult to know how to respond, how to make a difference. Join us for the "Just Neighbors" program offered as our Lenten Adult Education Series and led by Seminarian Chris Hess. "Just Neighbors" will be presented on **Tuesday evenings, 7:00pm-8:30pm, in the Great Room beginning March 2.** Childcare can be provided if needed. Please sign up at the religious education table in the commons.

Lighthouse Catholic CD's

Be sure to stop by the Lighthouse Catholic CD display to pick up a few CD's for yourself and your friends. The CDs are on sale this weekend in the hallway by the Great Room for a special price of 4 for \$10. Next week, they will be moved to the religious education table in the commons and then to their permanent location in the foyer by the Haiti chapel. Check the bulletin weekly for a brief synopsis of one of the CD's available. Your \$3 donation per CD will enable us to continually restock our supply with new titles. Thank you.

A Note of Thanks...

Thanks to my parish family for being so helpful during my recent surgery. I'm very thankful for the prayers, cards, phone and home visits. I'm certainly blessed to have such wonderful people around me. Recovery is going slow but I have high hopes of soon returning back to normal. Thanks again for all of your acts of kindness. May God continue to bless each of you in a special way.

Andy Cyzick



—Attention Catholic Daughters:

Mark your calendar for our next meeting this Monday, February 22, social time begins at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the KofC Hall.

—2010 CDA Education Contest!

Open to students in grades 4-12 and CDA members adults. Submit original works of art, photography, essays, and poetry featuring this year's theme, "**The Joys of God Surround Us**". Local court deadline is March 15. Winners will be announced April 1. (Sponsored by Local Court Our Lady of the Rosary #2624.) For a complete set of Rules & Entry Forms, or further info, contact Amy Foster, Education Chairperson, by email at afostersas@yahoo.com or call 423-764-2217.

—HELP WARM A HEART THIS WINTER!!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas local court Our Lady of the Rosary #2624 will be selling "wristlets" outside the Great Room after all the Masses next weekend Feb. 27/28. The white wristbands have the words "**I Helped Warm a Heart**" printed in purple. All proceeds will go to **Bristol Faith In Action**. Please stop by the table in the hallway next weekend and help BFIA help those in need with their heating bills this winter. Thank you and may God bless you for your kindness and generosity to those in need.

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.**

PLEASE NOTE: The donations made to St. Anne's for the Haiti Earthquake Relief have been forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. If you wish to still make a donation to their efforts, please send directly to CRS at www.crs.org or call 1-877-HELP-CRS.

Haiti Twin Parish: We will be taking up a collection later in Lent (March 21) for our Twin Parish in Haiti. Also, if you come to the Soup Suppers on the Fridays of Lent, any donations made to the "basket" also goes to our Twin Parish; and any donations placed in the Vigil Stand located in the Haiti Chapel are sent to St. Francis of Assisi in Cerca la Source (our Twin Parish).

FINANCE COUNCIL members are reminded of their meeting this Wed., Feb. 24 at 7 a.m. in the library.

Collection: Totals from last week were not yet available for this bulletin and will be included next Sunday. Our **second collection THIS WEEKEND** is taken up for Bristol Faith In Action. Thank you for your generosity.

CHOIR NOTES

Due to Richard's hospitalization, as this bulletin goes to press we do not know when the choir will have a rehearsal or sing as a group... we will let you know as we know... Thank you so much for your prayers for Mr. Davis.

ABINGDON'S CONVENT REMEMBERED....

At 2 p.m. today (Sunday, Feb. 21) in the chapel of the Abingdon United Methodist Church, there will be a presentation on the *Villa Maria Academy* and the dedicated Sisters who worked there over a century ago at the convent and Catholic boarding school. The presentation is sponsored by the Historical Society of Washington County, VA and all are welcome to attend.



Preschool

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.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 5, 2010 at Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church. Registration & Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and Program begins at 10 a.m.

Jubilee House Retreat Center—Abingdon, VA **LENTEN MORNINGS OF REFLECTION** **Tuesdays (9 a.m. to 12n) Includes Lunch** **Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23**

An opportunity for time aside and renewal during the Lenten season. The mornings begin at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer, followed by a conference on the life and spirituality of a particular saint or mystic in the Christian tradition. Time will be allocated for personal prayer and journaling, and to enjoy the quiet beauty of the natural environment. The Morning of Reflection ends with lunch at 12N. The fee for each Tuesday is \$15. For further information or to register, call 276-619-0919 or info@jubileeretreat.org

Looking ahead just a bit....

- The Paraclete Catholic Bookstore of Knoxville will be here at St. Anne's the weekend of March 13/14. Mark your calendars—this is a great opportunity to purchase Catholic Religious Items, gifts, etc.
- Our Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for the evening of March 18.

LATIN MASS (*Mass in the Extraordinary Form*):
A Latin low Mass is celebrated in the chapel on the Sundays of Lent at 5 p.m.



YOUTH RETREAT for Grades 6-12

The Diocese of Richmond and Lexington are sponsoring “*Joyful Noise*” a retreat for teens, Grade 6 thru Grade 12. There is no cost to participants. The retreat will be held at *The Breaks* Interstate Lodge on April 30-May 2. Contact Chris Hess for more info by email at chess@stannes-bristol.org or call the parish office, 276-669-8200, ext. 0.

Symphony of the Mountains: Fr. Tim will sing “*Ave Verum Corpus*” (Mozart) at the Symphony’s “*Amadeus!*” concerts this weekend: Sat, Feb. 20, 8pm at the Toy F. Reid Center/Eastman in Kingsport & Sun., 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 or call 423-392-8423.

FRIDAYS OF LENT: Days of Abstinence

On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed for those age 14 and older. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

The ANGELUS and the Litany of the Sacred Heart are prayed on the Fridays of Lent in the Chapel. Take five minutes from your lunch time and join us for prayer. We begin promptly at 12N as the bells toll.

Soup & STATIONS of the CROSS

We encourage you to make the Stations of the Cross part of your Lenten Spiritual journey. Gather with us on the **Fridays of Lent** at 6 p.m. for the Stations. If you would like to join us for a soup supper before the Stations, the supper is at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room. (*Stations prayed in Spanish at 5 p.m.*)

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank **Driver Training, Inc.** (*Susan Walling, parishioner*) this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.