

In today's scriptures we are presented with two divine encounters. In our modern world it seems that God's presence is seldom so spectacular. Yet, as we move deeper into this Lenten season, we may want to seek reassurance of God's presence with us. Let us find that reassurance in our Eucharistic celebration, and then become agents of God's presence for others.



Readings for this week (Feb. 22-27)

MONDAY: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
TUESDAY: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
THURSDAY: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
FRIDAY: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Scripture for next Sunday (Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

From a burning bush God promises redemption.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Do not grumble as the Israelites did.

Luke 13:1-9

The just may suffer.

The fruitless may get a second chance.

Next Sunday Moses encounters God in the burning bush, and Jesus tells of a patient God who will give us yet one more chance to repent and be fruitful. Let us be mindful of where we encounter God in our own lives. How is God patient with us and how do we respond to His cultivation and tender care?

Please Note: BULLETIN DEADLINE for next Sunday, Feb. 28 is TODAY (Feb. 21) by 5pm (due to vacation).

ATTENTION CHOIR FOLKS!! Rehearsal this week is Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. and the Choir will sing next Sunday at the 11:30 Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS!!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Thurifers, Mass Coordinators, Altar Server Coordinators

Current schedule runs out next weekend — notify the office by 5p this Tuesday, Feb. 23 of dates you can't serve in March & April. Plan to pick up your schedules in the commons next weekend. THANKS!!

"KAIROS" Prison Ministry for Men

Father Kevin is looking for some men in the parish who might be interested in participating in a ministry to prison inmates here in Southwest Virginia. The ministry is called "Kairos" and it is an international ecumenical effort, modeled after the Catholic Cursillo Movement, to bring the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to men who are in prison. There will be an orientation meeting held at the Jubilee House in Abingdon on February 27 (time to be determined). Please contact the parish office if you are interested and/or would like more information.

Operation Rice Bowl... Hungering to Give Back... How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Keep your CRS Rice Bowl near your family dinner table during Lent so that you can refer to it each night. Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information on the good work of CRS. If you did not get your "rice bowl", please stop by the religious education table in the commons to pick up one. Rice bowls, with your Lenten donations, should be returned on Divine Mercy weekend, April 2/3. Thank you!

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays 9:15a-4:30p. Please consider spending an hour with our Lord.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

CD of the Week: "Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross" by Msgr. James P. Shea. Msgr. Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Weaving together insights of keen believers, these meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us. Stop by the CD display in the commons to pick up this CD and many other titles. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated in order for us to restock the CDs.

Free Lenten materials are available on the Religious Education Table in the Commons. Be sure to stop by the table after Mass to pick up free materials for Lent and also check out Lent books from our parish library.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

- **Catechumens & Candidates** meet this **Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30pm** in the greatroom.
- **Ongoing Inquiry Class** meets in the parish conference room at **6:30pm** (also on Wednesday). Please stop by the greatroom to join in opening prayer before going to the conference room.
- If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in need of conversion, please bring them on Wednesday evenings.

The History of the Catholic Church

It's not too late to join the Monday group in their study of *The History of the Catholic Church*. The lesson this week is on "Peace between Empire and Church" and "Institutional and Doctrinal Development". Please join us! **Monday's in the St. Vincent de Paul Center, 1:00pm-2:30pm.**



Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Feb. 20—Saturday—Ski Trip**—be sure to get your permission form turned in on time so that we have enough drivers!
- **Feb. 21—Confirmation Prep. Class 9:45am** BYC and
 - **Youth Group**—BYC 6pm-8pm
(Dinner night—come hungry!)
- **Feb. 28— Confirmation Prep. Class, 945am** BYC and...
 - **Youth Group February Fun night.**
Kiln' Time. Meet at the BYC at 2:30pm.
- **Mar 06— Confirmation Prep. Class, 945am, BYC** and...
 - **Youth Group goes to the Movies!** - We will see "Risen" with Fr. Kevin, time TBD. (to prepare us for next week's discussion of the movie and the Resurrection of Jesus.)

Detailed February Youth Ministry schedules have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please let Laura know so she can make sure you are on the active Youth Ministry mailing list. laurachochrane@stannes-bristol.org.

"Living the Eucharist" - this Lent

Is faith public or private? To be Church, we must affirm beliefs held in common. These beliefs are public; they are shared with millions of other believers. Yet genuine faith is also truly personal. It reaches the core of our being. The Creed, an affirmation of common faith, creates a bond among all who hold to it. It tells the Christian story in a nutshell. Believers stake their lives on the faith we proclaim in the Creed. "Living the Eucharist" is a scripture study program designed to inform, inspire, and nourish the spiritual lives of participants during the liturgical season of Lent. We meet at the St. Vincent de Paul Center on **Thursdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm.** (if for any reason we do not have 6pm Mass, we will meet for scripture study at 6pm). Join us as we prepare for the Third Sunday of Lent with "Affirming What We Believe".

Bus Trip to Richmond

(the bus is already over half full—sign-up now to reserve your seat!!)

Sign up NOW if you are planning to ride the bus to Richmond for **Seminarian Mark Kowalski's transitional diaconate ordination April 15/16, 2016.** We have the bus reserved and we have your hotel room reserved. The plan is to travel to Richmond on Friday, April 15, have a nice evening meal together, stay overnight, and on Saturday April 16, attend the ordination, visit the Cathedral and then return home. **The cost will be \$100. per person** (double occupancy at the hotel). If you want a single room, your cost will be \$150. This cost covers your seat on the bus there and back, your hotel room, and breakfast. Full payment is requested as soon as possible and **no later than March 6.** Make checks payable to St. Anne Catholic Church. When payment is received, your name will be given to the hotel and your room confirmed. Please give your payment to Sydney Farnum. Sorry, **no refunds for cancellations.** If you have any questions, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call Sydney at 276-669-8200 ext. 32. A big thanks to Mike Charnigo who is our "bus captain" and is helping to organize the trip.



Annual Parish Lenten Retreat

"Miracle & Mercy—

You Can't Give What You Don't Have"

March 11/12 at the Jubilee House Retreat Center

Register Now! Registration forms are on the Religious Education Table in the Commons. Please register as soon as possible.

This year we welcome **Fr. Michael Joly**, Pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Yorktown, VA as our retreat master. Father Mike is a Roman Catholic priest celebrating twenty-one years in the priesthood this year. Having attended Providence College and Rhode Island College, he secured a B.S. in Human Resource Management. He obtained his Bachelor of Sacred Theology and Master of Divinity degrees from St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore. Ordained in November of 1994, he has served as Parochial Vicar in three parishes, while also spending much time in adult and youth retreat formation, directing many missions throughout the U.S., and writing and recording Christian music.

Early registration is greatly appreciated so that we can plan supplies, materials, and, of course, food. The cost is listed on the registration form. Checks should be payable to "St. Anne Catholic Church". Thank You!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent)

5:30 p.m. †Loretta Karban

Sunday, February 21 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

8:30 a.m. †Kay Santonastaso

11:30 a.m. †Donald Miles

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

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 a.m. †Edward Smith

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. †Marian King

Thursday, February 25

6:00 p.m. †Betty Hagerman

Friday, February 26

7:30 a.m. †Joseph Smith

Saturday, February 27 (Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent)

5:30 p.m. †Bella & †Avila Harnois

Sunday, February 28 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8:30 a.m. †Commander Philip Haggard, USNR

11:30 a.m. †Barbara Boice

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

Prayer Shawl members are reminded of our gathering this Wednesday, Feb. 24, 10:00 a.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The “spring” 40 Days for Life campaign runs from **Feb. 10 thru March 20**, in front of the Bristol Regional Women’s Center (corner of W. State Street and Slaughter Street, near K-Mart, Bristol TN). Although you may come on any day, area Catholics have been asked to cover Friday afternoons from 12N to 4 p.m. Come join us as we prayerfully and peacefully ask for an end to abortion.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!”

If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Michael G. Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, (804) 359-5661 or email him at mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

BOOK DRIVE!!

Don’t forget to bring in your “gently used” children’s books (preschool to 5th grade level) for St. Anne School’s Chapters for Charity book drive. Books will be given to kids in need and some sold at a used book sale to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Bring the books in by **NEXT WEEKEND** (last weekend of February) and put in the container in the hallway by the Great Room.

Collection Report (Feb. 13/14)

Regular/Operating \$12,611.37

Add’l School 2nd Collection \$ 624.00

2nd Collections:

Today-February 21	SW VA Health Wagon
February 28	Bristol Faith In Action
March 6	St. Anne’s School
March 13	Catholic Relief Services

Holy Thursday, March 24—the collection taken up at the offertory goes to the local poor

Easter Holy Day, March 27—your donations for both Sunday regular envelope & Easter Holy Day at offertory

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

- **Sunday, Feb 21**—**Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible -Maccabean Revolt, Messianic Fulfillment, Part 1.” 9:45a-11a** in the **Greatroom**. Join us! No need to sign up. Bring your Bible. Coffee and donuts at 9:45am and the presentation begins promptly at 10am.
- **Monday, Feb. 22**— **“The History of the Catholic Church” 1:00-2:30p**, St. Vincent de Paul Center. Topic this week: **“Peace between Empire and Church”** and **“Institutional and Doctrinal Development”**. Join us any Monday, no need to sign up.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 23:**
 - **Tuesday Morning Book Club—10a-11a** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center: **The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy – Secret 2: “Good Enough Isn’t Good Enough”** by Vinny Flynn.
 - **“Divine Mercy” Scripture Study, 6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 24:**
 - **“Divine Mercy” Scripture Study, 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St Vincent de Paul Center.
 - **RCIA at 6:30 p.m.** in the Greatroom.
- **Thursday, Feb. 25**—**Scripture Study “Living the Eucharist—Affirming What We Believe-Preparing for the Third Sunday of Lent”** at the **St Vincent de Paul Center, 7:00-8:00p (after Mass)**. Bring your Bible! (**note: If there is no Mass at 6pm the time for scripture study changes to 6:00pm-7pm.**) For more info about the above programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

“It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that awakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”
—Pope Francis

CDA MEETING: Feb. 22

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624 are reminded of their meeting this **Monday, Feb. 22**, at the KofC Hall. Social time starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 7p.m. Any lady needing a ride, please call Gina. Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, please call Regent Gina Rossetti at 423-878-7827. We look forward to seeing you there!

The CDA theme is **“For Him, we live and move and have our being”** Acts 17:28

Finance Council is reminded of their meeting this Thurs., Feb. 25 at 7 a.m. in the school conference room.

STATIONS of the CROSS

Soup Supper: Feb. 26, March 4, March 11 (at 5:30p)

Fish Fry Supper: March 18 (at 6:30p)

Join us for the **Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent.** Stations in Spanish at 5 p.m. and in English at 6 p.m. in the chapel and commons. You are also welcome to join us in the Great Room **this Friday, Feb. 26** for a simple **SOUP SUPPER at 5:30 p.m.** prepared by the Council of Catholic Women. There is no charge for the Soup, however donations for our Twin Parish in Haiti are appreciated.

Come get your GREEN on!

Saint Anne’s Parish Life Committee invites you to a

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration!

**Saturday, March 12
7 p.m.—11 p.m.**

(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Knights of Columbus Hall

(125 18th St., Bristol, TN)

(Supplemental parking provided)

Cost: \$8/single \$15/family

Catered Irish cuisine and live musical performance by local favorite band **Sigean**. Tickets available in the hallway by the Great Room after Mass next weekend, February 27/28, and on March 5/6.

So plan to come out and join in as we shed the winter blues and prepare for sunny days!

Looking ahead—dates to remember!

—24 Hr. Adoration (March 1&2)

—Lenten Penance Service (Tues., March 8, 7p)

—Paraclete Bookstore here (March 12/13)

