

*One week after our Easter celebration, we return at God's invitation to continue our great Easter season of fifty days. Let us follow the example of the early Christians, who "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." We who have not seen and yet believe in the Resurrection are called to be signs of the Resurrection to others. May our Eucharist today nourish us for that task.*

**Scripture Readings for this week (May 2-7)**

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor. 15:1-8; John 14:6-14  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Readings for next Sunday (3rd Sunday/Easter)**

**Acts 2:14, 22-23**

It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

We were saved with the precious blood of Christ.

**Luke 24:13-35**

They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

*Sometimes we worry that Jesus is far away and cut off from our lives, but in reality He is very near to us, as the disciples discover in next Sunday's Gospel. As two of them walk the dusty road to Emmaus, filled with sorrow, Jesus "draws near" and walks with them, but they do not recognize Him. They invite Him to join them for dinner and during the meal Jesus breaks bread and gives it to them. Their eyes are opened and they finally recognize Him. This remarkable day is reflected in every Mass — we hear the words of Jesus in scripture, but only the Eucharist truly opens our eyes.*

**DIVINE MERCY  
SERVICE and BENEDICTION**

Please join us TODAY, Sunday, May 1, for a special Divine Mercy Service and Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for *Don Ward* who died this past week. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Carolyn Ward, (and his children Dan Ward, Debbie Fleenor, Cindy Tolbert, Donnie Ward, and his mother-in-law Rozelma Wagner) at 624 Navaho Trail, Bristol, VA 24201.

Your prayers are also requested for *Penny Brown*, the daughter-in-law of Frances Brown, who died recently in Pennsylvania. Notes may be sent to Frances at 221 Collingwood, Bristol, TN 37620.

**24-Hour Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our monthly 24-Hour Adoration is this week—beginning Tuesday morning (May 3) at 8 a.m. and concluding on Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. Pope Benedict XVI has said that:

*"Adoration means entering the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord, who makes Himself bodily present in the Eucharist. In the monstrance, He always entrusts Himself to us and asks us to be united with His presence, with His risen Body."*

**VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR:** The first hour of our 24-Hour Adoration is especially dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for praying for those who serve us in those vocations.

**Are you being called to a religious Vocations?**

*"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."*

Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Call Fr. Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).

**Sunday School of Religion**

Sunday School of Religion parents are reminded that we **do not meet** next Sunday, May 8, due to it being Mother's Day and the celebration of First Eucharist. **We will have class on Sunday, May 15 and May 22.** Our closing **family pool party & cookout** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 22 at 4 p.m.** Look for more information about the closing celebration to be sent home with your child.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** members are reminded of their meeting this Wednesday morning, May 4, at 7 a.m. in the school library. Please pick up your packets in the commons in preparation for the meeting.

*Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education*

9:45 a.m.—11 a.m.

in the Music Room on May 1

Today, **May 1**, our topic is “**Monks and Hermits—New Forms of Monasticism**”. In 1098 a reformed Benedictine order, the Cistercians, was founded and grew rapidly. New hermit orders, notably the Carthusians were also created. The monastic way of life influenced the reform of secular clergy in the 11th and 12th centuries. Join us at 9:45 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and the presentation will begin promptly at 10 a.m. We will **NOT** meet for Adult Religious Education next Sunday, **May 8**, due to it being Mother’s Day and 1st Eucharist Day. Please join us on **Sunday, May 15**, in the Great Room, for “**Papal Reform and Church-State Controversies**”.

*“Mary’s Garden”*

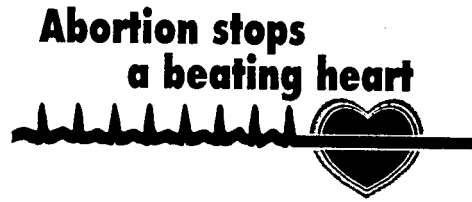
May 14 & 15  
after all Masses



The Council of Catholic Women will be having a plant sale in the Great Room on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday May 15 after the Masses. This is a fundraiser and all proceeds will go to support the programs provided during the year by the CCW. There will be **hanging baskets, small potted plants, herbs and flats** available. Please save the date on your calendar and stop by the Great Room after Mass May 14/15 to purchase some beautiful flowers for your yard. We have small nicely potted flowers that would be ideal for hospital and nursing home patients and some beautiful “**gift baskets**” full of gardening surprises. We will also have **garden “accessories”** available such as garden plaques and statues. While you’re there, be sure to purchase a raffle ticket to win something beautiful for yourself.

**Tuesday Morning Book Club**

New Book: The Virtues by Pope Benedict XVI  
Tuesday Morning Book Club will begin our next book, “The Virtues” by Pope Benedict XVI, on Tuesday, May 10. We meet every Tuesday at Java J’s on State Street in downtown Bristol from 10-11 a.m. Everyone is invited to join the book club group. Please sign up at the religious education table in the commons or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) and a book will be ordered for you.



The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will be counting the number of Rosaries said in the Chapel next Sunday, **May 8** (Mother’s Day) at **11 a.m.** for the **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** campaign.

If you cannot join us at that time, please pray at least one Rosary from May 6-8 to join in this spiritual battle for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Register your Rosary prayed at [www.MichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.MichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org) or send a note to S.M.T.A.O., P.O. Box 41257, Memphis TN 38174 and list your name and that you live in the USA and have prayed the rosary during May 6-8.

*Prayer can change the world!*

*Parish Family Night*  
**This Wednesday—May 4th**

**Topic:** Why and How are the Mass Texts Being Revised

**Dinner:** meatloaf, oven roasted potatoes, corn, salad, bread, dessert

We only had one weekend to sign up for dinner due to Easter Sunday. If you did not get a chance to sign-up this weekend, please call the office (669-8200, ext. 32) or email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) prior to NOON on Monday, May 2. We shop for groceries for the dinner on Monday afternoon and would like to have an accurate dinner count. Thank you.

If you are not coming to the PFN dinner, please try to attend **Fr. Tim’s presentation at 7 p.m.**

This will be an **introduction to the changes** that will take place next Advent with the **implementation of the New Roman Missal III.**

### Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

#### **At All Masses the weekend of May 14/15**

Nominations for our Pastoral Council for the 2011 thru 2014 term will be done at all Masses on the weekend of May 14/15. All registered parishioners (age 18+) will be invited to submit nominations (a maximum of 3 names may be submitted). Please consider nominating **YOURSELF** if you would like to serve on PPC. Nominees must be registered with St. Anne's parish, be age 18 or older, and be actively practicing the Catholic faith. Those nominated (who meet the criteria indicated above) will be invited to participate in the DISCERNMENT PROCESS on Sunday, June 12 from 3:30-545p at the Msgr. Hickie Center. That process on June 12 will lead to the selection of the new members of our Council. Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory group which generally meets monthly with Fr. Tim to discuss issues relevant to the parish. It is an opportunity to have input on a broad range of topics and to help with strategic planning for our parish.

**Current Pastoral Council Members** are reminded of the May Meeting this Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

#### **Collection Report:**

Holy Thursday (for local poor)	\$ 8,560.00
Sunday/Regular (April 24)	\$12,065.76
Easter Holy Day	\$17,251.26
Building/Debt Reduction	\$ 5,402.00

**Second Collection** THIS weekend (first Sunday of the month) is for St. Anne's School. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

### **RETREAT with Father John Rausch**

#### **May 6 & 7 at Jubilee House**

Jubilee House Retreat Center, Abingdon, presents:

#### ***"Keeping the Sabbath... and ourselves... Holy"***

on May 6-7. This retreat, conducted by Fr. John S. Rausch, a Glenmary priest from Stanton KY and the Pax Christi USA 2007 "Teacher of Peace" award winner, will explore themes of rest amidst work and being thankful for the liberation the Sabbath may give us. For further information or to register, please call 276-619-0919 or email [info@jubileeretreat.org](mailto:info@jubileeretreat.org).

**24-Hour Adoration—this week (begins Tues., 8am)**

*Will you watch one hour with our Lord?*



### Mass Intentions

#### **Monday, May 2**

7:30 a.m. †George Boucher

#### **Tuesday, May 3**

7:30 a.m. †Maris Dickert

#### **Wednesday, May 4**

12:15 p.m. †Felipe Renta

#### **Thursday, May 5**

7:30 a.m. †Fr. Paul Gaughan

#### **Friday, May 6**

7:30 a.m. Spec. Int. for "Jim & Christine"

#### **Saturday, May 7**

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

5:30 p.m. †Jessica Lendzioszek

#### **Sunday, May 8**

8:30 a.m. †Christine Cavallini and †Lucille Despard

11:30 a.m. †Frances Howard

### **GREETINGS from the Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Committee at St. Dominic's Church in Kingsport....**

Fr. Mike Nolan, pastor, as well as the Knights, would like to invite you to a presentation by Peggy English, Regional Coordinator for the East Tennessee **Silent No More Awareness Campaign**. Peggy, a member of Notre Dame parish in Greenville, offers "Experience vs. Rhetoric" a presentation that seeks to expose and heal the secrecy and silence surrounding the emotional and physical pain of ABORTION. See the parish bulletin board for more information on this event on **Monday, May 9** at 645pm at St. Dominic's. For more information call 423-288-8101.

### **Monthly Papal Intentions**

To better know "*the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions,*" the Holy Father asks that his monthly intentions be "*the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God.*"

**General Intention:** That those working in communication media may respect the truth, solidarity, and dignity of all people.

#### **Mission Intention:**

That the Lord may help the Church in China persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and grow in unity.

### **Sponsor of the Week**

This week we would like to thank **Aid & Assist at Home, Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



In addition to the memorials and honorariums listed in our Easter bulletin, donations for Easter lilies were also received:

**In memory of *Sandra Boatright*,**  
given by her husband Mike Boatright

In memory of *deceased parents*  
*and family members*,  
given by Claire & Joe Doherty

**A Note of Thanks...**

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Father Tim and my fellow parishioners for the assistance I received during my recent illness. May God bless all of you.

*Veronica Ferski*

**Liturgy Notes....**

In a way similar to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of *Divine Mercy Sunday*. This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during the Easter season. As the octave day of Easter, the Lectionary readings and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

***"Race 4 St. Anne School"***

St. Anne Catholic School proudly announces its first annual *Race 4 Saint Anne School*. Students and participants will walk around a designated track for 15 minutes to raise money for the school by collecting pledges. Please consider sponsoring a student or one of our special participants. See the flyer in this week's bulletin for more information. Monies raised will help offset the cost of tuition for ALL students. **Thank you for supporting St. Anne's School!!**

