

Saint Anne Catholic Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anne's Catholic Community

Aware of our rich Roman Catholic tradition and our own particular parish needs, we commit ourselves to the building of a Christian community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be exemplified and fulfilled.

To accomplish this mission and vision, we covenant ourselves to action in the following areas:

Prayer:

That individually and as a parish, we must create an atmosphere in which we recognize prayer as essential to our lives and liturgical celebrations as public expression of the source and summit of our lives in Christ.

Education:

That individually and as a community, we support Catholic education and a learning environment that addresses the uniqueness of each person by providing opportunity for maximum spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development.

Fellowship:

That individuals, small groups and the parish community recognize our responsibility to welcome all, accept our rich diversity, reverence our uniqueness and reconcile our differences.

Outreach:

That individually and as a community we pledge ourselves to be aware of the needs of others. We must not hesitate to respond to suffering, deprivation, separation or the loss of human dignity.

Parish Address: 316 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:30 am; Spanish 1p
Monday: 6:00pm (NO Mass on 1st Monday)
Tuesday 7:00am & 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday8:30 a.m.
Thursday6:00 p.m.
Friday7:00am & 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: Call the office for Mass times

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

Confessions:

Tues., Wed., Thurs., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Sat., 8:45a-9:30a and 415-515p p.m. or by appointment.

Adoration: Tues. 9-10a; Sat. 8:30-9:30a "First" Tuesdays, 9a to 9p

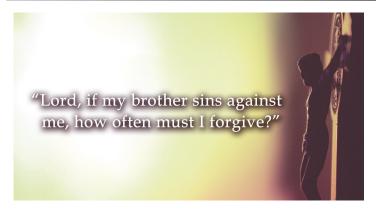
Baptisms: Parents must attend Baptism Preparation. Contact the parish ofc. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Weddings: 8 months notice required to complete Marriage Preparation.

Interested in Joining the Catholic Church? Join our INQUIRY sessions to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: 12N on Mondays

SAINT ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BRISTOL, VIRGINIA



Today's readings remind us how important it is to forgive. More than that, they teach us to be forgiving people, showing mercy to all those who have wronged us, whether in matters great or small. After all, at the end of our lives we believe we will be completely reliant on God's mercy to forgive *our* many sins, great and small. Let us resolve to forgive our neighbor, to heal our relationships, and to live lives of kindness and mercy.

Readings for this Week

(September 18-23)

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Monday:	1 Timothy 2:1-8;	Luke 7:1-10		
Tuesday:	1 Timothy 3:1-13;	Luke 7:11-17		
Wednesday:	(Memorial Saints And	rew Kim Tae-gŏn,		
and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions)				
Wisdom 3:1-9 (or) Romans 8:31b-39;				
		Luke 9:23-26		
Thursday: (<i>Feast: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>) Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13				
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Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: (Memorial: St. Pius of Pietrelcina—Padre Pio) Galatians 2:19-20; Matthew 16:24-27

<u>Scripture for next Sunday</u> 25th Sunday/Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

The ways and thoughts of God are above our own. **Psalm 145**

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

Philippians 1:20c-234, 27a

St. Paul rejoices that to live is Christ and to die is to gain.

Matthew 20:1-16a

"The last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Lord may surprise us and even confound us, but that is because God's ways are so far above our own. Nevertheless, Isaiah tells us, we can depend upon God for mercy. Saint Paul trusts that Christ is with him, in life as well as in death. Jesus tells his disciples that God is more generous than what we would consider sensible. Listening to God's word today, let us take comfort in God's unfathomable generosity and mercy.

A Message from Father Tom —

Last week, our readings pointed towards helping others see their grave sins against the Lord, and a gradual remedy for those caught up in grave sin. This week, the predicate of those assertions lie before us: how we are to forgive. Forgiveness is part of the daily life of holiness for the Christian. The Christian must seek to grow in this path, because unforgiveness is antithetical to the life God calls us to with him.

We're reminded of this every time we pray the Our Father. Do we expect to be forgiven our debts, our trespasses, when we bind others to theirs? Let's each of us think about how many people we have trespassed against and who have now forgiven us. For my own life, it is far more than I'd like to admit. Most of that was because I couldn't, or didn't want to, or didn't even try to see their perspective when we were in each others' midst. Haughtiness beget a rupture.

So, for us, for those we work with, play with, and certainly those in our family, let's try to adopt the real and actual perspective that we all inadvertently hurt each other all the time, but we can do better. Sometimes we realize this, but are afraid to admit it. With a few moments of pain for admitting we could ever do anything wrong, we can make-right a relationship if we extend our apologies and ask for forgiveness. Let not our hearts be hardened by pride. Let's seek to gradually walk this route on the road to holiness.

I Want to Help:

//bit.ly/parishhelp2023

Flocknote Signup:

//bit.ly/saccflock

God Bless,

Fr. Tom

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today, September 17th, is Catechetical Sunday! The 2023 Catechetical Sunday theme is *"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened"* (Matthew 11:28)

Catholics hear these powerful words spoken by Jesus as an invitation to follow him and have our burdens lightened.

RELIGIOUS EQUICATION NEWS

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Meet Sarah French

The new Director of Faith Formation, Sarah French, will be available <u>after all Masses this weekend</u> to answer questions about Sunday School of Religion and to help families register their children.

SSR will begin next Sunday, September 24th, 9:45a to 11:15a (Gr. Kindergarten thru Gr. 5)

Early Catholic Family Life Volunteers Needed!

The Office of Christian Formation has started a pilot program, Early Catholic Family Life, that is a parenttoddler group (ages 0-5) with an 8-module Montessoristyle curriculum with joint play, and then separated child play and parent reflections that feed into a Mom's (or Dad's! or grandparents!) group. The next training will take place Sat., Sept. 30, from 9:30a to 4:00p at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Salem, VA. I am looking for two other interested adult volunteers to attend with me (Sarah French). For more information or to sign up for the training, please email <u>sfrench@stannes-bristol.org</u>.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Hour Tuesday, Sept. 19 9a (after 8:30 Mass) to 10a

(Enter thru side door to the commons)



PRO-LIFE ROSARY

We will pray a pro-life rosary this Wednesday, September 20, at 12:15 p.m. at the grotto in the cemetery. We will move to the Chapel if it rains.



Senior High Youth Ministry & Junior High Youth Ministry

- Sept. 17 Youth Ministry (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
- Sept. 24 Youth Ministry (BYC 6:00pm-8:00pm)
- Oct. 1 Youth Ministry (Church/BYC 6-8:00pm)
 * Meet in the Church at <u>5:45p</u> for Evening Prayer
- Oct. 7 Busch Gardens
- Oct. 8 Fun Night!
 - Stickley Farm

Join Youth Ministry! Did you miss the Youth Ministry Ice Cream Social/Open House? No problem! We'd like to invite teens in Gr. 6-12 to join us! Stay informed by checking the Youth Ministry schedule and get connected with our Flocknote. Questions, contact Laura Cochrane: 276-492-3095 or email <u>lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org</u>

Please take a minute to join our Youth Ministry Flocknote!



This will help us stay connected and keep you informed of upcoming events, last minute details, and any schedule changes.

Catholic Day at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg Saturday, October 7, 2023 Join other Catholic youth from our diocese at Busch Gardens for some fun together in Community and Fellowship.

We'll be leaving the morning of <u>Sat., Oct. 7</u>, at approx. 5:30am. We will spend the day at Busch Gardens and round out the evening with Busch Gardens Howl-O-Scream! Our overnight accommodation will be finalized once we have a better idea of how many we have going. We will be in touch with parents on Sunday, Oct. 8, as we make the trip back, to keep you informed of our arrival time back at the Brady Youth Center... thinking 3:00/4:00pm

Cost: \$150 per youth Includes: Travel, Park Ticket, and All Food! <u>Deadline: September 17!!</u> Questions? Contact Laura Cochrane: 276-492-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible Study will begin this Wednesday, September 20, at the Saint Augustine Center with <u>Understanding the</u> <u>Old Testament</u>; this will last from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are no books to buy nor homework to do with this study. This is an opportunity for parents who have children in St. Anne Catholic School.





Saturday, Sept. 16 (Vigil: 24th Sunday/Ordinary Time) †Max Hill 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:30 a.m. *†*Frank Molteni 11:30 a.m. **†Howard Smith** 1:00 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass) Monday, September 18 6:00 p.m. no intention scheduled **Tuesday, September 19** 7:00 a.m. †Luca Nom Van Pham 8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss Wednesday, September 20 8:30 a.m. [†]Molly Roslyn Moore **Thursday, September 21** †Susan Mellett 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 22 7:00 a.m. no intention scheduled 8:30 a.m. †Gunnar Swahn Saturday, Sept. 23 (Vigil: 24th Sunday/Ordinary Time) *†*Richard Jesse Davis 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss 11:30 a.m. [†]Antoinetta Cato 1:00 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)



E-Giving (Sept. 1-7)

Regular/Operating	\$4	,355
St Anne School/Dioc. Schools	\$	498
Retired Religious Fund	\$	100
Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA)	\$	125
Bldg./Maintenance Reserve	\$	100

Collection (Sept. 9/10)

Regular/Operating	\$1	1,373
St Anne School/Dioc.Schools	\$	257
Retired Religious Fund	\$	250
Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA)	\$	75
Bldg./Maintenance Reserve	\$	1,400

Many thanks for your ongoing support & generosity to Saint Anne Catholic Church and School!

Upcoming Second Collection—next weekend

• <u>September 23/24</u>—**Retirement Fund for Religious** Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Your donation to elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests will help provide essential care, medicine and other necessities.



Our Vigil begins on Wednesday, Sept. 27th Please save and share these important dates and sign up for vigil hours.

Link to sign up for Vigil Hours

Interdenominational Prayer Gathering DATES:

This Tuesday, <u>Sept. 19th</u> at 6:30 pm Location: St. Anne's 316 Euclid Ave, Bristol, VA (RSVP at 276-644-0340 for 6:00 PM Pizza)

Tuesday October, 17th at 7:00 pm Location: First Assembly of God, 120 Millard St., Bristol, VA 24201

Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4:00 pm Location: public area near abortion business which is located at 2603 Osborne St. Bristol, VA (across from Casino)

Annual Walk-a-thon

for Pathways Pregnancy Resource Center (formally Abortion Alternatives) Saturday, Oct. 7th, Register at 8:30 Location: 17 24th Street, Bristol, TN 37620 For more info, contact Pathways at 423-968-4673

Fundraising Dinner Saturday, Sept. 23 TO BENEFIT AREA PREGNANCY CENTERS

Fundraising Dinner to benefit area Pregnancy Centers, sponsored by TENNESSEANS4LIFE will be held on **Saturday, September 23, from 6-9 p.m.** at the Ron Ramsey Regional Ag. Center, 140 Spurgeon Ln., Blountville, TN. Keynote Speaker: Angela Lanfranchi, MD.

- <u>Make checks payable to Tennesseans for Life</u> and mail to: P.O.Box 3622, Kingsport, TN 37664-3622 and specify Sept2023 Fundraising Banquet.
- <u>Credit Card payments and Paypal payments, visit</u> <u>Tennesseans4Life.org</u> and click on the "Donate" tab and specify in the "Write a Note" section: Sept2023 Fundraising Banquet.

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All women of the parish are invited!

The Council of Catholic Women will meet: Date/Time: this Thursday, Sept. 21, at Noon Place: Monsignor Hickie Center **Guest Speaker:** Father Tom Lawrence

Please join us for prayer, fellowship, and outreach. Each month we focus on a theme that follows our mission statement.

The National Council of Catholic women acts through its membership to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. Please contact Eileen Gibney for more information at 423-652-7425 or email egibneysas@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Special Evening Prayer on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. to honor our local police, fire, and EMS personnel. Please plan to come pray with and for those who keep us safe!



Pickleball Party!! pot light on... Saturday, Sept. 23, 1-4 p.m. at the Bristol Sportsplex Click on the link below for information about this **Fabulous Fundraiser for our School!**

Third Annual St. Anne CatholicSchool

https://www.stanneschoolbristol.org/pickle-ball-tournament

Grief Support: St. Anne's Grief Support Group meets twice a month. For more information, contact the parish office at 276-669-820 or at stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

