



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 (Anticipation of Sunday) ..5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:30 am;
Spanish at 230p
Monday: 6:00pm (NO Mass on 1st Monday)
Tuesday.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.
Thursday.....6:00 p.m.
Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday/daily Mass..... 9:30 a.m.
Holy Days: Call the office for Mass times

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Office (276) 669-8200
Office hours: Monday thru Friday 9a-4p
Parish email: stannes@stannes-bristol.org
Website:www.stannes-bristol.org
St. Anne's School 276-669-0048
email: schooloffice@stanneschoolbristol.org
Address: 580 Oakview Ave., Bristol, VA

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

Confessions:

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

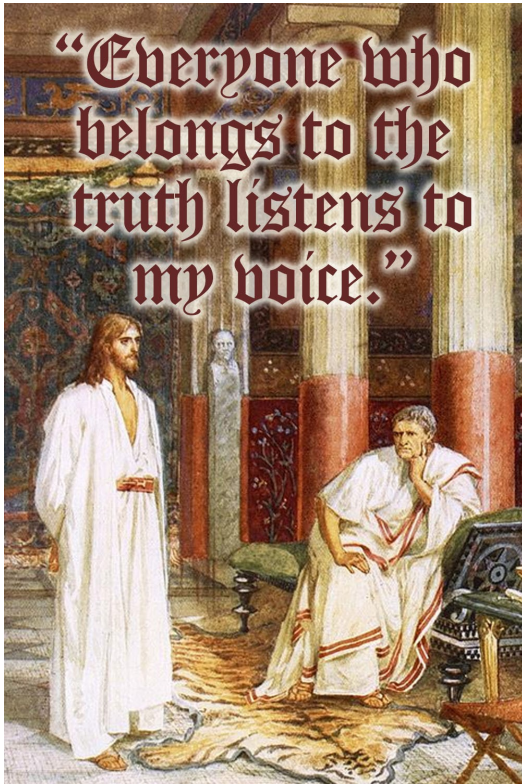
Adoration: Tues. 9-10a; Sat. 8:30-9:30a
"First" Tuesdays, 9a to 9p

Baptisms: Parents must attend Baptism
Preparation. Contact the parish ofc.

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.



Today we are given the chance of a lifetime: a preview of what we will face at the end of time, straight from the lips of the One who will come in glory on that day. This is Christ the King, who rules over God's creation. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides to his disciples how he will pass judgment on us all. Keep in mind that it's never too late. Let us take heed so that we may do what Jesus expects from us. Then one day may we inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Readings for this Week (Nov. 27—Dec. 2)

MONDAY: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
TUESDAY: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk. 21:12-19
THURSDAY: (*Feast: Saint Andrew, Apostle*)
Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
FRIDAY: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
SATURDAY: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

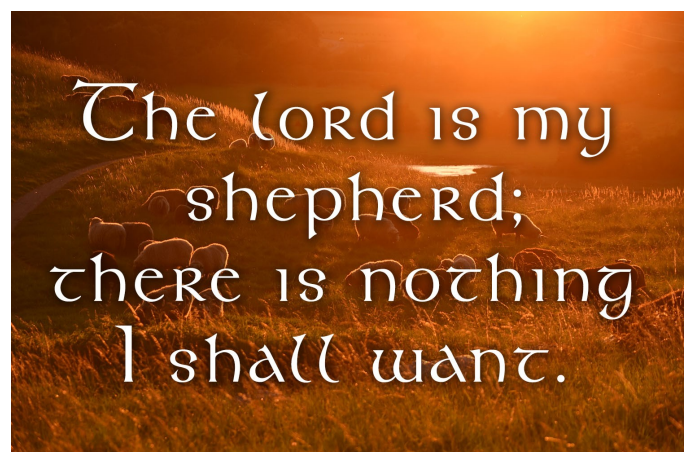
Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

- ◆ **First Sunday of Advent** (Liturgical Cycle B) begins next weekend (Dec. 2/3)
- ◆ **Holy Day of Obligation: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is December 8.
Our Holy Day Masses will be: Vigil Mass on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. and Masses on Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Advent Penance Service** will be on Thursday, December 14 at 7 p.m.

A Message from Father Tom...

As the days darken and the ordinary starts to feel more extraordinary, we enter very soon into Advent. This Solemnity this Sunday carries with it the well-known Matthew 25 reading of the separation of sheep from goats. Sometimes we justify service to the poor (Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy) by the words of this gospel: "whatever you did [or didn't do] for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." That becomes commonly projected as "seeing everyone as Christ." But, the invitation is far more beautiful, I think. These are other members of the Body, equally connected but alone as we often find ourselves, and the mercy we can show is the mercy Christ himself would show as "The Head" to a member of "His Body." When we show mercy, we emulate the outward missions of the divine. For, what does it mean for all creation to be rendered subject to Christ? It isn't that he destroys evil with his mighty arm, but that he redirects and subjects all creation to the Kingdom, where God is all in all. That those of evil will be converted and gathered in the Kingdom is the destination of all things, for that is the state for which they were made.

As we prepare for the two-fold coming of Christ during Advent, let us live our lives under the banner of this one goal for all creation: not to divide, separate, distance, or estrange, but to mercifully invite and gather so that we can all march on the pilgrim road together, sometimes suffering, sometimes in great joy, towards the one thing necessary: God as all in all. We might be momentarily separated as we come along the road at different rates and times, but the end goal is still the same. We don't desire ill for any, but rather conversion of heart.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *Jackie Russell "Jack" Rose*, the father of Andrea Hopkins, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Andrea at 1728 Holston Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are placed in loving memory of *James Martinis*, given by the Martinis family.



TODAY—November 26th

No Faith Formation sessions today (so that means—no Sunday School, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, Youth Ministry or Confirmation Preparation).



Senior High & Junior High Youth Ministry

- Nov. 26— NO Youth Ministry
- Happy Thanksgiving!
- ♦ Dec. 3 — Youth Ministry (BYC 6-8pm)
- **Journey to Confirmation!** (BYC 6p-8p)
- ♦ Dec. 10— Fun Night! 12:30pm-6:30pm
- Masterpiece Mixers



February 9-11, 2024

Open to all youth in 9th - 12th grade

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an annual weekend event in Richmond, VA that gathers high school youth from the Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. It is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith. Registration is now open! We have a limited number of spots available and will be a first-come, first-served basis.

Early Bird Registration \$160 (register before 11/30)

Registration \$210 (register after 11/30)

Registration deadline—January 7, 2024

*If you have questions or to register,
contact Laura Cochrane at:*

276-492-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

Respect Life Rosary

The next pro-life rosary will be at the St. Augustine Center this Wednesday, November 29 at 12:15 p.m. We will continue to pray the pro-life rosary even though the 40-days-for-life has ended.

Wednesday Bible Study

We will begin a new Bible Study on the New Testament by *Bart Ehrman* starting this Wednesday, November 29 at 1 p.m. in the St. Augustine Center. This is a DVD-based program and there is nothing to buy and no homework to do. Each DVD will be a separate topic and you can join at any time. This is an opportunity for parents who pick up their students from St. Anne Catholic School, as the program will be over each week at 2:30 p.m.

The Council of Catholic Women of VA/TN
is hosting a

Christmas Cookie Exchange Get Together

All women of the parish are invited!!

Date: Thursday, December 7
Time: 12 Noon (*refreshments served*)
Place: Monsignor Hickie Center

Please bring 3 dozen cookies and a few copies of your recipe to share. Please package the cookies as follows:

4 bags of 6 cookies each
and one bag of 12 cookies
to donate for outreach

Each lady will go home with 4 bags of cookies.

If you cannot bring cookies to share, please come to enjoy refreshments, carols and a Christmas Story.

Contact Eileen Gibney for information at 423-652-7425 or egibneysas@yahoo.com





Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25 (*Christ the King*)

5:30 p.m. †Thomas Rudoni

Sunday, November 26 (*Our Lord Jesus Christ the King*)

8:30 a.m. †James Martinis

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:30 p.m. †Enrique Vega Ramirez (*Spanish Mass*)

Monday, November 27—Mass at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28

8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss

Wednesday, November 29

8:30 a.m. †Dennis Hahn

Thursday, November 30

6:00 p.m. †Cesar Santos

Friday, December 1

8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss

Saturday, December 2—Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 2 (*1st Sunday of Advent*)

5:30 p.m. †Joan Parkulo

Sunday, December 2 (*First Sunday of Advent*)

8:30 a.m. †Felix Hernandez

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:30 p.m. †Martina Garcia Arellano (*Spanish Mass*)

MASS INTENTIONS: Often our availability for Mass Intentions can fill up quickly, so if you have specific dates in the new year that you may want to schedule a Mass Intention, you may want to plan ahead and contact the office to see if the date(s) are still available.



PARISH SUPPORT

E-Giving (Nov. 10-16, 2023)

Regular/Operating	\$3,443
Bldg./Maintenance Reserve	\$ 50
Archdiocese/Military Svcs.	\$ 203

(Due to the early publisher/shipper deadline for Thanksgiving weekend; the collection results from last weekend were not available for this bulletin and will be included in next weekend's bulletin.)

Second Collection next weekend:

Our 2nd collection next weekend (1st Sunday of the month) is taken up for Saint Anne Catholic School and diocesan schools. Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday First Sunday of Advent



Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!

Psalm 80

"Lord, make us turn to you;

Let us see your face and we shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 13:33-37

Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

"Watch!" the final word of next Sunday's Gospel binds together our readings on the 1st Sunday of Advent. Isaiah watched for the Lord, anticipating that one day God would come down from the heavens and rescue the Chosen People. St. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be watchful for the day when the Lord would return. Jesus himself compared the Second Coming to the head of the house returning at a time you least expect. May God's word remind us to wait watchfully for the Lord.

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, December 9th
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Johnson City, TN

You are invited to this Advent Retreat, from **2p-7p**, on Saturday, December 9 at **St. Mary's in Johnson City**. The retreat will be led by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. There is no cost. For more information, to view the schedule and to register, go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/233046383205147>.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Christmas Season can be especially hard for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. If you would like to join our Grief Support Group, which meets bi-weekly, you are welcome to do so. It is facilitated by Doug & Mary Pat Ernst. For more information, please contact Rosie in the parish office at 276-669-8200 or email her at stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are physically unable to come to Mass and are in need of homebound communion, please contact the parish office.



**Children/Middle School (Grades 2-8)
Special Choir for Christmas**

Children/Youth in grades 2 to 8 who would like to sing in our Special Choir **Christmas Eve** (Sun., Dec. 24) at the **5:00 p.m. Mass** are asked to come to three rehearsals:

Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m. in the church on

December 6, December 13, and December 20

(If you don't attend St. Anne's School and getting here by 3:15 is not possible due to distance from your school, please talk with Stephanie Yoder: 276-669-8200 or email her at syoder@stannes-bristol.org.

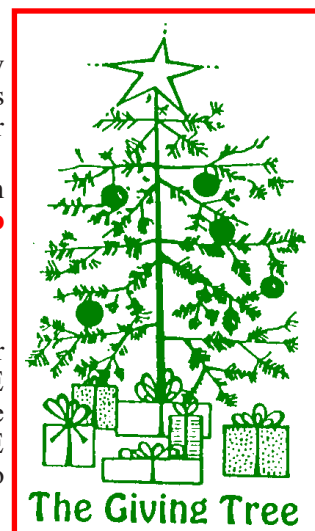
Giving Tree

Please consider bringing joy to children in our local area this Christmas by taking a tag or two from our Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree will be in the commons **the first two weekends in December.**

Gifts are due back in by Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17.

Take a tag, buy the gift, wrap or put it in a gift bag, and **BE SURE THE TAG** is on the **OUTSIDE** of the **PACKAGE** and **FIRMLY ATTACHED** so we'll know who the gift is for.



**POLAR EXPRESS
PAJAMA PARTY**

(for Children Pre3 thru 5th grade)

St. Anne Catholic School is hosting a Polar Express Pajama Party on **Wed., Dec. 13**, from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** in the Great Room. All parish and school families are invited to join us for story time and hot chocolate.

Advent! Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

(Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year & Calendar, 39)