



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" Tue. Dec. 5 will be 9a to 12n

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.



Bombarded with Christmas decorations and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that Christ's coming was not a single one-time-only event. In the Gospel Jesus warns us that he will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth he can also come to us in our hearts at any time: during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's prematurely spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen!

Readings for this Week (Dec. 4-9)

MONDAY: Isaiah 2:1-6; Matthew 8:5-11
TUESDAY: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
THURSDAY: (*Memorial: St. Ambrose*) Is. 26:1-6; Jn. 10:11-16
(for the Holy Day Vigil Readings: see * below)
FRIDAY: (*Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
* Gn. 3:9-15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1:26-38
SATURDAY: Is. 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Scripture for next Sunday
2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Psalms 85

*"Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation."*

2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

In next Sunday's first reading, it is in the desert that Isaiah imagines a way of the Lord will be prepared. In the Gospel, it is from the desert that John the Baptist appears on the scene. Hearing these prophets, let us contemplate our own spiritual deserts and listen for John's call for repentance. May we heed that call as we prepare for the Lord with the holiness and devotion that we hear called for in the second reading next Sunday, devoting ourselves to making holy our lives and our world in preparation for his coming.

A Message from Father Tom....

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

This is what Jesus says to us, as the new liturgical year turns. He makes a point of emphasizing that he says this to all, not simply to this person, who might appear "sleepy" or to that person who might appear "distracted." He says it to all and he says it for all time (we delineate the end of time as the Second Coming). For us who are often in an "auto-pilot" mode of reacting to the world as it hurtles towards us, trying to stay afloat and ahead of what might come next, it might seem odd to ask us to watch.

Watching to react versus watching in wonder and awe, in eager anticipation, are different things. We might brace ourselves so that debris (perhaps from our roof repair) doesn't fall on our heads. We look longingly at the mountains or the sky or the ocean for a whole different reason. It's the latter reason, with supernatural vision, that we watch for the Lord. Our Lord might appear! What joy that brings to a heart made ready to receive him. Yet, what fear that engenders for someone who is procrastinating in their life of excellence or living in fear of a master they do not understand. Our master and Lord, our savior and redeemer, is good (the very definition of it) and a just judge.

Let us use this Advent to prepare ourselves for the better kind of watching, so as to fill our hearts with joy.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *Marie-Christine Toby*, the mother of Kimberly Toby, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Kimberly at 254 Booher Road, Apt. C1, Bristol, TN 37620.

Advent Adoration with Guided Meditation (Sunday Dec. 3rd and Dec. 17) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the church

Join us for Adoration with a time of guided meditation on the 1st Sunday (today!) and the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting

For parents of children Grade 2 or older who are in need of Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion*) If you wish your child to receive First Communion this spring, a parent is required to attend one of the following meetings: —(today, Dec. 3) or next Sunday (Dec. 10)
12:45 p.m. in the Great Room

Questions? Please contact Sarah French:
sfrench@stannes-bristol.org

Senior High & Junior High Youth Ministry

- ◆ Dec. 3 — Youth Ministry (BYC 6-8pm)
 - **Journey to Confirmation!** (BYC 6p-8p)
- ◆ Dec. 10— Fun Night! 12:30pm-6:30pm
 - Masterpiece Mixers
- ◆ Dec. 17 — Youth Ministry (BYC 6-8pm)
 - **Journey to Confirmation!** (BYC 6p-8p)
- ◆ Dec. 24—NO Youth Ministry
 - Merry Christmas!

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 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.

Registration \$210

Registration deadline—January 7, 2024

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

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

“First” Tuesday Adoration—December 5th 9 a.m. to 12 noon

This month we will not be having our regular 12-hr. adoration on the “1st Tuesday” due to the school’s Christmas program which will be in the church. So this Tuesday (Dec. 5) we will have a **THREE HOUR** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —from 9am to 12noon. Adoration begins immediately following the 8:30am morning Mass and will conclude with Benediction at noon.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY: There will be a pro-life rosary at 12:15 Wednesday in the St. Augustine Center.

BIBLE STUDY: There will be a general overview of the New Testament on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Saint Augustine Center. There is no preparation required or homework in this program.

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, 3:15p in the church on:

Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 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.)



Parish Pastoral Council members are reminded of their meeting this **WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m.** in the parish office conference room. *(This month’s meeting is on Wednesday instead of Thursday due to the Bristol Christmas Parade downtown Thursday.)*

The WORD among us

Advent issues of the WORD among us “*Living as a Holy Family*” are available on the table in the commons. You are welcome to take a copy.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs CD of the Week:

A journey Through Advent: Liturgical Cycle B

Get the most out of Advent and Christmas by following along with Bishop Robert Barron’s homilies as he unpacks the Sunday Scripture readings for Cycle B. Find this CD and many other new titles at the display on the table in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated! Thank you to the Council of Catholic Women who sponsor our Lighthouse CDs.

Mass Intentions
for the Week 

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*)
Monday, December 4—No Mass on 1st Monday of month
Tuesday, December 5
8:30 a.m. †Vicente Pham Bao Thach
Wednesday, December 6
8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss
Thursday, December 7 (*Holy Day Vigil*)
6:00 p.m. †Elizabeth Martin
Friday, Dec. 8 (*Holy Day: Immaculate Conception*)
8:30 a.m. †Fred Eaton
7:00 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.
Saturday, December 9—Mass at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 9 (*2nd Sunday of Advent*)
5:30 p.m. †Tony Orobona
Sunday, December 10 (*Second Sunday of Advent*)
8:30 a.m. †JoAnn Schatz
11:30 a.m. †Gailya Rasnic
2:30 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



CHURCH SUPPORT

E-giving (Nov. 17-2)

Regular/Operating	\$2,695
Bldg./Maintenance Reserve	\$ 53
St. Anne School/diocesan schools	\$ 13
Bristol Faith In Action	\$ 125

Collection (Nov. 19/20 & 25/26)

Regular/Operating (Nov. 19/20)	\$10,230.37
Regular/Operating (Nov. 25/26)	\$ 7,749
St. Anne School/diocesan schools	\$ 278
Archdiocese for Military Svcs.	\$ 168
Thanksgiving Outreach	\$ 215
Parish Charities/Outreach	\$ 100

December Second Collections:

- ◇ This weekend (Dec. 3) - St. Anne School/dioc.schools
- ◇ Dec. 17—Parish Charity/local outreach
- ◇ Dec. 25—Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Holy Day Collections:

- ◇ **Dec. 7/8**—at the Vigil Mass and the Holy Day Masses for the Immaculate Conception there will be one collection taken up—for our parish operating fund.
- ◇ **Dec. 24/25**—at the Christmas Holy Day Masses, there is the Holy Day collection (for operating) and the second collection for Catholic Charities.
(*Sunday Dec. 24 regular collection will be taken up at the two Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent*)

All women of the parish are invited!!
The Council of Catholic Women of VA/TN
is hosting a

Christmas Cookie Exchange
Get Together

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Upcoming Bulletin deadlines...

- For Dec. 10 bulletin, NLT 12n on Monday, Dec. 4
- For Dec. 17 bulletin, NLT 9A on Monday, Dec. 11
- *Due to publisher, shipping and holiday schedules, at this time we are unsure whether or not we will publish a bulletin for the weekend of Dec. 24; We appreciate your understanding.*
- For Dec. 31 bulletin, NLT 9A on Tuesday, Dec. 26

BFIA update (3rd Quarter of 2023)

- Housing: 95 households (total of \$66, 123)
- Utilities: 226 households (total of \$38,452)
- Food: 357 people for a total of \$21,420
- Diapers/wipes: 229 families (\$10,876)
- Hygiene/cleaning supplies: 684 (\$18,811)

758 Households and 637 children were impacted through the generosity of BFIA member churches and donors.

A note of thanks... to Saint Anne's... from BFIA:

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and kindnesses to Bristol Faith in Action!



Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who took feathers and brought in food to help with our Thanksgiving outreach!!

Thank you to the folks who purchased Christmas Gifts for the children of Southwest Virginia in Commonwealth Catholic Charities therapeutic foster care program.

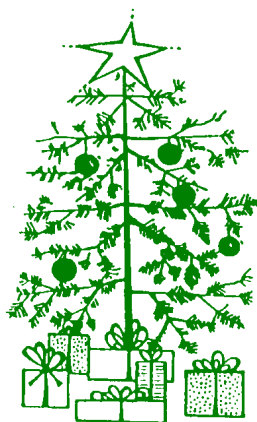
May God bless you all for your goodness!!

The Giving Tree

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

Gifts are due back NO LATER THAN 3:30p Sunday afternoon, December 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, firmly attached, so we will know who the gift is for.



The Giving Tree

POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY

(for Children Pre3 thru 5th grade)

St. Anne Catholic School is hosting a Polar Express Pajama Party on **Wed., December 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.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(a Holy Day of Obligation)*



Our Masses will be:

-Thurs., Dec. 7 at 6p (vigil)
-Fri., Dec. 8 at 8:30a & 7p

Incense will be used at the Vigil Mass and the 7p Mass.
(no incense at 8:30a Mass)

The Immaculate Conception is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America.

Poinsettias

If you would like to make a donation toward our Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, please notify Rosie in the parish office **NLT 4p on Wednesday, Dec. 20.** These will be listed in our **bulletin on Dec. 31** (the Feast of the Holy Family).