



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:

Dec. 16/Sat. (Anticipation of Sunday)...5:30p
Dec. 17/Sun. 8:30 am & 11:30 am;

Spanish at 230p

Monday: 6:00pm (NO Mass on 1st Monday)
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Thursday.....6:00 p.m.

Saturday/daily Mass..... 9:30 a.m.

**Masses: 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24)
And Christmas Holy Days (Dec. 24/25) —**

****see Mass Schedule inside bulletin ****

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.

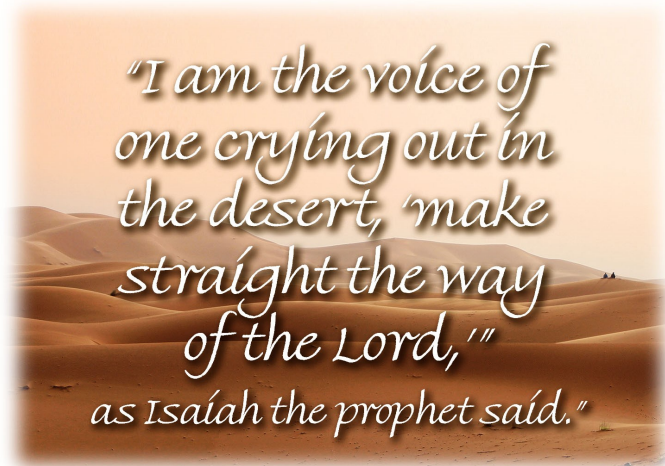
Weddings: 8 months notice required to

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.

Through this season of Advent, we are called to prepare for the Lord's coming by repenting of our sins, removing the obstacles that make it difficult for us to recognize his approach, and remaining ever watchful for his arrival. But today we rejoice (in Latin, **gaudete**) because we focus on the knowledge that the One whom we await comes to embrace us, transform us, and redeem us. Gathered together in joy, we look forward, as always, to his coming.



Scripture for the 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.

Psalms 89

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Luke 1:26-38

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Masses next weekend for the 4th Sunday of Advent are: Sat., Dec. 23 at 5:30p and Sun., Dec. 24 at 10a and these two Masses will be celebrated in the gymnasium/Parish Life Center.

The double doors at both ends of the hallway by the Great Room will be accessible and there will be access to the gym down the elevators if you come in those doors. The lower parking lot by the gym is reserved for those who have mobility issues (walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc.).



Christmas Holy Day Masses

(Incense at all Christmas Masses except the 5p Christmas Eve)

- ◆ **Christmas Eve**—Sunday, Dec. 24
at **5p, 8p, 12midnight**
- ◆ **Christmas Day**—Monday, Dec. 25
at **10 a.m.**

A Message from Father Tom!

Gaudete! - Rejoice!

In a double-advent of Advent, we anticipate the Octave of the Nativity. This is the Church's equivalent of gleefully jumping up and down as an 8-year-old when you hear there is going to be a foot of snow on the ground the next day, but haven't yet seen a flake fall ... yet you remember the last morning you woke up and entered into the stillness of a snow blanketed morning.

The color of the day is Rose (as we're all careful to say "not pink"), which is the mingling of the Violet of Advent and Gold/White of Christmas. This is also the shift to anticipating Christ's coming in the flesh as a baby, rather than at the end of time.

In triple anticipation, we will have the Rite of Welcome at the 8:30am Mass, which is a progression along the process of separated Christian brethren coming into Full Communion with the Church (creed, Eucharist, Confirmation).

Rejoice!

PRAY for VOCATIONS

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me."

God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to Father Tom or reach out to the Office of Vocations at 804-359-5661 or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**Bethlehem Christians/Crafts
HERE THIS WEEKEND!!**

Plan to stop in the Great Room AFTER MASS this weekend (Dec. 16/17). Olive wood carvings and crafts from Christian artists in the Holy Land will be offered for sale after the Masses. Sales of olive wood carvings support Christian families in the Bethlehem area who rely on this and on tourism as primary sources of income. Christians make up less than 2% of the population of the Holy Land? Your support helps keep these native Christians rooted in their homeland. Thank you for your support and prayers.

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE IN TODAY!!

Did you take a tag from the Giving Tree?
Gifts need to be in this afternoon!
If you forgot to bring your gift in,
please bring them this afternoon (Sunday Dec. 17)!
Gifts should be in gift bag or wrapped and
ATTACH THE TAG to the OUTSIDE
Thank you so very much!!



**Senior High & Junior High
YOUTH MINISTRY**

- ♦ Dec. 17 — Youth Ministry (BYC 6p-8pm)
 - **Journey to Confirmation!** (BYC 6p-8p)
- ♦ Dec. 24—NO Youth Ministry
 - Merry Christmas!
- ♦ Dec. 31—NO Youth Ministry
 - Happy New Year!
- ♦ Jan. 7 — Youth Ministry (BYC 6p-8p)
 - Christmas Party!

**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. DYC is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate. Registration is now open! We have a limited number of spots available on 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

TODAY—GAUDETE SUNDAY! A Joyful Sunday.
The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs 8 to 13 days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy. **The Term “*Gaudete*.”** *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near*” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for the **sister-in-law** of Sue White who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Sue & Willie at 127 Cherrywood Ln., Bristol, TN 37620.

NO FAITH FORMATION
(Adults, Sunday School, RCIA)
December 24 or December 31
We will resume classes Jan. 7!

Catechists and Adult Volunteers Needed!

Faith Formation is in need of servant hearted parishioners to serve as Catechists and Adult Volunteers. No experience is required, we will provide the necessary materials and training. We have needs in every age group 0-100+! Contact Sarah French if you'd like to serve (or if you'd just like to hear more) sfrench@stannes-bristol.org
Thank you in advance for your support!

ATTENTION BOOK CLUB FOLKS...

No Book Club Dec. 19, 26 or Jan. 2
We will resume on January 9th

Please note:

- ⇒ The School Mass this week will be on Tuesday, December 19 at 8:30a (instead of on Wednesday).
- ⇒ There will be the **Tuesday “Holy Hour”** of Eucharistic Adoration which will begin at the conclusion of the School Mass (a little after 9a).

**Special Choir for Christmas
(for Grades 2-8)**



If you'd like to sing in our Special Choir **Christmas Eve** (Sun., Dec. 24) at the **5:00 p.m. Mass** plan to come to the rehearsal at 315p in the church this **Wednesday Dec. 20.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

5:30 p.m. †Diane Blackburn

Sunday, December 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss

11:30 a.m. †Sharon Mooney

2:30 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

Monday, December 18 Mass at 6p

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. †Dennis Hahn

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. †Rita Mansfield

Thursday, December 21

6:00 p.m. †Lena Rudoni

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Spec.Intention for Christine Wurm

Saturday, December 23—Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 23 (4th Sunday of Advent)

5:30 p.m. Regina C. Finan

Sunday, December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Holy Day)

5:00 p.m. Neal Jewell

8:00 p.m. Emily Lauman

12 Midnight Parishioners

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Holy Day)

10:00 a.m. Tonette Davidson



Stewardship

E-Giving (Dec. 1-8)

Regular/Operating	\$5,393
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 75
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 75
Bldg./Maintenance Reserve	\$ 150
St. Anne School/diocesan schools	\$ 435
Social Ministry/Outreach 2nd coll.	\$ 125
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	\$ 50

(Due to early publisher's schedule, the collection results for last weekend (Dec. 9/10) were not available for this bulletin and will be included in a future bulletin.)

2nd collection today (Dec. 17) is for our Social Ministry/Parish Charities/local outreach fund.

Our Regular Dec. 24 collection will be taken up at the 4th Sunday of Advent Masses (5:30p Dec. 23 & 10a Dec. 24).

At the **Christmas Holy Day Masses**, there will be the **Christmas Holy Day collection** (for operating) and also the 2nd collection for **Commonwealth Catholic Charities**.

Looking Ahead to Year End—any donations for your 2023 tax statement need to be RECEIVED in the office or POSTMARKED no later than 12/31/2023.

(Please note: Holy Day collection taken up at the Sunday, Dec. 31 Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, will be recorded as a **2024**)

Lighthouse Catholic Media

CD of the Week: God made Man

Fr. Shannon Collins has appeared on EWTN and has served as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master. In this Christmas-themed presentation, Fr. Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church. Find this CD and many other titles at the Lighthouse CD display on the table in the commons. A \$3.00 donation per CD is appreciated to enable us to restock with new titles.

Scripture for next Sunday (4th Sunday of Advent)

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Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

In the first reading, David worries about finding a proper home for the ark of God. After all, it was housed in a tent as if they were still journeying through the desert. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes to a young virgin in Nazareth to announce that God has chosen her to bear the son of God, to provide a home for the Lord. Let us now make a home in our hearts for the Lord, so that we, like Saint Paul, may make known to the nations the wonders and glories of Jesus Christ.

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Scripture

At the Vigil Mass:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 (or) 1:18-25

At the Mass during the Night:

Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

At the Mass at Dawn:

Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

At the Mass during the Day:

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (or) John 1:1-5, 9-14

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stannes-bristol.org

Read the bulletin, check out any latest news.

When Office is Closed... there will always be an emergency number listed (on Rosie's voicemail, ext.0) if you need a priest for an emergency anointing.



Father, make us like Mary...
Father, fill us with grace.
Make us open and empty,
to receive Your Word each day;
to give birth to Your Son,
to give birth to Your Jesus,
to give birth to Your Son,
to give Him to everyone.



Christmas Holy Day Masses

(Incense at all Christmas Masses
except the 5p Christmas Eve)

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at 5p, 8p, 12midnight/bilingual
- ◆ **Christmas Day**—Monday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

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 this Wednesday, Dec. 20** — call 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bridol.org. These will be listed in our bulletin on Dec. 31 (*the Feast of the Holy Family*).

Looking Ahead just a bit...

- ◆ We are not printing a bulletin for Dec. 23/24/25.
- ◆ The parish office will be closed the week of Dec. 25-29.
- ◆ Bulletin deadline for the Dec. 31 bulletin is NLT 8:00am on Tuesday, Dec. 26 (leave on voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bridol.org)
- ◆ There will be **Week Day Masses at 6 p.m.** on Tuesday thru Friday, December 26-29.
- ◆ Regular schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family, December 30/31 (Sat. 530p, Sunday 830a/1130a/2:30p)
- ◆ **Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses:** Vigil Mass on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5:30p and Mass on Monday, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m.