

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

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Monday: 6:00pm (NO Mass on 1st Monday)
Tuesday8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday6:00 p.m.
Friday8:30 a.m.
Saturday/daily Mass 9:30 a.m.
Holy Days: Call the office for Mass times

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

Confessions:

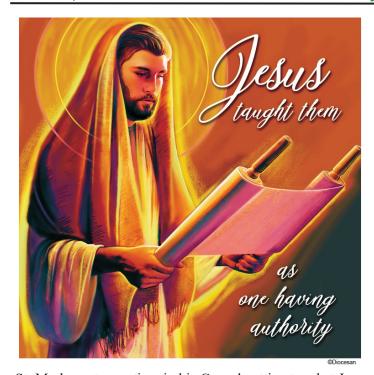
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Sat., 8:45a-9:30a; 415-515p p.m. or by appointment.

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.



St. Mark wastes no time in his Gospel getting to what Jesus said and did. From the beginning of His ministry Jesus "talked the talk" and "walked the walk", both proclaiming and demonstrating God's power. Today St. Mark tells us that when Jesus taught in the synagogue He astonished the congregation because He spoke with such authority. Then, before He left He responded to a man with an unclean spirit by driving out the demon that possessed him, amazing the

with us always, let us accept the challenge to talk the talk and walk the walk as Jesus did.

Altar Flowers

people all the more. Since Jesus promised that He would be

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by Kimberly Toby in loving memory of her mother, *Marie-Christine Toby*.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are asked for *Ann Fondale Cody*, the aunt of <u>Mary Monroe</u>, who passed away recently. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Mary & Mark at 1317 Holly Court, Bristol, TN 37620.



A Message from Father Tom...

"Have you come to destroy us?" It's more often than not that we fall back to a notion of our relationship with God patterned after a child being scolded by her/his parent. Instead, God has been calling us into a closer relationship over all time (yes, even through the Old Testament where we like to think that God is only a vengeful God). Part of the reason why we might fall into a rules/enforcer mentality can find purchase in what the demons ask Jesus. If Jesus doesn't destroy the evil spirits (as they were once angels and still creatures of God), we should have a fairly founded hope that Jesus doesn't actively want to destroy us either.

Let us all seek to work on our disposition towards God and even our neighbor. Do we default to thinking that other people want to destroy us? We might call this a hermeneutic of suspicion or antagonism. Or do we view the other beings/agents/actors in our lives as people we can and should find a way to work into ever deeper communion?

Ultimately, if we desire eternal friendship with God, we should earnestly try to see him not as an occasional enemy, but as someone who always intends our good (even if we don't desire our own good for ourselves all the time).

World Day for Consecrated Life is February 2nd

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you."

If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to Father Tom or reach out to the Office of Vocations at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Remember to PRAY for VOCATIONS!

Senior High & Junior High YOUTH MINISTRY

- Jan. 28 Youth Ministry (BYC 6-8p)
 - Confirmation RETREAT (12:30p-4p)
- Saturday Feb. 3 Confirmation Mass <u>11 a.m.</u> with Bishop Knestout
 - Be at St. Anne's at 10:15am!
- February 4 Youth Ministry (BYC 6-8p)
- Feb. 9-11 DYC (Richmond)
- Feb. 11 NO SHYM / NO JHYM
 - Returning from DYC
- February 18 Youth Ministry (BYC 6-8p)

HOLY HOUR: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday, 9a-10a (following 8:30a Mass).

Respect Life Rosary: Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed this Wednesday, January 31st at 12:15 p.m. in the Saint Augustine Center.

Wednesday Bible Study: We will have Bible Study on Wed., Jan. 31st, at 1:00 p.m. at the Saint Augustine Center.

2024 CATHOLIC CALENDARS—Stop by the table in the commons if you need a 2024 calendar!

PRINCIPAL POSITION: St. Anne Catholic School seeks dynamic and highly qualified candidates for the position of principal, to begin in the 2024-2025 school year. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit https://bit.ly/3tkkco7.

(the link in last week's bulletin was missing the "7" - we apologize for this error.)



From February 14th thru March 24th, area Christians from various denominations are participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion. For 40 days, we will pray, fast, and have a peaceful daily prayer vigil near the Bristol Women's Health abortion business located at 2603 Osborne St., Bristol, VA. Please join us. To volunteer, contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or 276-644-0340. You can learn more at www.40daysforlife.com or come to our Kick-off Prayer Gathering on February 6th.

Spring 40 Days for Life Vigil
Interdenominational prayer gathering & kick-off
Tuesday, Feb. 6 at St. Anne's Great Room

6 p.m.—pizza will be served Please RSVP for pizza by Feb. 4th 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or 276-644-0340

Thursday Evening Scripture Study returns to the church location

As we know, when we attend Mass it should not be the first time we have heard the readings. The Church encourages us to study the scripture readings that we will hear sometime prior to Mass. Our Thursday group, which began years ago and moved offsite after Covid, is returning to the church location on Thursdays right after the 6 p.m. Mass. Please consider joining the group as we take a look at the upcoming Sunday readings in order to better prepare for Sunday Mass. No need to sign up, no prior study needed and no materials to purchase. All you need will be provided. Please plan to join us after Mass on Thursdays. We'll meet in the parish office conference room. If you have any questions about this scripture study, call Sydney Farnum, lead catechist for the study, at 423-383-3663.



All Women of the parish are invited to the CCW (Council of Catholic Women) meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 12N at the Monsignor Hickie Center!

Our guest speaker will be *Mr. Tom Hanlon*.

Tom is a member of St. Anne's parish and the Executive Director of **River's Way**. River's Way is a United Way agency which was founded by Mr. Hanlon and others in 1993.

The mission of River's Way is to "provide opportunities for youth and young adults with differing abilities to grow as individuals while making positive contributions to their community".

Mr. Hanlon will be joined by River's Way Gamechangers. The Gamechangers are adults with differing abilities who accompany River's Way staff in school-based walking programs and who participate in regular fitness programming at the YMCA of Bristol. Mr. Hanlon will introduce the Gamechangers and will talk about the work of River's Way and how that work is aligned with his Catholic faith.



Saturday, January 27 (Vigil—4th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Marie-Christine Toby

Sunday, January 28 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Rev. James Hassett 11:30 a.m. †Darrell Pendergrass 2:30 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Jan. 29

6:00 p.m. Special Intention: Clint Smith

Tuesday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. †Herbert Dittmar

Wednesday, Jan. 31

8:30 a.m. †Anna Moyer

Thursday, Feb. 1

6:00 p.m. †Charine "Jeanie" Norrell

Friday, Feb. 2

8:30 a.m. no intention yet scheduled **Saturday, Feb. 3**—weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 3 (Vigil—5th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. Special Intention: St. Anne School's Students, Faculty and Staff

Sunday, February 4 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 a.m. †Dennis Hahn 11:30 a.m. †Marilyn Mellett

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



Collection	Report (Jan.	13/14	& 20/21))
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Regular/Operating (Jan. 13/14)	\$8,982
Regular/Operating (Jan. 20/21)	\$7,593
Christmas & Sol. of Mary Holy Days	\$ 78
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	\$ 50
St. Anne School & diocesan schools	\$ 243
Social Ministry/Parish Charity outreach	\$ 100
Respect Life	\$2,488

E-Giving (Jan. 13-18)

Regular/Operating	\$3,040
St. Anne School/diocesan schools	\$ 53
Social Ministry/Parish Charity outreach	\$ 100
Respect Life	\$ 200

2nd Collection next weekend (1st Sunday of the month) will be for St. Anne Catholic School and diocesan schools.

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

With a goal of \$4,169,230, the 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese. In early February, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD of the Week:

Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Annulments

Are annulments merely a Catholic version of divorce? Nothing could be further from the truth. The differences are profound, and much of the confusion springs from a misunderstanding about marriage itself. In an informative talk that answers the most commonly asked questions on this topic, Bishop Joseph Perry explains the key principles of the Sacrament of Matrimony and applies them to divorce and annulments. Find this CD and many others at the Lighthouse display in the commons. A \$3 donation per CD is appreciated and enables us to restock with new titles.

Little Rock Scripture Study for Lent The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus

Friday mornings, <u>9:30a</u> (after morning Mass) to 11a Beginning <u>February 9</u> in the St. Augustine Center

This scripture study will look at the Passion and Resurrection narratives from all four gospels and give reasons for the differences in the four accounts. It promises to enrich your understanding of the heart of the Christian faith. Cost of the study guide: \$13.95 payable to St. Anne Catholic Church. Please sign up at the table in the commons this weekend or next weekend or by calling Sydney Farnum at 423-383-3663 as soon as possible so that study guides can be ordered and distributed at our first meeting on February 9. You can pay at the first meeting.

Scripture for next Sunday—Feb. 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Psalm 147

"Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted."

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

There is noting like listening to a passage from Job to bring a person down. What happens to the poor guy ranges from tragic to miserable, leaving him in the throes of despair. Still, he turns to God for mercy and healing, much as the people of Capernaum later looked to Jesus. Listening to the Word of God next Sunday, may we renew our trust in the Lord in the face of illnesses and difficulties.

PALMS!!

Bring in your blessed palms from last year and we will burn them to use on Ash Wednesday. (Yes! Ash Wednesday will be here soon—Feb. 14!). Bring the palms to the basket in the commons the **NEXT** two weekends (Feb 4 and Feb. 11).

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Jan. 28—Feb. 3

The CSW Theme is "Catholic Schools—United in Faith and Community". Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person—body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

The CSW logo symbolizes the united community of Catholic schools—not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. No Catholic school can fulfill its educational role alone. As a community, our schools are nourished and stimulated by the centrality of the word of Christ expressed through knowledge, service, scripture and sacramental tradition.



Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community—a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family!