

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;

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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.



We gather on this midwinter day, as we do each Sunday, to celebrate the meal that Jesus left us so that we could be nourished by Him as we continue our journey to the kingdom. We give praise and thanks to God for this opportunity, even as we acknowledge our failings, our sinfulness, and our need for God's mercy. Let us lift our voices in song and prayer to our God.

Scripture readings for NEXT Sunday 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp.

Psalm 32

"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

In ancient times, when people contracted leprosy they were immediately excluded from the community, barred from contact with anyone else. But Jesus changed all that when a single leper came to him. Not only did Jesus heal him, but he did so by reaching out and touching the man, breaking down the barrier between healthy and sick, between "clean" and "unclean". As Jesus did, so did St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who wrote that he became an imitator of Christ. May the words we hear next Sunday inspire us to be imitators of Christ as well, breaking down barriers and reaching out to those who have been excluded.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are planning to restart Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-6 at the 11:30a Sunday Mass on Sunday <u>February 25</u>. We are still in need of more Virtus trained adults to help. Please contact Sarah French at <u>sfrench@stannes-bristol.org</u>.

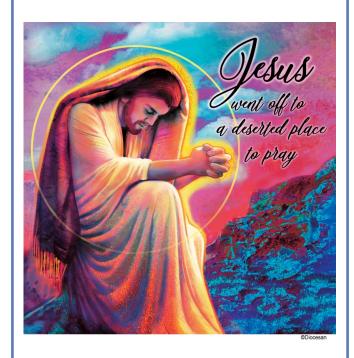
A Message from Father Tom

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed."

After working hard to cure diseases and cast out demons, Jesus prioritized prayer with his Father before continuing his ministry the next day.

The gospels have many references to Jesus going off by himself to pray. As we're a couple weeks away from Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter, let us all remember that prayer, especially prayer just listening to God who speaks in different ways to each of us for the circumstance we're in, is the primary and best medicine to what ails us.

Considering that the pressure of our lives and the world are a lot of what ails us, please take as much of this valuable time as you can whenever you can: before going to the store, before work, before visiting with family and friends, before rising, before going to bed, before eating or entertainment, and even before coming to church. Pray early and often to sanctify the day and our action in it.



Youth Doings ...

Senior High & Junior High Youth Ministry

• Saturday Feb. 3 — Confirmation Mass <u>11 a.m.</u> with Bishop Knestout

- 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)



"First" Tuesday of the Month (February 6th) 12-Hour Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament

<u>9a to 9p</u>

(begins after the 8:30a Mass and ends with Benediction at 9p)

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." (St. Alphonsus Liguori)



February 14—March 24

Let's gather as the Body of Christ and brainstorm new ways to increase our prayer efforts in Bristol's fight against the evil of abortion.

The next segment of 40 Days for Life begins with a kickoff <u>this Tuesday, Feb. 6</u> in the Great Room/cafeteria here at Saint Anne's (*please enter thru the doors from the main parking lot*). This is a gathering to **pray, strategize, and enjoy fellowship** with others in the larger community concerned about the abortion business in Bristol, VA. Please spread the word and certainly consider praying during the Feb. 14—March 24 spring vigil.

Interdenominational gathering for prayer, fellowship & strategizing This Tuesday, Feb. 6th pizza will be served <u>at 6 p.m.</u> RSVP for pizza by Feb. 4

For more information or to RSVP for pizza, contact Angie Bush at 276-644-0340 or <u>40daysbrstoltn@gmail.com</u>.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY is prayed at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the St. Augustine Center.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. at the St. Augustine Center. All are welcome!



All Women of the parish are invited to the CCW (Council of Catholic Women) meeting this 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.

Thursday Evening Scripture Study

The Church encourages us to study the scripture readings that we will be hearing on Sunday sometime prior to coming to Mass. Our Thursday Scripture Study group meets in the parish office conference room following the 6 p.m. Thursday evening Mass. Consider joining the group as we take 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. Questions? please call Sydney Farnum at 423-383-3663.

MASS INTENTIONS for this WEEK

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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)		
(no 6 p.m. Mass—Monday, Feb. 5)			
Tuesday, Feb. 6			
	†Jack Mellett		
Wednesday, Feb. 7			
8:30 a.m.	†Linda Schroeder		
Thursday, Feb. 8			
6:00 p.m.	no intention yet scheduled		
Friday, Feb. 9			
8:30 a.m.	no intention yet scheduled		
Saturday, Feb. 10—weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m.			
Saturday, Feb. 10 (Vigil—6th Sunday/Ordinary Time)			
	no intention yet scheduled		
Sunday, February 11 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
8:30 a.m.			
11:30 a.m.	†Julian 'Dave' Pryputniewicz		
	no intention yet scheduled (Spanish Mass)		

Stewardship

E-Giving Report (Jan. 19-26)			
Regular/Operating \$2,974.	Bldg./Roof Repairs \$500.		
Solemnity of Mary \$15,	Respect Life \$65.		
Collection Report (Jan. 27/28)			
Regular/Operating	\$7,587.66		
Solemnity of Mary &	Christmas \$ 32.		
Respect Life	\$ 138.		
BFIA	\$ 75.		
St. Anne School/dioce	san schools \$ 167.		

2nd collection this weekend is our "first Sunday" of the month collection for <u>St. Anne School and diocesan schools</u>.

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

A Message from Our Bishop: By God's grace, in our prayer, worship, reception of the sacraments, we receive all that we need to share His love and hand on our faith to a new generation. Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to *Share His Love with Others*. When you support the Appeal, you help transform the lives of people who, like you, seek to be united in God's love and mercy. I hope you will consider a generous gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you again for sharing what you have received, and may God grant you every grace and blessing.

This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort. **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Your prayers are asked for *Laurn Becker*, a former Saint Anne parishioner who passed away recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the Becker family, P.O. Box 249, Glade Spring, VA 24340.

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 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 Feb. 9. You can pay at the first meeting.

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Feb. 13, 2024

Come join the Knights of Columbus as we usher in Lent with a mid-winter gathering of fellowship and fun.

Bring your appetite, for the Knights will be serving pancakes and sausage, beginning at **6p on Tuesday, Feb. 13** in the Great Room, and the entire Saint Anne's community is welcome!



St. Anne School students will display artwork and the Knights will be available to answer any questions you may have about the Order and get your ideas on what you would like to see us do within the parish and the community.

BUS TRIP to the Virginia March for Life/ Virginia Pro-Life Day

Save the Date: Wed., Feb. 21

St. Anne's has received a Respect Life grant from the Diocese of Richmond to help subsidize a bus to Richmond for the Virginia March for Life, which is part of a larger event, the Virginia Pro-Life Day.

More details coming soon!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Save the Date! Scuba VBS is coming to St. Anne this summer, June 17-21. Stay tuned for more information!

PALMS: Bring in your blessed palms from last year and we will burn them to use on Ash Wednesday. Bring them to the basket in the commons NO LATER THAN <u>SUNDAY, FEB. 11</u>.

ASH WEDNESDAY (the beginning of Lent) is Wednesday, <u>Feb. 14</u>. We will have three services on Ash Wednesday, **Mass** with distribution of ashes at **8:30a & 7:00p** and also a <u>Liturgy of the Word</u> (not a Mass) with distribution of ashes at <u>12n</u>.

PRAY for VOCATIONS

"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed."

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 email <u>vocations@richmonddiocese.org</u>.

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are welcome to come to St. Anne's Grief Support Group which meets twice a month and is led by Mary Pat & Doug Ernst. For more information, contact Rosie in the parish office or speak with Mary Pat & Doug.

