



# 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](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org)  
Website: .....[www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org)  
**St. Anne's School** ..... 276-669-0048  
email: [schooloffice@stanneschoolbristol.org](mailto: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; 4:00-5:15p p.m.  
or by appointment.

**Adoration:** Tues. 9-10a; "1st" Tues: 9a-9p  
Wed. 6-7p; '3rd' Mon 7-8p; Sat. 8:30-9:30a

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline:** 12N on Mondays.



On this first day of December, this first day of Advent, and this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive Him more deeply into our hearts and make Him more central to the way we live our lives. Let us resolve to give Jesus a new birth in our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of His birth into the world.

Mark your Calendar — **Lessons & Carols**  
This Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m.



This Advent season, get in a festive spirit with our music ministry! The choir and guest musicians will be presenting 'Down in Yon Forest', a Lessons & Carols service featuring music of the Middle Ages and Middle Appalachia. This venerable Church tradition blends nine scripture readings with music to help us focus on the coming mystery of the Nativity. Bring a non-Catholic friend; all are welcome! Also bring your family's favorite cookie recipe; we'll enjoy a cookie swap and cider after. Sign up on the sheet in the Commons to bring your treats. (If you aren't a cookie baker... still please come and enjoy the service!! We will have extra cookies for everyone!)

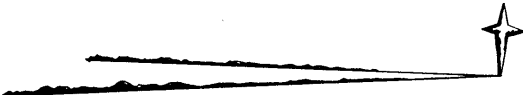
A Message from Father Tom...

"Behold, I make all things new." This is what Advent brings us. We see before us unfold in scripture how the Lord's providential plan to care for his people and gather us to himself plays out - at the end of time first, and how we are renewed by God becoming man, that we might become like him.

In this time of Advent this year, when we begin in earnest our work on our 5-year strategic plan, and we will soon begin the Jubilee Year of Hope, let us prepare our houses, our very selves, to receive the Lord with gladness.

Let us quiet our hearts and all our person, that our soul in silence can wait for Jesus. We wait to hear his coos and cries as a baby and the trumpet blast of his regal voice at the end of time - He who was, and is, and will forever be. Let us make that quiet something we bring into our time in church as well, mimicking the calm that the winter chill brings upon the natural world. Let's try to keep our worship space a calm and reverent space where we may listen for the voice of the Lord without chit chat and chatter before and after Mass.

Let us make room in our hearts and minds to receive the Lord in gladness and anticipation - He who is the greatest gift.



**GIVING TREE**



Will you help bring a smile to someone in need in our local community this Christmas?

Take an ornament (or more!) from the Giving Tree in the commons... Bring the wrapped gift (or in gift bag) back **NO LATER THAN Sunday Dec. 15.**

**PLEASE** be sure to tape the **ORNAMENT** on the **OUTSIDE** of the package!!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy, which is normally held at the 11:30 Mass, will not meet this weekend (Dec. 1), but will resume next week. As always, we'd love to have more volunteers. It is an easy way to get involved with Faith Formation — you serve 1-2 times a month for 30 minutes. If interested in helping with Children's Liturgy, please contact Sarah French at [sfrench@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sfrench@stannes-bristol.org).

**12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our monthly 12-Hr. Adoration is this **Tuesday, December 3 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Begins following the 8:30 a.m. Mass; Concludes at 9:00 p.m. with Benediction. *(Enter thru the side door to the commons)*



**GRIEF SUPPORT**

*Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?*

The holidays can be especially difficult for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Our Grief Support group is led by Doug & Mary Pat Ernst and they generally meet twice a month. If you are interested in joining our Grief Support Group, call the parish office (276-669-8200) or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org) or contact Mary Pat & Doug.

**Prayer for those**

**Grieving the Loss of a Loved One**

*O Lord, we thank You for the life You gave to our loved one, and the life everlasting that You grant to our loved one now.*

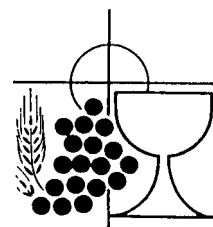
*Let Your presence in heaven be a blessing to our loved one and let Your dwelling with us now here on earth be a comfort to us as we mourn this loss in our lives. Amen.*

**Save the Date!**

***First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion***

**Parent Meeting**

For all parents of children ages 2nd Grade and up who have been baptized and are ready to pursue Reconciliation and Holy Communion.



This sacramental preparation will start in January 2005. All parents of eligible children are asked to attend a meeting to learn more about the preparation process and fill out the necessary registration forms for your child(ren). Contact Sarah French with questions—[sfrench@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sfrench@stannes-bristol.org)

Two options for parent meeting, pick one to attend:

- ◆ **Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:15-11:15am** in the Great Room
- ◆ **Tuesday, Dec.17, 3-4pm** in the School Library\*

\*SACS will waive the AfterSchool fee for all parents who need childcare for enrolled St. Anne School students during this meeting. If you are not a SACS family and would like to use AfterSchool during the meeting, please email [nhughes@stanneschoolbristol.org](mailto:nhughes@stanneschoolbristol.org)

*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, Dec. 5**

**Time: 12 Noon**

**Place: Monsignor Hickie Center**

**PLEASE BRING 3 DOZEN COOKIES AND A FEW COPIES OF YOUR RECIPE TO SHARE**

Please package cookies as follows:  
4 bags of 6 cookies each and  
1 bag of 12 cookies to donate for outreach.  
Each lady will go home with 4 bags of cookies.

**Join us for cookies, carols, and a Christmas Story**

Contact Eileen Gibney for information at 423-652-7425 or [egibneysas@yahoo.com](mailto:egibneysas@yahoo.com)



### Mass Intentions for this Week

*(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Nov. 30 at 9:30a)*

**Saturday, November 30** *(Vigil: First Sunday of Advent)*

5:30 p.m. †DeAnn Miles

**Sunday, December 1** *(First Sunday of Advent)*

8:30 a.m. †Joan Parkulo

11:30 a.m. †Michael Francis Arnold

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

*(No weekday Mass, Monday, Dec. 2)*

**Tuesday, December 3**

8:30 a.m. †Steve Foster

**Wednesday, December 4**

8:30 a.m. †Nathan Hess

**Thursday, December 5**

6:00 p.m. †Charles "Chuck" Weisenburger

**Friday, December 6**

8:30 a.m. †Ann P. Rogers

*(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Dec. 7 at 9:30a)*

**Saturday, December 7** *(Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent)*

5:30 p.m. †Andy Dannhardt

**Sunday, December 8** *(Second Sunday of Advent)*

8:30 a.m. †Patty Sheppard

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:30 p.m. †Ramona Sanchez *(Spanish Mass)*



### E-giving (Nov. 15-21)

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Regular/Operating        | \$3,793 |
| All Saints Holy Day      | \$ 80   |
| Christmas Holy Day       | \$ 30   |
| Building/roof repairs    | \$ 103  |
| Mission Cooperative      | \$ 50   |
| Retired Religious Fund   | \$ 30   |
| Military Archdiocese     | \$ 130  |
| Parish Outreach/Charity  | \$ 55   |
| St. Anne Catholic School | \$ 50   |

*(Due to the early publishing deadline Thanksgiving week, the collection results for Nov. 23/24 were not available for this bulletin and will be included next weekend.)*

### December 2nd Collections:

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 *(St. Anne Catholic School)*

Dec. 7/8 *(Retired Religious Fund)*

Dec. 14/15 *(Social Ministry/Parish Outreach)*

Dec. 24/25 *(Commonwealth Catholic Charities)*

### **NOTE:**

*There will be 1 collection (Operating) taken up on the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Monday, Dec. 9. Mass times for the Holy Day will be 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.*

### **Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Do you have one hour a week to spend with our Lord praying for our priest? If interested, we'd love for you to inquire about joining our Seven Sisters Apostolate at Saint Anne's. Check out [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org) and message Anna by calling her at 484-410-9798 or email [acnelson@outlook.com](mailto:acnelson@outlook.com) to find out more.

### **Monthly Papal Intentions:**

To better know "the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions", the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."

Pope's Intention for December—For pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



"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, 39)



### **Scripture Readings for next Sunday Second Sunday of Advent**

**Baruch 5:1-9**

*God is leading Israel in joy.*

**Psalms 126**

*"The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy."*

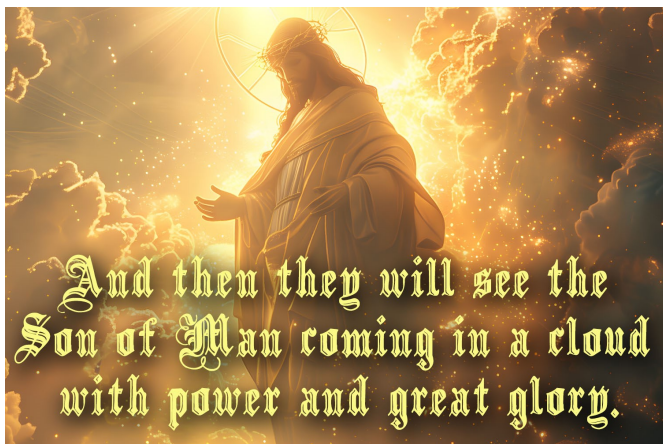
**Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

*May your love increase ever more.*

**Luke 3:1-6**

*Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation for Jesus' coming? Next Sunday we will see John travel throughout the region proclaiming a baptism of repentance and recalling the prophecy of Isaiah. Baruch's prophecy, which we will hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call.



If you would like to make a donation toward our Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone, please notify Rosie in the parish office at 276-669-8200 or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org) **NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. December 18.** These will be listed in the bulletin on Holy Family weekend, Dec. 29.



**Special Children's Christmas Choir**

Children in grades 2-8 who would like to sing in a special **Choir at the 5 p.m. Mass** on Christmas Eve are invited to the following rehearsals,

**3:15-4:00 p.m. on:**  
**Tuesdays—Dec. 3, 10, 17**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 18**

Questions? Contact Cristin at [ccolvin@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:ccolvin@stannes-bristol.org)

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Monday, December 9**

**Holy Day Masses at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m./bilingual**  
*(incense will be used at the evening Mass)*

**Polar Express—Wed., December 11**

St. Anne School is holding its annual Polar Express night on **Wed., Dec. 11**, from **5:30p to 6:30p**. All are welcome for hot chocolate, story time, and crafts. (Pajamas are encouraged!)