



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: Dec. 9 Holy Day Masses: 2p & 6p

Tuesday.....8:30 a.m.

Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.

Thurs. 12/12 Our Lady Guadalupe 7p Spanish

Friday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Holy Days: Immac.Conc. Dec. 9—2p & 6p

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

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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 INQUIRY to learn more about the faith.

Please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: 12N on Mondays.



“*Make straight his paths*”, we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John’s primary message throughout the whole region answers that question — We must repent of our sins. Our sins are the obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for the Lord to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God’s forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make straight the Lord’s path into our heart. Let us resolve today to repent of our failings and seek God’s forgiveness.

Prayers Requested

—Your prayers are asked for *Jerry Chorosevic*, a member of our parish family, who died this week; Notes may be sent to his wife, Thelma at Oakmont at Gordon Park, 401 Gordon Ave., Apt. 1231, Bristol, VA 24201.

—We ask your prayers for *Les Barrett*, the nephew of Darrell and Linda Waldron, who died recently following a tree cutting accident. Notes of sympathy may be sent to 215 Lynnwood Dr, Bristol, VA 24201.

—Your prayers are requested for *Tom Green*, the brother of John Green, who died recently. Notes may be sent to John & Jean at 835 Sugar Hollow Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.



HOLY DAY of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, Dec. 9

Holy Day Masses:

2 p.m.

6 p.m. (bilingual)
(incense)

(After the 6pm Mass, there will be hot beverages & cookies and the lighting of the outside tree.)

Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve. Because of her obedience, God’s salvation is made known to all the nations. Originating in the 7th century, as the feast of the “Conception of Mary by St. Anne”. In 1708 Pope Clement XI established this as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the entire Church. The Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States.



A Message from Father Tom...

In our baptism, we are reborn of the Spirit as a member of Christ’s Body, with which one of our offices/gifts/munera is Prophet. Much as John the Baptist was a prophetic voice crying out in the wilderness, attempting to make straight paths and level ground for the Lord, so we too have the responsibility to make level paths here in Advent. This mode of preparation is both an interior one for ourselves first, and then for the world we encounter, including those areas over which we have some dominion (our family, work, groups).

This allows us to exercise our second office/gift/munera of King - aligning/ordering the world to God, who is the Alpha and Omega, beginning and end.

How we prepare ourselves and our willingness to prepare what is around us is the demonstration of the ascent of our whole person to the faith we profess in Jesus Christ. Anything less than such assent is not the faith we might think it is, and thus not what we are invited into. We’re saved by faith, but not by the smell or taste of faith - a mere hint. That faith is holistic, enveloping, and pervasive. It isn’t a faith of pieces and parts, but a whole faith.

The second week of Advent’s theme is Faith. We are proud to profess it in Jesus Christ our Lord.



**First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion
Parent Meeting**

For 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. 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

Two options for parent meeting, pick one to attend:

—**TODAY—Sun., Dec. 8, 10:15-11:15a**, Great Room (or)

—**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

**Senior High & Junior High
Youth Ministry**

- (Sun.) **Dec. 8—Fun Night!!**
 - ◊ **Journey to Confirmation (BYC 9:45-11:15a)**
- (Mon.) **Dec. 16—Praise & Worship Adoration**
 - ◊ Dinner will be provided (BYC 6-8pm)
- (Sun.) **Dec. 22—NO Youth Ministry**
 - ◊ *Merry Christmas!*
- (Sun.) **Dec. 29—NO Youth Ministry**
 - ◊ *Happy New Year!*

DYC—RICHMOND, VA—FEB. 7-9, 2025

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a weekend event held each calendar year to gather youth in Grades 9-12 from all 145 parishes located in the Diocese of Richmond to one central location. The Conference is a highly energetic, engaging, and awesome opportunity for our high school teens to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian faith.

Registration Includes: Travel, Lodging, and Meals!
Registration Deadline: January 6—Cost per youth \$130

**If you have any questions or to register, please contact
Laura Cochran at lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org
call her at 276-492-3095.**

A Reminder...

We greatly appreciate all of you who continue to remember those in need when you grocery shop and bring items to the “blue box” for the Bristol Faith In Action food pantry. But just a reminder, BFIA cannot hand out food that is “past due” on the container... so if you are bringing items, it would be appreciated if you would check the dates before bringing them to donate. Thanks for your understanding.

**St. Anne School Fundraiser
Individual Bundt cakes**

Cost per mini-bundt cake: \$7 Flavors: *Chocolate Chip, Red Velvet, White Chocolate Raspberry, Lemon*

Order forms on table in the commons...

Deadline for Orders: this Wednesday, **Dec. 11**

Cakes will be in for pick up on Dec. 19

Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration this Week:

Tuesday, 9a to 10a

Wednesday, 6p to 7p

Saturday, 8:30a-9:30a

Enter thru side commons door.

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, in the church —

**3:15 p.m. in the church on:
Tuesdays—Dec. 10 & 17
& Wednesday, Dec. 18**



Questions? Contact Cristin at
ccolvin@stannes-bristol.org

PRAYER SHAWLS:

The Prayer Shawl Group Christmas Gathering is this Wednesday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Augustine Center.



Pro-Life Rosary — The Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 12:15 p.m. at the St. Augustine Center. All are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday Bible Study group will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11 at the Saint Augustine Center. All are welcome.

**Polar Express
Wed., December 11**

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



Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass—

This Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Meal will follow in the Great Room. All are welcome to attend.



Mass Intentions for this Week

(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)*

Monday, Dec. 9 *(Immaculate Conception Holy Day)*

2:00 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

6:00 p.m. Parishioners *(bilingual Mass)*

Tuesday, Dec. 10

8:30 a.m. †Margaret Smith

Wednesday, Dec. 11

8:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

Thursday, Dec. 12 *(Our Lady of Guadalupe)*

7:00 p.m. †Emilia Cruz Cruz *(Spanish Mass)*

Friday, Dec. 13

8:30 a.m. †Rita Mansfield

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Dec. 14 at 9:30a)

Saturday, December 14 *(Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent)*

5:30 p.m. †Regina C. Finan

Sunday, December 15 *(Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete)*

8:30 a.m. †Slawomir Lendzioszek

11:30 a.m. †Dennis Henry Foley

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



Stewardship

Collection Report: Nov. 23/24 & Nov. 30/Dec. 1

Regular/Operating (Nov. 23/24)	\$ 9,448.15
Regular/Operating (Nov. 30/Dec. 1)	\$22,091.35
Saint Anne Catholic School	\$ 3,439
Parish Charities	\$ 310 (11/24) \$20 (12/1)
Hurricane Disaster Relief	\$ 50
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 75
Military Archdiocese	\$ 88 (11/24) \$20 (12/1)
Catholic World Missions	\$ 50 Retired Religious \$20
Holy Days (All Saints/Immac.Conception/Christmas)	\$57
Social Ministry 2nd Coll.	\$20 Catholic Charities \$20

E-Giving: Nov. 22-30, 2024

Regular/Operating	\$2,830
Military Archdiocese	\$ 53

NOTE: *There will be one collection (Operating) taken up on the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Monday, Dec. 9.*

2nd Collections:

- Dec. 7/8 *(Retired Religious Fund)*
- Dec. 14/15 *(Social Ministry/Parish Outreach)*
- Dec. 24/25 *(Commonwealth Catholic Charities)*

Scripture for next Sunday—3rd Sunday of Advent

“Gaudete Sunday”

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.

Isaiah 12

“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.

Luke 3:10-18

They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

Next Sunday we hear St. Paul say **“The Lord is near”** and we can count so many ways this is so. We’re just ten days away from Christmas, for one. At Mass we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in His name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. The Lord is near in the form of God’s word. Warmed by our Lord’s presence, let us listen for His voice in the words of Scripture.

Lunch and Learn

SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS

Tuesday, December 17 at 12N

Dominion Senior Living (425 Shelby Ln., Bristol, TN) invites you to a free lunch to learn tips on how to best care for yourself as a caregiver, especially during the holidays. To attend, RSVP to Savannah at 423-956-3422 or email SavannahL@dominionbristol.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas! Sign up now for a worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Often distance is an issue for attending in person, but there is an opportunity for virtual participation:

January 7 thru February 18 *(Tuesday evenings)*

To register, go to WWME.org, click “Apply”. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 703-646-1521 or email them at donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with questions.

YEAR-END GIVING...

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth with a special year-end gift. **Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference.** There are a variety of ways you can contribute—cash, check, stock, IRA Charitable Rollover... If you have questions about year-end giving, please contact the parish office.

Many thanks to our bulletin SPONSORS!

Their generosity allows us to have a Sunday bulletin at no cost to the parish. Take time to look at the ads on our bulletin and let our sponsors know they are appreciated! If you would like info on being a bulletin advertiser, please contact the parish office.



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 gift in a gift bag WITH **ORNAMENT ATTACHED TO THE OUTSIDE** back to the Commons **NO LATER THAN** next **Sunday Dec. 15.**

**THANK YOU &
May God Bless You!**

Christmas Flowers: 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 the office: 276-669-8200 or stannes@stannes-bridol.org **NO LATER THAN 4:00p Dec. 18.** These will be listed in the bulletin Holy Family weekend, Dec. 29.



Poinsettias

Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

♦ **Advent Penance Service**, Thursday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

♦ **Christmas Holy Day Masses:**

Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24th —

5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 12 Midnight/bilingual

Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25th at **10 a.m.**

(Incense at all Christmas Masses except the 5p)

A Prayer for Advent

God of love, help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in Jesus. May we prepare well for His rebirth in our hearts. On each day of this Advent journey, may we move closer to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. Shine the light of Your grace upon us. In all our preparations for Christmas, may we always remember that Jesus is the reason for this blessed season. Thank You, loving God, for this time of joy and expectation. Walk with us and show us the way today and every day. AMEN.

THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who took “feathers” from our Turkeys and provided food and gift cards to those in need at Thanksgiving. We were able to distribute over 50 **Thanksgiving Food Boxes** thanks to your generosity. May God bless you for your kindness.