



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 (Dec. 19th at 8:30a)
Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday/daily Mass (No on 12/14) 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
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. 12/19 Pen.Svc. 7p)
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 sessions to learn more about the faith. Please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: 12N on Dec. 16 for 12/22;
3p Dec. 19 for 12/29; and 3p Dec. 26 for 1/5



We will hear it at least a few times over the next two weeks: ***"It's better to give than to receive."*** We recognize this when we see the expressions of joy in a child's face or tears of appreciation from a parent or spouse when they open a gift we've given them. Jesus himself said the same words to his disciples, though in a context more like the one we hear today with John the Baptist preaching to the crowds to share what they have with those who have less. As we prepare for the Lord's coming, let us share from the bounty the Lord has blessed us with and give to those in need. In our hearts, may we continually relearn the blessings of giving.

Giving Tree Gifts...

If you took any tags from our Giving Tree — **we need them back TODAY (Sunday, Dec. 15)**. So if you forgot to bring them with you to Mass— **PLEASE get them back to us today (Dec. 15) NLT 5 p.m.!**

Looking Ahead.....

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24 thru Jan. 1; but we will be "in and out" to get needed work done; and the emergency number will be listed on our voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0.
- ◆ No Children's Liturgy on Dec. 22, 29, Jan. 5.
- ◆ No Sunday School on Dec. 22 & 29.
(SSR will meet on Jan. 5).
- ◆ **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses will be **Dec. 31 at 5:30 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 10a.**

A Message from Father Tom...

Gaudete! Rejoice!

This Sunday, when we light the rose colored candle, we switch from anticipating Christ's return to focusing on his Incarnation, celebrated on Christmas Day.

In our readings, it's helpful for us to remember that Christ didn't come and fill-in the pattern that was expected by the people, but that the prophecies and scriptures came about because of Christ's twofold coming. That is, God of the universe helped people look forward to salvation by directing them toward it. He does this, not because he is a god who lives on the backs of his people, but because he ordered creation to support them towards the glory of them being called a chosen nation, a royal priesthood, a people of his own possession whom he lifts up into eternal life and friendship with him.

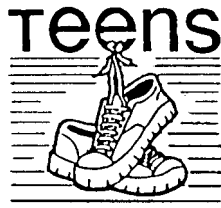
Rejoice!



St. Anne's Prayer Chain...

If you or a member of your immediate family is having surgery or is ill and you would like the members of our Prayer Chain to keep you/them in prayer, please notify Rosie in the Parish Office at stannes@stannes-bristol.org. And if you would like to join our Prayer Chain and receive email notices of prayer requests, please let us know.





**Senior High & Junior High
Youth Ministry**

- (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!*
- (Sun.) **Jan. 5—NO Youth Ministry**
 - ◊ *Christmas Break!*



MONDAY, December 16

Following our 6pm Mass this **Monday, December 16**, is our monthly Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning at 7pm, concluding with Benediction at 8pm. There is Praise & Worship music during this Adoration.

TUESDAY, December 17

Our Tuesday Holy Hour opens immediately following the 8:30 morning Mass, concludes with Benediction at 10 a.m. Spend time in silent private prayer with our Lord.

WEDNESDAY, December 18

Adoration on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 21

Adoration on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Save the Date!

**January 29th, 2025
Virginia Pro-Life Day**

We will leave from St. Anne at 5:00 a.m., return 8:00 p.m. by bus. It will be a day of meeting Legislators to press our cause, lunch, and visiting the Cathedral in Richmond. We are asking for donations of \$30.00-\$40.00 dollars. More details to follow. But as Christmastime is upon us we wanted to get the word out. Questions? Please contact Walter Joyce, wjoyce@stannes-bridol.org.

***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). If you weren't able to attend the Parent Meeting on Dec. 8th, there will be another meeting

THIS Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 3-4pm
in the School Library.

(St. Anne School 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 St. Anne School family and would like to use AfterSchool during the meeting, please email nhughes@stanneschoolbristol.org.

If you have questions please contact Sarah French at sfrench@stannes-bridol.org

**Pro-Life Rosary and
Wednesday Bible Study**

⇒ The Pro-Life Rosary group will be taking a bit of a Christmas break (we encourage you to pray the Rosary for Respect Life at home with family and friends). The next gathering for Pro-Life Rosary here will begin again on Wednesday, January 8.

⇒ The Wednesday bible study group will also take a break.... The next Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will begin on January 8 with the study of the Book of Exodus. Please call Clint Smith if you have any questions, 423-366-2510.

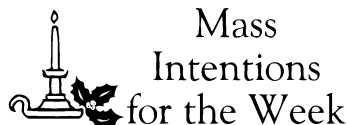
PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the Penance Service this Thursday our weekday Mass on December 19 will be at **8:30 a.m.**

PREPARE

Prepare your hearts for Christmas...
join us this **Thursday, Dec. 19th**
at **7 p.m.**
for our **Advent Penance Service.**

Several priests will be here for individual confessions.



Mass
Intentions
for the Week

(No Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Dec. 14 at 9:30a)

(Funeral Mass for Mr. Jerry Chorosevic at 1p. Dec. 14)

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)

(Weekday Mass Monday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 17

8:30 a.m. †Sharon Mooney

Wednesday, Dec. 18

8:30 a.m. †Diane Blackburn

Thursday, Dec. 19 (Mass in morning due to Pen. Svc.)

8:30 a.m. No intention yet scheduled

Friday, Dec. 20

8:30 a.m. †Elizabeth P. "Betty" Miller

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Dec. 21 at 9:30a)

Saturday, December 21 (Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

Sunday, December 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. Spec. Intention for Tre & Savannah Webb

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



Parish Support

E-Giving (Dec. 1-5)

Regular/Operating	\$5036
St. Anne's School	\$ 358
Bldg./Roof Repairs	\$ 125
Bristol Faith In Action	\$ 125
2nd coll/Social Ministry/outreach	\$ 50
2nd coll/Retired Religious	\$ 125
2nd coll/Comm. Catholic Charities	\$ 100
(All Saints \$20; Immac. Conc. \$75; Christmas \$100)	

Collection (December 7/8)

Regular/Operating	\$36,953
St. Anne's School	\$ 447
Bldg./Roof Repairs	\$ 100
Parish Charities/designated	\$ 350
Retired Religious	\$ 3,323

Our **2nd Collection** this weekend Dec. 14/15 is for:
St. Anne's Social Ministry/Parish Outreach Fund.

NOTE: There are 2 collections taken up at Christmas Masses:

1st is for the Holy Day/Operating and

2nd for Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

Scripture for next Sunday
4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a

From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of Israel.

Psalms 80

"Lord, let us turn to you;

let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Hebrews 10:5-10

Behold, I come to do you will.

Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.

Drawing closer to Christmas, next Sunday we sing "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother's womb turned to Mary's voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in His word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

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

RESPIRE CARE
Dominion Senior Living
425 Shelby Lane, Bristol, TN

Short-term respite care give seniors living with dementia the opportunity to live like the permanent residents in the memory care community at Dominion while their caregivers are away. Call 423-797-8080 to schedule a tour. Respite Care Includes: Medication Mgmt., Housekeeping, Laundry, 3 Meals a Day, 24-Hr Nursing and Caregivers, Daily Activities. (Minimum 2 week stay: \$225/per day.)

Grief Support Group

The Holidays can be very difficult for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Saint Anne's Grief Support group meets twice a month and is facilitated by Doug & Mary Pat Ernst. If you would like more information or would like to come to the next group meeting, please speak with Doug or Mary Pat or contact Rosie M. in the parish office at 276-669-8200 or email her at stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

YEAR-END GIVING...

If you have donations you want recorded in 2024, be sure to get them in to us before the end of the year! We greatly appreciated your generosity and support.

Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday

TAKE NOTE

Due to publisher and delivery schedules, please note the following bulletin deadlines:

- ⇒ For the **Dec. 29th** bulletin, items need to be in to the office **NLT 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.**
- ⇒ For the **January 5th** bulletin, items are due in to the office **NLT 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26.**
- ⇒ Email to stannes@stannes-bristol.org or message on Rosie's voicemail (276-669-8200)... ext. 0.



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 **NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. this Wednesday, December 18.** These will be listed in the bulletin on Holy Family weekend, Dec. 28/29.

Gaudete Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent and is a day to rejoice in the coming of Christ. The name comes from the Latin word *gaudete*, which means "rejoice". The focus of Advent shifts on Gaudete Sunday from "*The Lord is coming*" to "*The Lord is near*". This is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Rose vestments are worn and the 3rd candle (rose colored) on the Advent wreath is lit. The color change signifies the joy we can experience now that Christmas is almost here. Let us be reminded on this Gaudete Sunday to seek and spread joy in the coming of Christ!



**Rejoice in the Lord always!
Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel,
a mighty savior.
It is he whom John foretold;
it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.**