



# Saint Anne Catholic Church

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**Memorial Bricks:** - contact parish office

**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*)  
 Tues. 12/24 Christmas Eve—5p, 8p,12M/biL  
 Wed. 12/25 Christmas Day—10a  
 Thursday.....6:00 p.m.  
 Friday.....6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday/daily Mass..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Holy Days: Christmas—see above 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)  
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 Address: 580 Oakview Ave., Bristol, VA

**Parish Registration** - Call the church office.

**Confessions:** (No confessions Dec. 24/25)  
 Thurs., 5:00-6:00 p.m.,  
 Sat., 8:45a-9:30a; 4:00-5:15 p.m.  
 or by appointment.

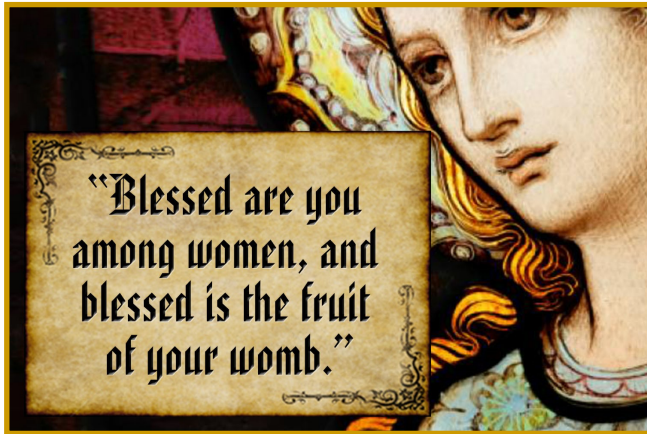
**Adoration:** (No Dec. 24/25)  
 Saturday. 8:30-9:30a

**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.



Christmas is so close now that we can nearly taste it! Children can hardly contain their excitement while adults panic about all they still need to do. But for now, let us consider Mary and Joseph, just days before she would give birth, struggling to make their way up an unfamiliar and dangerous road, hoping to make it to a warm, comfortable place to stay in the city of David. As we well know, nice warm places were no longer available, but it all worked out, even if not exactly as they had hoped. May we keep that in mind during these final days of preparing our hearts and our homes for Jesus' birth.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) is a **Holy Day of Obligation** for Catholics. We will celebrate 4 Holy Day Masses here:

### **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 will be used at all Christmas Masses except the 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.)*



The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24 thru Jan. 1; however we will be "in and out" to get needed work done, leave a voicemail and we'll get back to you.. If you need a priest for an emergency anointing, the emergency number will be listed on our voicemail at 276-669-8200 ext. 0.

### A Message from Father Tom...

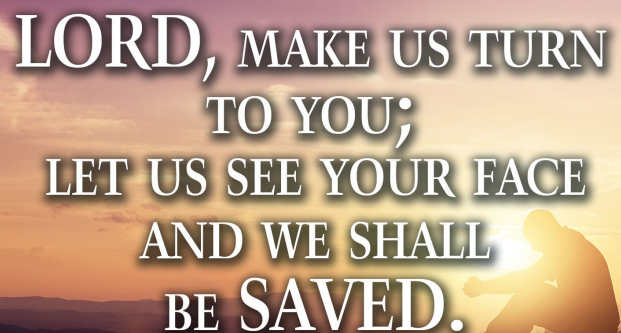
The countdown is nearly over; our preparation in the short run is at a close.

Tuesday and Wednesday, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which is a holy day of obligation (like Sundays) is with us and we come together in a special way on it.

Easter and Christmas are the two greatest solemnities of the year and serve as beacons to all of Christendom to draw together, even if we've been "away." This is what happens in a longer stretch of time as well, as all of time is pulled together for the coming of the messiah.

We have heard and will continue to hear in the readings that the prophets foretold him and we get the real sense that history has been directed toward the moment of Jesus' birth.

Let us conclude our interior preparation and enter into the mystery of our redemption, as we share the peace of Christ with our family, our friends, our work, and all we encounter.



LORD, MAKE US TURN  
TO YOU;  
LET US SEE YOUR FACE  
AND WE SHALL  
BE SAVED.

**NO Children's Liturgy Dec. 22, Dec. 29, Jan. 5.**

Children's Liturgy will resume at the 11:30 Mass on January 12. We would 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 being a Children's Liturgy volunteer, please contact Sarah French at [sfrench@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sfrench@stannes-bristol.org).

**NO Sunday School of Religion: Dec. 22 & 29.**

*(SSR will resume on January 5).*

**Please note the following times for weekday Masses:**

- ◆ Monday Dec. 23 at 6pm;
- ◆ Thurs. Dec. 26-Feast of St. Stephen at 6pm;
- ◆ Friday Dec. 27-Feast of St. John at 6pm;
- ◆ Monday Dec. 30 at 6pm
- ◆ Saturday, Dec. 28 at 9:30am



**Senior High & Junior High  
Youth Ministry**

- (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!*
- (Sun.) **Jan. 12**—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)
  - ◇ **Christmas Party!**
  - ◇ **Journey to Confirmation** (BYC 5p-7p)

**Saint Anne Catholic School—Christmas Break**

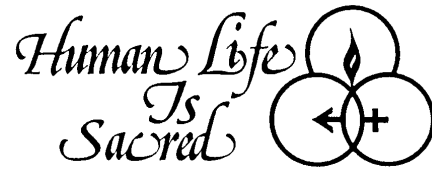
*Our School is currently on their Christmas Break, which began at noon on Friday, Dec. 20. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.*

**Seminarians with us for Christmas Liturgies**

Seminarians Minh Tran, Jonathan Kenney, and Avention "Avie" Grimes will be with us for our Christmas Liturgies. Be sure to take time to welcome them back to Saint Anne's!

**REMEMBER to PRAY for VOCATIONS!**

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life... and be sure to continue to pray for all those who are currently in formation.



**Pro-Life Rosary**

The Pro-Life Rosary group is 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 **Wed., January 8** at the Saint Augustine Center at 12:15 p.m.

**Save the Date! — January 29th, 2025**

**Virginia Pro-Life Day**

We will leave from St. Anne at 5 a.m., return 8 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-\$40. More details to follow. But as Christmastime is upon us we wanted to get the word out. Questions? Please contact Walter Joyce, [wjoyce@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:wjoyce@stannes-bristol.org).

**Wednesday Bible Study**

The Wednesday bible study group is on a brief break.... The next Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will begin on **January 8** at 1 p.m. in the Saint Augustine Center with the study of the Book of Exodus. All are welcome. Please call Clint Smith if you have any questions, 423-366-2510.

**Upcoming Bulletins**

Due to the publisher's schedule and the delivery schedule over the holidays, the bulletin for December 29th has already been typed and sent to the publisher.

The **Bulletin Deadline** for the January 5 bulletin is this **Thursday, December 26 by 3 p.m.**

Leave information on Rosie's email or voicemail at [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org) or 276-669-8200 ext. 0.

Thank You!



*Mass Intentions*  
*for the Week* 

(Memorial Mass/Gemmell, 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)

(Weekday Mass Monday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m.)

**Tuesday, Dec. 24** (Christmas Eve—Holy Day Masses)

5 p.m. †Neal Jewell

8 p.m. †Emily Lauman

12 Midnight †Dennis Henry Foley (Bilingual)

**Wednesday, Dec. 25** (Christmas Day—Holy Day Mass)

10 a.m. †Sandra Woolley

**Thursday, Dec. 26**

6:00 p.m. (no intention yet scheduled)

**Friday, Dec. 27**

6:00 p.m. †Richard J. Davis

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Dec. 28 at 9:30a)

**Saturday, December 28** (Vigil: Holy Family)

5:30 p.m. Parishioners

**Sunday, December 29** (Holy Family)

8:30 a.m. †JoAnn Schatz

11:30 a.m. †Antoinette Cato

2:30 p.m. †Karine Zamora and †Bacilia Chavez

**STEWARDSHIP**  
 **NEWS**

**E-Giving (Dec. 6-13)**

Regular/Operating	\$3,403
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 81
Retired Religious 2nd collection	\$ 325
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 245

**Collection Report (Dec. 9 Holy Day & Dec. 14/15)**

Regular/Operating	\$12,196
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 2,631.52
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 250
Building/roof repairs	\$ 300
Retired Religious	\$ 525
2nd Coll. Parish Outreach/Soc.Min.	\$ 3,030.40
2nd Coll. Comm.Catholic Charities	\$ 50
Giving Tree donations	\$ 600
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 234

**Many Thanks for your generosity!**

**Christmas Holy Day:** There are two collections taken up on Christmas—for the Holy Day (Operating Fund) and the second collection for **Commonwealth Catholic Charities**.

**Solemnity of Mary Holy Day:** There will be one collection, for the Holy Day/Operating Fund at Masses on Dec. 31/Jan. 1.

**Scripture Readings**  
**for Christmas Masses:**

(5:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.) (Vigil Mass Readings)

Isaiah 62:1-5, Ps. 89, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25,  
Matthew 1:1-25 (or) 1:18-25

(12 Midnight) (Mass during the Night Readings)

Isaiah 9:1-6, Ps. 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

(10 a.m.) (Mass during the Day Readings)

Isaiah 52:7-10, Ps. 98, Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18 (or) 1:1-5, 9-14

**Scripture for next Sunday**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
(Cycle C Readings)

**1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

*Samuel is dedicated to the Lord.*

**Psalms 84**

*"Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord."*

**1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

*We are God's children now.*

**Luke 2:41-52**

*Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.*

On the feast of the Holy Family we are reminded of another family we belong to: the family of God. Hannah offered her son, whom she had struggled to conceive, to the Lord, to serve God as long as he lived. John reminds us that we are children of God and that if we love one another, Jesus remains in us and we in Him. In the Gospel, Jesus chooses to remain in the temple for it is His Father's house. As we also sit in our Father's house and listen to God's word, may we be reminded that we too are a part of a Holy Family.

**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)**

*There is also an in-person weekend scheduled at Emerald Isle, North Carolina on March 14-16.*

To register, go to [WWME.org](http://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](mailto:donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org) with questions.

**Are you registered with our parish???**

If not (or if you are not sure!) please contact the parish office. And if you have had a change of address or change of phone number or email address, let us know so we can update our records. Thanks!

**Prayer Chain...** if you or an immediate family member are ill or going to have surgery and would like to have our Prayer Chain members keep you in their prayers, please notify Rosie in the parish office.



Father, make us like Mary...  
Father, fill us with grace.  
Make us open and empty,  
to receive Your Word each day;  
to give birth to Your Son,  
to give birth to Your Jesus...  
To give birth to Your Son —  
to give Him to everyone.

**To Our Parishioners...**

If you will be travelling or are unable to be with us for other reasons for Christmas... please know that we wish you **God's abundant blessings** and a very **Merry Christmas!**



**Just another reminder...**

**Christmas Holy Day Masses:**

**Christmas Eve**, Tues., Dec. 24th —

*(Music begins 30 minutes prior to the Mass time)*

**5 p.m.** *(Children's Choir) (no incense)*

**8 p.m.** *(St. Anne's Choir) (incense)*

**12 Midnight** *(Bilingual; Spanish Choir, incense)*

**Christmas Day**, Wed., Dec. 25th —

**10 a.m.** *(incense)*

**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 appreciate your generosity and support. End of year tax statements will be available in mid-January.

***And Looking Ahead Just a Bit...***

- ◆ **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses here for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Day will be celebrated New Year's Eve, Tuesday, **Dec. 31** at **5:30 p.m.** and New Year's Day, Wed., **Jan. 1** at **10 a.m.** *(Incense will be used at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.)*