



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 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.
Thursday..... 6 p.m.
Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday/daily Mass (No on 1/11) 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

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Address: 580 Oakview Ave., Bristol, VA

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

Confessions: (or by appt.)

Saturday 8:30-930a (no 1/11); & 4-5:15p
Tues./Wed. 5-6p; Thursday 5-545p

Adoration:

Tues. 9-10a; Wed. 6-7p;
Sat. 830-9a (No on 1/11)

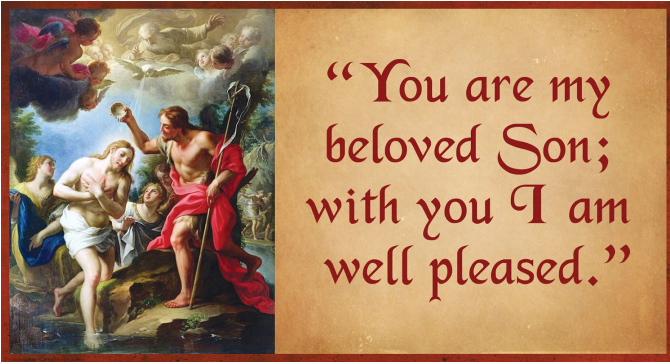
Baptisms: Parents must attend Baptism Preparation. Contact the parish ofc.

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.



Over the Christmas season, which ends today, the Gospel passages have told how God's Son was made manifest to the world. The angels told the shepherds that a savior had been born in Bethlehem. The magi followed the star to give homage to the newborn Messiah. The youth Jesus amazed the teachers in the temple. Today we hear that at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove and the Father's voice could be heard saying, "*You are my beloved Son*". We rejoice today, for the Son of God is continually revealed to us.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Your prayers are requested for **Helen Moretz**, the mother of Darlene Lyons, who passed away recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Darlene at 203 Roscommon Dr., Bristol, TN 37620.

We ask your prayers for **Hank Whitely**, the brother of Jeri Whitely, who died recently in Florida. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Jeri at 23188 Young Dr., Bristol, VA 24202.

Youth Doings...

Senior High & Junior High Youth Ministry

- (Sun.) **Jan. 12**—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)
 - ◊ Christmas Party!
 - ◊ **Journey to Confirmation** (BYC 5p-7p)
- (Mon.) **Jan. 20**—Praise & Worship Adoration (BYC 6p-8p)
- (Sun.) **Jan. 26**—Fun Night!
- (Sun.) **Feb. 2**—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)
 - ◊ **Journey to Confirmation** (BYC 5p-7p)

A Message from Father Tom...

This Sunday ends the Christmas season, the shortest season of the year (less than three weeks), unless you count the Sacred Paschal Triduum (which is really just one liturgical day).

The fire with which Jesus baptizes us, which we hear about in the gospel, is a fire of zeal. Think of the Apostles at Pentecost. They received tongues of fire, then went out and changed the world, spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The bishops (their successors) still have work to do - with which we participate. Jesus, baptized in the Jordan, receives "the Baptism of John," but we received Jesus' "real" baptism, the Paschal Mystery. We die to death as he does, and we rise to life as he does. We participate in his Body. He submits to a baptism for repentance, as someone who was sinless, so as to sanctify water for our use in being adopted as brothers by his Father.

Baptism begins this life, but it is a life of participation, which requires a seeking, yearning, and often clawing towards God, *contra mundum* (against the world). When the Second Vatican Council calls for "fully conscious active participation" it is this interior participation, this willful desire, by which we seek to reciprocate the love he has shown us, by inviting us and sending us on mission (as the Father did Jesus, as Jesus did with the Apostles).

Do you take up the charge with your whole heart?

How can you better participate today?



Welcome Father Amador Garza!

This weekend we welcome Father Garza who will be celebrating our liturgies and telling us about the good work done by UNBOUND, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. Please prayerfully consider your support of this ministry.



“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father.”
(Matthew 5:16)

UNBOUND believes the surest path out of poverty is a self-directed one. Sponsored individuals and families use your support to work toward goals like education, dignified housing, better nutrition and developing livelihoods.

Eucharistic Adoration

“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.”

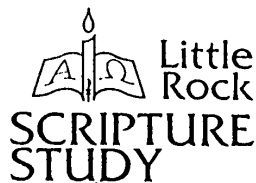
— St. Alphonsus Liguori

In this New Year come spend time in private prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This week we have Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration on:

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 9-10a (after 8:30a Mass)

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 8:30-9:30a (before 9:30a Mass)



Women in the Old Testament

“Friday” Scripture Study resumes on **January 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Augustine Center.** During this session we will study the *Women in the Old Testament*. If you would like to join this study group, please stop by the table in the commons to sign up so that your materials can be ordered. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah French in the church office or Sydney Farnum, the facilitator of this study, at sydnefarnum@gmail.com. This study has two parts. The cost of Part One study materials is \$13.95.



Virginia Pro-Life Day January 29th, 2025

Join with Fr. Tom and other parishioners to travel to Richmond to speak with Virginia Legislators about Pro-Life issues...

We will leave from St. Anne by bus at 5 a.m. on Wed., January 29 and return at approximately 8 p.m.. It will be a day of meeting Legislators to press our cause, have lunch, and visit the Cathedral in Richmond. Donations of \$30-\$40 to help with cost of the bus is requested. If you want to join us for this very important day — **sign up at the table in the commons.** Questions? Please contact Walter Joyce at wjoyce@stannes-bristol.org.

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The Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed this Wednesday, January 15, at 12:15 in the Saint Augustine Center.

Wednesday Bible Study

The Bible Study for the Book of Exodus will start at 1:00 p.m. this Wed., Jan. 15, in the St. Augustine Center. All are welcome!

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE RESUMED!

Adults & Teens who love to sing are welcome to join our Choir—Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Questions? Contact Cristin Colvin.



Thank You

Our thanks to *Diane & Jimmy Gaidry* for donating “The Three Ordinary Voices of God” books by Matthew Kelly. There are still some copies on the table in the commons if you would like to take one.



Mass Intentions

(No weekday morning Mass Sat., Jan. 11)

Saturday, January 11 (Vigil: Baptism of the Lord)

5:30 p.m. †Patty Vetter

Sunday, January 12 (Baptism of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. †Anna Cooper and †Thalia Cooper

11:30 a.m. †Jerry Chorosevic

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

(Weekday Mass, Monday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. †Bill Burriss

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 a.m. †Chuck Weisenburger

Thursday, January 16

6:00 p.m. †Ann P. Rogers

Friday, January 17

8:30 a.m. no intention yet scheduled

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, January 18 (Vigil: Baptism of the Lord)

5:30 p.m. †Vivian Meyer

Sunday, January 19

8:30 a.m. †Dennis Henry Foley

11:30 a.m. †Helen Moretz

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

LITURGY NOTES...

Today, January 12, with the Feast of the Baptism the Lord, we end the Christmas season and we begin **Ordinary Time**.

- ◆ Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle 33 or 34 weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time (Universal Norms, 43).
- ◆ This year Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 13 and continues through Shrove Tuesday, March 4 (the day before Ash Wednesday) and the beginning of the Lenten Season.
- ◆ Ordinary Time will resume again when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, June 9 (the day following Pentecost).

Scripture Readings for next Sunday
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5

All shall behold your vindication.

Psalms 96

"Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations."

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Spirit distributes gifts to each person.

John 2:1-11

Jesus transforms water into wine.

In next Sunday's first reading, Isaiah celebrates a transformed Jerusalem; what had been forsaken and desolate is now delightful and — foreshadowing the Gospel — espoused. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit transforms each and every one of them, though in different ways. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus transforms water to wine, saving the newlyweds from terrible embarrassment. May we never overlook God's power to transform our lives.

Valentine Dinner for Couples
Friday, February 14, 2025

Our Parish Life Committee will once again offer a catered dinner on Valentine Day for couples (married, engaged, dating). Watch the bulletin for more information soon. Tickets are required and will be available later this month along with the menu. Music will be provided by Mark Larkins. Seating is limited.



E-giving (Dec. 20-31, 2024)

Regular/Operating	\$5,181
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 788
Immaculate Conception	\$ 70
Parish Charities/Social Ministry	\$ 148
Bldg./Roof Repairs	\$ 25
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 60
Retired Religious	\$ 95
Catholic Charities	\$ 345
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 515

Collection Report (Dec. 24/25 & 28/29)
& add'l postmarked 2024

Christmas Holy Day	\$20,519
Catholic Charities	\$ 4,058
Regular/Operating	\$12,365.65
Social Ministry/Parish Charities	\$ 30

Collection Report (Solemnity of Mary & Jan. 4/5)

Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$3,978
Regular/Operating	\$9,316
St. Anne Catholic School	\$3,002
Bristol Faith In Action	\$ 75
Respect Life	\$ 110

2nd Collection NEXT weekend (Jan. 19) will be taken up for RESPECT LIFE.

2025 Catholic Calendars

There are still some Catholic Calendars for 2025 on the table in the commons if you would like one. This year's calendar is the official Jubilee Edition depicting Places of Pilgrimage for the Holy Year 2025.

Find help in the Bible *when you need...*

Comfort

Psalm 23, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Psalm 55:22

Courage

1 Chronicles 28:20, Hebrews 13:6, Psalm 27:1

Faith

Joshua 24:15, Romans 10:8-13, Hebrews 11:1-6

Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9, Matthew 6:14-15, Luke 6:37

Grace

1 Peter 5:5-6, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Ephesians 2:8-9

Hope

*1 Peter 1:3-5, Hebrews 6:9-12,
Lamentations 3:24-25*

Patience

*Colossians 1:10-12, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,
Romans 15:4-5*

Peace

John 16:33, Philippians 4:6-7, Numbers 6:24-26

A Prayer for Today

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized
in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit
descended upon Him, solemnly declared
Him to be Your Beloved Son, grant that
Your children by adoption, reborn of
water and the Holy Spirit, may always
be well pleasing to You.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

AMEN.

St. Anne's Prayer Chain...

—If you would like to be part of our Prayer Chain and receive emails of prayer requests, please contact Rosie in the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email stannes@stannes-bristol.org

—If you, or a member of your immediate family, would like to request prayers due to a sickness, chronic illness, upcoming surgery... please contact the office and we will send the request to our Prayer Chain members.