

# 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

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Monday	6 p.m.
Tuesday	:30 <sup>°</sup> a.m.
Wednesday8:	:30 a.m.
Thursday	6 p.m.
Friday	:30 a.m.
Saturday/daily Mass	:30 a.m.
Holy Days: Call the office for Mass tin	mes

#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

**Confessions:** (or by appt.) Saturday 8:30-930a & 4-5:15p Tues./Wed. 5-6p; Thursday 5-545p

#### Adoration:

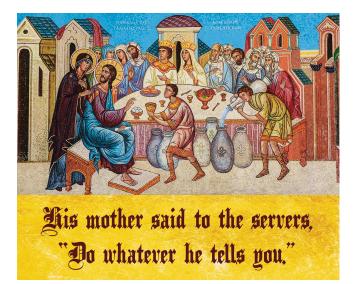
Tues. 9-10a; Wed. 6-7p; Sat. 830-925a '1st Tuesday of month": 9a-9p

**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.



Last week's Gospel told of Jesus' baptism, when the Father revealed to all those present that Jesus was the Son of God. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus' first miracle, changing the water into wine at a wedding banquet. John calls Jesus' miracles *signs*, for they reveal His divinity to everyone who witnesses the event. Here, John immediately points out that Jesus' disciples respond with faith. As this was Jesus' first sign, this is when they begin to believe. All these centuries later, may listening to Jesus' wondrous deeds yet again strengthen our faith as well.

# **Prayers Requested**

We ask your prayers for *Charles "Chuck" Switalski*, the uncle of <u>Greg Chudzik</u>, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Greg at 9 Tipperary Circle, Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are requested for *Wayne Necessary*, the brother-in-law of <u>Teresa Ingle</u>, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Teresa at 15305 Black Hollow Road, Abingdon, VA 24210.

## Please note—calendar change..

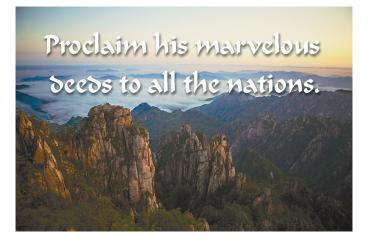
For the last two months, we've had a 2nd Friday 6pm Adoration in Spanish, with Spanish Music and Reflections. Starting this month, this will be the <u>only</u> <u>musical adoration</u> we'll have at the parish, We tried the English option on the 3rd Monday of each month, but attendance continued to decline each time. While the language is different the general experience is much the same: silence with musical interludes. So—we will <u>no</u> <u>longer have</u> the 3rd Monday Praise & Worship Adoration... Consider coming <u>February 14</u> —Even if you don't speak Spanish, you may find it be a meaningful experience (much like if it was in Latin). A Message from Father Tom...

This week, we're reminded of the nuptial imagery which pervades scripture: how God's intention is to be wedded to his people. We see this come to fruition with Christ the Bridegroom and the Church his Bride. When Jesus acts in the gospel, he's behaving more like the responsible bridegroom than the actual wedding's bridegroom. This helps us to understand his role as our bridegroom.

It's helpful for us also to remember that marriage is a vocation of service, to help parties attain to holiness. We have it easy in this marriage with God, as he is already the definition of holiness; in his efforts with us, he has his work cut out for him. To that end, we read in the letter to Corinthians various manifestations of the Spirit and how they are received in different ways for different purposes across different people. This is part of God's humble care for us.

For our part, while we can do nothing to help God become holy, we can support the whole Church. We do this in our everyday actions, but also in our extraordinary actions of contributing to the long-term health of the Church: contributing to the temporal needs of the Church and teaching the faith to all people.

# Remember to Pray for Vocations!





Senior High Youth Ministry & Junior High Youth Ministry

- (Sun.) Jan. 26—Fun Night!
- (Sun.) <u>Feb. 2</u>—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)

   *Journey to Confirmation (BYC 5p-7p)*
- (Wed.) Feb. 12—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday This Monday, January 20th....

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There will be weekday Mass Monday at 6 p.m.

The bulletin deadline is still 12N Monday, please leave info for the bulletin on voicemail (276-669-8200 ext. 0) or the main email at <u>stannes@stannes-bristol.org</u>.



A Holy Hour of Adoration with Jesus has been part of Catholic Tradition since the very beginning... Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane,

# mournfully asked His disciples, "Could you not watch with Me one Hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

A Holy Hour gives us the opportunity to honor our Lord's request and place ourselves before Him. We join our own prayers, works, joys, and sufferings with His and "by the mercies of God, present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).

Come spend private silent prayer with our Lord at Adoration this week on:

Tuesday, 9a-10a (after 8:30a Mass) Saturday, 8:30a-9:30a (before 9:30a Mass) **Pro-Life Rosary** will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 12:15 p.n. in the Saint Augustine Center.

Wednesday Bible Study: The Bible Study for the Book of Exodus will start at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday in the St. Augustine Center.

# DAY of PRAYER for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Wednesday, January 22

On this anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), all dioceses of the United States shall observe a "day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion". (GIRM, no. 373)

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and love of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. (Pope Saint John Paul II

(Pope Saint John Paul II Evangelium Vitae, no. 100)



Please keep in your prayers the tens of thousands who will gather in Washington D.C. on January 24th for the March for Life.

# 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 issue. The bus will leave from St. Anne at <u>5am</u> on **Wed., Jan.** 29, returning at approx. <u>8pm</u>. It will be a day of meeting Virginia Legislators to press our cause to advocate for life. Because Virginia is toying with a constitutional amendment for the right to abortion it is critically necessary that we are physically advocating for life. (This day does not include a march). Food will be provided for breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$30 to help with bus expense. 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.



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

Saturday, January 18 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday/Ordinary Time) 5:30 p.m. †Vivian Meyer
Sunday, January 19 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:30 a.m. †Dennis Henry Foley
11:30 a.m. †Helen Moretz
2:30 p.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)
(Weekday Mass, Monday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 21

8:30 a.m. no intention yet scheduled

Wednesday, January 22

8:30 a.m. †Aurora Cassandra Schrum

Thursday, January 23

6:00 p.m. †Chuck Weisenburger

Friday, January 24

8:30 a.m. †Barry Brady

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Jan. 25 at 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, January 25 (Vigil: 3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time) 5:30 p.m. Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 26

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

- 11:30 a.m. †Patrick Boyle
- 2:30 p.m. <sup>†</sup>Maria Guadalupe Cruz (Spanish Mass)



Additional 2024 (postmarked)	/recorded 2024)	
Regular/Operating	\$1,075	
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 200	
<b>E-Giving</b> (Jan. 1-9)		
Regular/Operating	\$4,962	
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 25	
Building/roof repairs	\$ 50	
Respect Life	\$ 25	
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 556	
<b>Collection Report</b> (Jan. 11/12)		
Regular/Operating	\$10,131	
Soleminity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 10	

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Our 2nd Collection this weekend (January 19) is taken up to support national, diocesan and local **Respect Life** efforts.

## Thank you for your generous support of St. Anne's!

# Scripture Readings for next Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 They read from the book of the Law and understood what was read.

## Psalm 19

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life." 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (or) 12:12-14, 27

We are Christ's body.

Luke 1:1-4: 4:14-21

Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled.

Next Sunday we will hear scripture passages that affirm the paramount importance of the Word of God. In the first reading, Ezra reads from the Torah to the people of Jerusalem, gathered openly in public for one of the first times after their exile. In the Gospel, Jesus declares that the scripture passage from Isaiah is fulfilled in their presence. God's Word is celebrated and accomplished in these readings; may it be today as well.

# Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

# Catholic Schools week begins next weekend!

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. CSW runs from the last Sunday in January through the following Saturday. Let us all joyfully celebrate Saint Anne Catholic School in this our 75th year!!

Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond

# **2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

Sharing His Love with Others

# Welcome to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal — *Sharing His Love with Others.*

The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three areas of our Diocesan Church:

- Empowering the Next Generation
- Providing for Those in Need
- Strengthening Catholic Communities

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2025 Appeal benefits us through Fuel and Hunger grants (for Bristol Faith in Action), supports seminarians, Respect Life grants to assist us in our efforts and more. Please prayerfully consider your support of this year's Diocesan Appeal.



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

With the snow and ice last weekend, many of you may not have been able to get here for Mass and hear Father Garza speak about the very important work of Unbound which helps the poor in developing countries. The Unbound community of sponsors helps more than 300,000 children and elderly.

Consider walking in solidarity with those who are working to lift themselves out of poverty. Pick up a flyer from the table in the commons or visit: <u>unbound.org/liveyourfaith</u>

Many thanks to the Saint Anne parishioners who are generously supporting a child or an elderly person through Unbound. May God bless you for your goodness.



# Cooking as a Community!!

Contribute your favorite recipes for the St. Anne Catholic School 75th Anniversary Cookbook!!

Submit the recipes you love to make and the recipes you remember your loved ones making for you. They'll be compiled into bound books that will be sold as a fundraiser this spring for St. Anne's School.

Pick up a "recipe form" from the table in the commons or you can submit online (click link below) <u>We want your recipes!</u>

We'd like to get the recipes in by January 27. THANK YOU!!