

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

Mon. Feb. 3: Mass/throat blessing 830a & 6p 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 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:

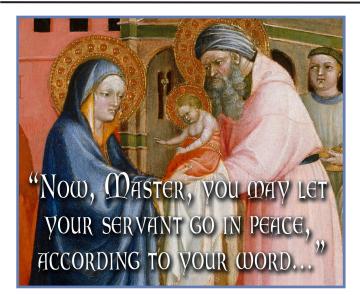
1st Tues. Feb. 4: 9a-9p Wed. 6-7p; Sat. 8:30-9:30a

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 our INQUIRY sessions to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: 12N on Mondays.



When forty days had passed since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord, as was required by the Law. While they were there, the Holy Spirit guided the elderly Simeon and Anna to the baby, whom they recognized as Messiah and Savior. Exultantly they testified to his destiny. Gathered here today by the Holy Spirit, may we too encounter Christ in this place of worship, recognizing him in the breaking of the bread.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

This weekend we close out our celebration of **Catholic Schools Week**.

We are so blessed to have a Catholic School here in Bristol.

May God continue to bless our school in this our school's 75th anniversary year!

Saint Anne Catholic School

Applications are open for 3-year-old preschool through 8th grade. If your children do not currently attend Saint Anne Catholic School, we hope you would consider our school. We would love to welcome Saint Anne parishioners into our school family! We invite you to learn more about our faith-filled education that is truly for the heart and soul. Some grades will reach capacity; we have limited spots in other grades. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 276-669-0048 or email Elizabeth Burriss at eburriss@stanneschoolbristol.org

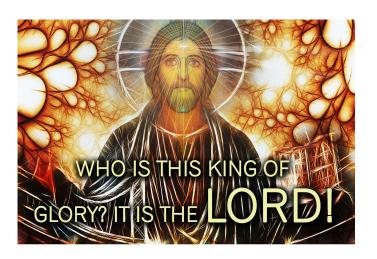
A Message from Fr. Tom...

For the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we hear from the prophet Malachi that the Lord will purify the sons of Levi so that they may offer an acceptable sacrifice. As we are entering back into the role of a priestly people by Christ, we can see those sons of Levi as ourselves. As the eternal high priest himself, Jesus Christ, enters the temple, which he recasts as his own body, those who bring their own sacrifices are indeed purified in their right worship and resulting life, whilst they remain faithful to his commands (which are for our good).

Jesus is presented in the Temple and predictions are made by Simeon, as he recognizes the Lord before him in the child Jesus. Anna the prophetess, who had awaited the day of the Lord's coming as well, makes known his presence. This third wave of witnesses to the Lord (shepherds, magi, now Simeon and Anna) express the collective anticipation of the people.

For us, who live in the Year of the Lord as hopeful pilgrims, do we make known our faith in such bold ways? Do we live in such anticipation of doing the Lord's work, listening for his voice, participating in the purification of us that has begun? Or, do we forsake it and reject it like so many of the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, and Herodeans?

This weekend, as we have processed into the church with our candles, let us remember that at our baptism, we were given the light of Christ (from the paschal candle) and asked to keep it burning brightly. This Feast, also known as Candlemas, gives us a part-way-to-Easter reminder of this charge.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for *James "Jimmy" Hall*, a member of our parish family who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the family c/o his son, Jordan Hall, at 219 Castleton Ln., Hendersonville, NC 28791.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Today is observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord."

(St. John Paul II, 1997)

Adult Faith Formation Sunday mornings, 9:45-11:15a

Father Tom's Series on the Mass (different theme from last year's series) began last Sunday continues thru the end of February. Come to the Great Room on Sunday mornings where the words of the prayers and parts of the Mass will be examined in-depth. The them is "We Pray What We Believe". Stop in on Sunday morning for coffee and faith formation!



Senior High Youth Ministry & Junior High Youth Ministry

- (Sun) Feb. 2—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)
- (Wed) Feb.12—Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)
- (Sun) Feb 16—Confirmation Retreat (1130a-4p)
 - ♦ Meet in the church at 11:15a for Mass
 - ♦ Lunch is provided after Mass!
- (Mon) Feb. 17 Youth Ministry (6:00-8:00p)
 - ♦ Adoration
- (Sat) Feb. 22 Confirmation Mass with Bishop Knestout (11 a.m.)
 - ♦ Meet at the church at 10:15 a.m.
- (Sun) Feb. 23 Fun Night!
 - ♦ Laser Tag

Pope's Intention for February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Presentation of the Lord...

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a day when the Church blesses candles. In the Scripture today Simeon tells us that Jesus will be a "light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Jesus is the light of the world. So in these days when the world may feel so very dark, we celebrate this milestone in Jesus' young life, being presented at the temple, by blessing candles.



Memorial of Saint Blaise Bishop and Martyr

It is a tradition in the Church to bless throats on the memorial day of St. Blaise. We will have two Masses here this **Monday**, **February 3** — our school Mass this week will be celebrated on Monday at 8:30 a.m., and we will also have Mass as usual on Monday evening at 6 p.m. The blessing of throats will occur at both of these Masses on Monday.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

The Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed on Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Saint Augustine Center.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study for the Book of Exodus is held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Saint Augustine Center. All are welcome!

12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our monthly 12-Hour Adoration is this week: <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 4</u>, beginning immediately following the 8:30a .m. Mass (so at approx. 9a) and concluding with Benediction at 9 p.m. We need to be sure the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone and ask that if you are able, please sign up in the commons this weekend to come spend an hour in prayer with our Lord.



There will also be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 6-7p and Saturday from 8:30-9:30a.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart!"

(St. Therese of Lisieux)



(Weekday morning Mass - Sat., Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, February 1 (Vigil: Presentation of the Lord)

5:30 p.m. †Chuck Weisenburger

Sunday, February 2 (Presentation of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. †Sandra Chatelle 11:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:30 p.m. Spec.Int: Deacon Juan &

Consuelo Ibarra (Spanish Mass)

Monday, February 3 (memorial: St. Blaise)

8:30 a.m. Vocations to the Priesthood and

Consecrated Life

6:00 p.m. †Kevin Corbett

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 a.m. †Marilyn Mellett

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 a.m. †Jack Mellett

Thursday, February 6

6:00 p.m. †Patrick Boyle

Friday, February 7

8:30 a.m. †Christine Kupfer Messick

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, February 8 (Vigil: 5th Sunday/Ordinary Time)

5:30 p.m. †Helen Moretz

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. †Mike & †Joan Parkulo

11:30 a.m. †Tommy Lecke

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



E-Giving (Jan. 17-23)

Regular/Operating	\$3	,187
Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA)	\$	125
Respect Life (2nd collection)	\$	78

Collection Report (Jan. 18/19 & Jan. 25/26)

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Regular/Operating (Jan. 18/19)	\$	9,520.25
Regular/Operating (Jan. 25/26)	\$1	10,880.12
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$	213
Building/roof repairs	\$	50
Respect Life (2nd collection)	\$	2,782.25
Retired Religious Fund	\$	50
St. Anne Catholic School (2nd collection)	\$	531

February 2nd Collections

⇒ this weekend (Feb. 2) for St. Anne Catholic School

⇒ February 22/23 for Bristol Faith in Action (BFIA)

Scripture for next Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Here I am, send me!

Psalm 138

"In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (or) 15:3-8, 11

I handed on to you what I received.

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything, even their nets, and followed Jesus.

God calls Isaiah in a vision — a vision Isaiah finds overwhelming and humbling. Once reassured, however, he volunteers to serve the Lord. St. Paul points out that Jesus appeared to him only after calling hundreds of disciples. Because he had persecuted Jesus' followers, he felt unworthy. Yet he accepted Jesus' call. In the Gospel next Sunday, we hear Jesus call Simon Peter, James, and John, who realized their sinfulness, but left their boats behind and followed Him. May they lead us by their example.

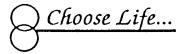
Parish Life Survey... The Parish Life Committee seeks feedback from our recent events and input for upcoming events. Your feedback will help us improve future events and ensure they meet the needs and interests of our community. Go to link below or use the QR code.

Link: https://forms.gle/CszaBKdeiwfwj1yn8



40 Days for Life —

From March 5 thru April 13, area Christians from various denominations will be praying and fasting for the end of abortion as part of the international 40 Days for Life vigil. Sign up at www.40daysforlife.com or contact Angie Bush at 40daysbristoltn@gmail.com or 423-482-2123 for more information.



40 Days for Life Kick-off & Prayer Gathering Monday, February 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. pizza (RSVP)

Praise & Prayer begins at 6 p.m.

Location: First Assembly of God (120 Millard Street, Bristol, VA)

RSVP to Angie for pizza, 423-482-2123 by Feb. 22.



Sharing His Love with Others

Over the past few weeks, you have seen in the bulletin about the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. With a goal of \$4,676,409, the 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese. Early this month (February) many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2025 Appeal.

It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

Valentine Dinner for couples

Friday, February 14 6 p.m. in the Great Room

Don't forget to purchase your tickets this weekend after Mass in the hallway by the Great Room. Ticket price is \$50 per couple. Join your St. Anne's friends for an evening of music, delicious food, fun and fellowship. Dinner will be catered by Piedmont Station and music by Mark Larkins.



2024 Statements:

Tax Statements that had not been picked up were mailed this week. If you did not receive a statement, or you have questions regarding your statement, please contact Rosie M. in the parish office at stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 0.