

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.
Wednesday8:30 a.m.
Thursday 6 p.m.
Friday8:30 a.m.
Saturday/daily Mass 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 & 4-5:15p Tuesday & Wednesday 5-6p; Thur.5-545p

Adoration:

1st Tues. (4/1) 9a-9p; other Tuesdays 9a-10a Wednesday 6-7p; Saturday 830-930a

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today, the 4th Sunday of Lent, is traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday, so-called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit. *Laetare* ("Rejoice"), taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11, sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments. Likewise, instruments may be played at Mass (on the other Sundays of Lent, instruments are only played to support singing), and the altar may be decorated with flowers (not permitted on the other Lenten Sundays).

The <u>cycle C</u> readings today at our <u>8:30a & 11:30a</u> Masses testify that with God, the dead can be restored to life. The Chosen People, rescued from slavery, celebrate their new life in the promised land. Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that our old selves have passed away, for we have become a new creation in Christ. In the Gospel we hear the parable of the prodigal son, which concludes with the father saying "Your brother was dead and has come to life again". God stands always ready to welcome us back.



This weekend the 2nd Scrutiny of our Elect (who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter) will be at the 5:30p Mass, and the cycle A readings are used. Along with the Elect we are called to scrutinize our attitudes, our biases, and our conscience, admit our blind spots, and seek the light.

The cycle A readings center around sight. God sees differently than we see, as we hear in the 1st reading when God chooses David over his older brothers. In the Gospel, Jesus gives a man who had been blind from birth the ability to see. Jesus reveals himself as the light of the world, which enables Paul to preach that we are light in the Lord Jesus. Let us pray that we live in the light of Christ — who enables us to truly see.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are placed in loving memory of **Andy Dannhardt**, given by his parents, Pat & Dick Dannhardt.

OLIVEWOOD GIFTS from Bethlehem Christians This Weekend March 29/30) in the Great Room

Stop in after Mass this weekend for beautiful Olivewood carvings/crafts from Christian artists in the Holy Land; purchase for yourself or as an Easter gift for someone. These sales support Christian families in the Holy Land who rely on this and pilgrims as primary sources of income. Due to recent events in the Holy Land, tourism activities have halted which has devastated the lives of these families.

A Message from Fr. Tom...

When the prodigal son asks his father to give him his portion of his inheritance early (before his father's death), he is certainly essentially declaring his father dead, as we well know.

But, let's examine further why and how, as a reflection of our relationship with God. We have already been given great riches in that we are made in the image and likeness of God; what an inheritance! When we decide to take the largesse of this inheritance into our own hands, knowing our Father in heaven is still available for us to be in relationship with, we commit mortal sin.

Said in reverse, when we who have already been given much choose to mortally sin, we are just like the prodigal son: we declare God dead because we want to make all the decisions with the gifts he bestows us.

In this, we behave just like Adam and Eve. In this, we remain in the throngs of sin. But, the Lord removes the reproach of sin in the remedy he fashions out of mortality itself: the Paschal Mystery of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let it be know that the things of this world are not our inheritance. The Lord is our inheritance. That relationship is to be the most highly praised target of our attention.





Monthly Papal Intentions

To better know "the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions," the Holy Father asks that his monthly intention be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."

Pope's Intention for April For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time,

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for the following:

- *Mark Buttice*, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Patty, at 120 Morse Drive, Bristol, TN 37620.
- *Shirley Olon*, a member of our parish family, who died recently. Notes may be sent to her family c/o her daughter Michelle Rose, 220 Chatham Rd., Bristol, TN 37620.
- ♦ *Elaine Vassoler Rodrigues*, the cousin of Sirley Stayman, who passed away in Brazel. Notes may be sent to Sirley at 1265 Carriage Circle, #301, Bristol, VA 24201.

12-Hour Adoration—Tuesday, April 1

As we journey in these last few weeks of Lent, will you make time to come pray in silence with our Lord? Adoration this Tuesday from **9a** (after the 8:30 Mass) until Benediction at **9p.**

STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us on the Fridays of Lent for **Stations of the Cross** at **6 p.m.**, prayed in the chapel and commons. A soup supper is served at <u>5:30 p.m.</u> in the Great Room on Friday before the Stations of the Cross.

SACRISTANS NEEDED! If you might be willing to help at weekend Mass setting up vessels and be behind the scene to assist at liturgy, please contact Rosie M. in the parish office. A few more folks who can do this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

Senior High & Junior High Youth Ministry

- (Sun.) March 23– Fun Night!
- (Wed.) Mar. 30 –Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)
 - Dinner will be provided
- (Sun.) April 6 No Youth Ministry
- (Wed.) April 16 Youth Ministry (BYC 5p-7p)

Diocesan Work Camp June 21-27, 2025—St. Anne's, Bristol, VA YES, we are hosting the Work Camp this year!!

All 8th-12th grade teens from across the Diocese are invited to Diocesan Work Camp this summer. Work Camp is an annual week-long mission trip experience where teens from all over the Diocese learn to love their faith through the lens of service and community. Participants will be broken into work crews that have a mix of teens from different parishes, each work crew will complete a home repair project in the local community. Everyone at Work Camp attends daily Mass before heading out to work, and evenings are filled with free time and an evening program. A highlight of Work Camp is the mid-week Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation service. All teens, chaperones, home base volunteers, and contractors stay onsite.

Diocesan Work Camp is an immersive experience for teens to learn what it means to put our Catholic faith in action.

Deadline to register: <u>May 1</u>—-Cost: \$225 For questions or to register, contact Laura Cochrane: 276-692-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org

We are in need of Adult Chaperones, Home Base Volunteers, and a few Contractors! Contractors do not have to be licensed, but they do need to have a general idea about building things. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact Laura Cochrane.

Mark your Calendars for SATURDAY, MAY 3!!!

Celebrate St. Anne Catholic School's 75th anniversary!!

at the Historic Post Office (Bristol, VA)

3-5 p.m. A Walk Down Memory Lane

Charcuterie, drinks, celebration of our school's history with special guests, including former Teachers and Principals

\$50/Couple / \$30/Single

5-9 p.m. **Decades:** A Celebration

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing; as we honor the past, present and future of our school. (optional: dress in your favorite decade)

\$60/Couple / \$35/Single

Get tickets thru the link on Fr. Tom's Flocknotes, or scan the QR code (flyers on table and posted flyers); tickets will also be sold after Masses on April 5/6.



(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., March 29 at 9:30a)

Saturday, March 29 (Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent)

5:30 p.m. †Andy Dannhardt

Sunday, March 30 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

8:30 a.m. †Mary Joyce 11:30 a.m. †Frank Stoffle

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

(Weekday Mass Monday evening, March 31at 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 1

8:30 a.m. †Andrew Taylor

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. †Rita Mansfield

Thursday, April 3

6:00 p.m. †Luca Pham Nom and

†Maria Nguyen Thi Vien

Friday, April 4

8:30 a.m. †Charles Switalski

(Weekday morning Mass, Sat., April 5 at 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, April 5 (Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent)

5:30 p.m. †Millie Radler

Sunday, April 6 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

8:30 a.m. †Marilyn Broglio 11:30 a.m. †Joel Perfetto

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



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Regular/Operating \$3,998 Ash Wednesday \$ 63 Bristol Faith In Action (BFIA) \$ 10

Collection Report (March 29/30)

Regular/Operating \$14,336 Ash Wednesday \$ 23 St. Anne Catholic School \$ 13

2nd Collection today (March 30): <u>Catholic Relief Services</u>. 2nd Collection **May 4** will be for St. Anne Catholic School.

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal Sharing His Love with Others

The Diocesan Appeal funds ministries which one parish cannot support alone. When we come together, we are able to educate seminarians, provide grants to help those in need, and conduct programs designed to build the next generation of Catholics. Please prayerfully consider giving to this year's Appeal. Visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation, or pick up a hard copy of a pledge card from the table in the commons.

Scripture for next Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Cycle C readings at 5:30p & 8:30a):

Isaiah 43:16-21

The mystery of the Passover will be made new.

Psalm 126

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul desires a share in the paschal mystery of the Lord.

John 8:1-11

No one is without sin except our merciful judge.

(Cycle A readings with Third Scrutiny at 11:30a):

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says: I will open your graves.

Psalm 130

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Romans 8:8-11

The life-giving Spirit dwells in us.

John 11:1-45

The Lord says: Lazarus, come out!



2025 Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope where meaning meets purpose

April 24-26, 2025

St. Mary's Catholic Church

2211 E. Lakeview Dr., Johnson City, TN 37601

Convention Speakers:

Anne De Santis

(Executive Director, St. Raymon Nonnatus Foundation) *Evelyn Garcia*

(Dynamic Catholic Pilgrimage Coordinator) *Michele Marquis*

(Executive Coach for Floyd Consulting)

Full Registration Fee (Apr. 24-26) \$140 For more information and full schedule (and individual day registration fees) go to: www.KDCCW.org

(If you would like a printed copy registration form and brochure, contact your parish office.)

40 Days for Life

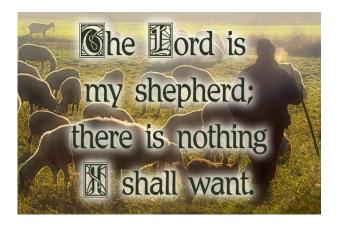
Between now and April 13th, 40 Days for Life vigils are happening in 660 cities worldwide. Christians from various churches are praying and fasting for the end of abortion. In Bristol, our goal is to have a prayer chain of people praying 12 hours/day for 40 consecutive days. If you would like to be involved but aren't sure how to start, consider coming to one of these group prayer gatherings near Bristol Women's Health abortion business (2603 Osbourne St., Bristol, VA).

- Thurs., April 3—11a (with St. Mary's Knights)
- Thurs., April 3—5p (First Assembly of God)
- Saturday, April 5—11a (with Fr. Chris Masla)
- Thurs., April 11—11a (with St. Mary's Knights)
- Sun., April 13—4p Closing Prayer Gathering



Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to make a donation toward our Easter Lilies in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please notify Rosie M. in the parish office <u>NLT April 11</u>. These will be listed in our Easter bulletin April 19/20.



Looking Ahead Just a Bit...

- ◆ Thurs., April 10—Lenten Penance Svc. 7p
- Palm Sunday, April 13—Holy Week Begins!!
- ♦ Holy Thursday, April 17—Mass at <u>7 p.m.</u> (Altar of Repose, after Mass until 10p)
- ◆ Good Friday, April 18 Stations of the Cross <u>12N</u>; Good Friday Svc. <u>7p</u>
- Holy Saturday, April 19; Easter Vigil Mass 8:30p
- Easter Sunday, Apr. 20; Masses/English: 830a/11:30a Mass/Spanish: 2:30p