



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

Fr. Tom will be away this week —

No weekday Masses, April 28-May 2

Saturday/daily Mass—April 26 at 9:30a

(no Sat. morning Mass on May 3)

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

Website:www.stannes-bristol.org

St. Anne's School 276-669-0048

email: schooloffice@stanneschoolbristol.org

Address: 580 Oakview Ave., Bristol, VA

Parish Registration - Call the church office.

Confessions: (this week)

Saturday April 26: 8:30-930a & 4-5:15p

Saturday May 3 4-515p

Adoration:

Saturday April 26: 830-930a

(No Adoration May 3)

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.



The readings today challenge us to recognize the risen Lord. The Easter season gives us the opportunity to get a glimpse at the faith of the early Christian community. May we strive to have the same strong faith as the early Christians.

In 1931, a young Polish nun (Faustine Kowalska) saw Jesus' image appear with rays of mercy emanating from His heart. He asked that an image of His Divine Mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, which is the final day of the Octave of Easter. On April 28, 1935—nearly exactly ninety years ago—Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated for the first time with a completed painting of her vision of the merciful Lord. In 2000, Saint John Paul II decreed that this feast be made official worldwide.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Billie Gemmell**, the sister of **Donna Shaffer**, and aunt of **Rubyn Gemmell**, who died recently. Notes may be sent to Donna & Rubyn at 2526 Bay St., Bristol, TN 37620.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that Your departed servant **Pope Francis**,
whom You made successor of Peter and
shepherd of Your Church, may happily enjoy
for ever in Your presence in heaven
the mysteries of Your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Amen.

A Message from Father Tom...

He is the one who lives. Jesus self-describes in a way only fitting for God. Across the second reading and the Gospel, we hear about another characteristic of Jesus: he is the judge (has the keys, and is able to give them) and he involves others in that assessment.

I find that people are often internally torn because being afraid of God (not "fear of the Lord" which is reverence, but actual fear) and want to follow what they think he asks of them out of fear ... and between extreme minimizing presumption, where we think there is not much we can do (and keep doing) which distances us from God.

In fairness, God is as merciful as possible, but all things must accord. Mercy doesn't mean being a pushover or able to be duped. God desires that all people be gathered to him, but also that people are prepared for the wedding banquet. Mercy can cover trauma, like Thomas' in the gospel; mercy can cover misunderstanding and bad teaching (thank God for that). Mercy can even cover foolishness. But, we should not presume God's mercy will cover our willfulness against him when we know we are being willfully opposed. This is Divine Mercy Sunday and God does show his mercy in innumerable areas. But just as when someone takes advantage of our own mercy and love, a new kind of resentment forms in our heart that hardens it, so God does not suffer such a level of presumption, because it does damage to the whole Body.

Easter is a joyful time, but it is always a proper time for repentance and getting back on the path of holiness, lest we veer so far away and become convinced of our well-trod path that we become stuck in a rut. God can always pull us out of such things, but it is a more painful experience than constant vigilance.

Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good,
his love is
EVERLASTING.

Don't forget—

this morning (April 27) the Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Pancake breakfast** in the Great Room after the 8:30a Mass.
Stop in for food and fellowship!



Sunday School of Religion meets today, April 27, but there is no RCIA this morning.



**Senior High Youth Ministry &
Junior High Youth Ministry**

- ♦ (Sun.) **April 27 — Fun Night! (3p-5p)**
 - Kiln Time
- ♦ (Sun.) **May 4 — Youth Ministry (5p-7p)**
 - Dinner will be provided
- ♦ (Wed.) **May 14— Youth Ministry (5p-7p)**
 - Dinner will be provided
- ♦ (Sun.) **May 18 - End of Year Picnic (4:30-7:30p)**
 - Steele Creek Park

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—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 are divided into work crews with a mix of teens from different parishes, each crew will complete a home repair project in the local community.

Everyone at Work Camp attends daily Mass each morning and evenings are filled with free time and an evening program. A highlight 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: May 1—Cost: \$225

**For questions or to register, contact Laura Cochrane:
276-692-3095 / lauracochrane@stannes-bristol.org**

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

Please take note...

- ⇒ Fr. Tom will be away this week so there will not be weekday Masses, confessions, adoration this Monday through Saturday a.m. (Apr. 28-May 3).
- ⇒ Next Saturday, May 3, Fr. Tim Drake will be here for confessions from 4-515p and our 5:30 p.m. Mass that evening. Father Tom will be back in Bristol but he will be participating in Saint Anne School's 75th anniversary celebrations at the Historic Post Office downtown Bristol, Virginia...

You can still get tickets to join in the celebration... see the information below!!

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

6-9 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 school office (276-669-0048)

or scan the QR code:



***Join us to celebrate our past
and look forward to our
future!***

Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed this Wed., April 30 at 12:15 at the St. Augustine Center.

Bible Study group meets Wed., April 30, 1 p.m. at the St. Augustine Center.

Looking Ahead a Bit...

12-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, **May 6**, 9a to 9p



Mass Intentions

Saturday morning Mass at 9:30a, April 26

Saturday, April 26 (Vigil: 2nd Sunday/Easter—Divine Mercy)

5:30 p.m. †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

Sunday, April 27 (2nd Sunday/Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 a.m. †Annette Mellett

11:30 a.m. †Don Ward

3:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

(No weekday Masses this week, Fr. Tom will be away)

Saturday, May 3 (Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter)

5:30 p.m. †Gene & Gina Rossetti

Sunday, May 4 (Third Sunday of Easter)

8:30 a.m. †Marilyn Broglio

11:30 a.m. †Ciro Costagliola

1:00 p.m. Spec. Int.: First Communion children

3:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)



PARISH SUPPORT

Collection Report (Palm Sunday—April 12/13)

Regular/Operating	\$13,935.24
Building/Roof Repairs	\$ 100
Bristol Faith In Action	\$ 75
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 300

E-Giving Report (April 12-17)

Regular/Operating	\$ 3,655
Easter Holy Day	\$ 56
Catholic Virginian	\$ 25
Bristol Faith In Action	\$ 125
Holy Thursday/local poor	\$ 78
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 53

Collection Report (Holy Thurs./Easter, April 17, 19, 20)

Regular/Operating	\$11,097.19
Easter Holy Day	\$12,489
Catholic Virginian	\$ 163
Holy Thursday/local poor	\$ 2,563
St. Anne Catholic School	\$ 81

2nd Collection this weekend (April 26/27) is taken up to help defray the parish cost for the Catholic Virginian subscriptions. Our **2nd Collection** next weekend (May 3/4) is our monthly collection for St. Anne Catholic School.

Many thanks for your support and generosity to Saint Anne's!

Scripture Readings for next Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The apostles openly give witness to the power of Jesus' name.

Psalms 30

"I will praise you, Lord, for You have rescued me."

Revelation 5:11-14

John declares the glory of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

John 21:1-19 (or) 21:1-14

The risen Christ welcomes His own at the seashore.

In the first reading, Saint Peter courageously faces down the Sanhedrin when they try to forbid the disciples from preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. The Gospel reveals that Jesus Himself gave Peter that courage by leading him to profess his love for Jesus three times, as he had lacked that courage when denying Jesus three times. May we realize that Jesus constantly invites us to reconciliation as well, instilling in us the courage to spread the Good News.



Thank You

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who faithfully pray for an end to abortion at home and on the street. We thank God for those who have been praying for decades and for the new people who joined our spring vigil. Fighting this spiritual battle is indeed a team effort and all of our prayers and sacrifices make a difference.

With Gratitude,

Angie Bush

(Bristol 40 Days for Life leader)

Dear Friends,

Hope this message finds you well!

Please **SAVE THE DATE** of June 7th for my upcoming priestly ordination. I appreciate and am deeply thankful to you all for the various roles you've played in my formation. I would love to have you present at my ordination and first Mass.

Take a look at my website for additional information regarding dates, times, and livestreaming options for the ordination Mass and my first Mass of Thanksgiving. Feel free to pass this around, the invitation is open to all!

The ordination website is:

<https://samhillordination.my.canva.site/>

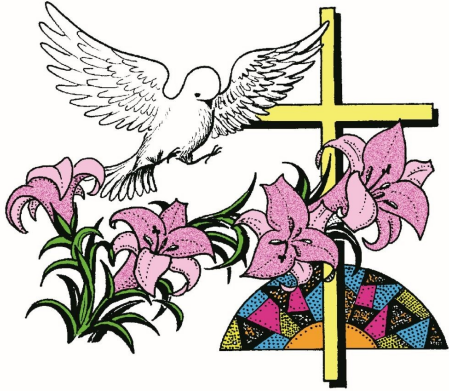
Yours in Christ,

Deacon Samuel Hill

Seminarian/Diocese of Richmond

Pontifical North American College

Vatican City State, Europe 00120



In addition to the memorials and honorariums listed in the Easter bulletin, donations were also given:

In Loving Memory of:

Deceased members of the **Shaffer, King, Adesso** and **Pachella** families

Given by Mary & Robert Shaffer

Dan Dutcher and deceased family members

Given by Miriam Dutcher

Gene & Gina Rossetti and **Jane Jordan Blevins**

Given by a friend



Did some of our **empty Easter eggs** find a new home in your car, purse, or under your couch? The Parish Life Committee is calling all colorful plastic escapees back to the church! Please return empty Easter eggs so we can reuse them next year. Unless your child has legally adopted them (or if they are lost and no longer around), then we do understand! Drop them off in the basket in the commons by May 4. Thanks!

Baby Bottle Campaign

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #6695 will be held the

weekends of **May 10/11 through June 14/15** (to include *Mother's Day through Father's Day*). 100% of donations benefit Pathways Pregnancy Resource Center, who provides ultrasounds and assistance to anyone in East Tennessee/Southwest Virginia who choose the gift of life. The Large Baby Bottle will be in the commons for donations. If you wish to have your own small bottle, small bottles will also be available and may be returned to any member of the KofC at any time. **If you donate by check, please make it payable to Knights of Columbus #6695.**

Questions? Please contact Michael Morel at mjpmorel@yahoo.com.

