

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday LIVESTREAM Masses:
Vigil: Sat., April 4 at 5:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday, April 5 at 9 a.m.

(If you cannot join us for the Livestream, the 9 a.m. Mass will be recorded and posted to the webpage for later viewing)

Go to parish website www.stannes-bristol.org and click on Facebook Live link to join the Livestream services (you do not have to be a Facebook subscriber to participate in the Livestream Masses.) Also on webpage, check for any updates and you can click to view all of Fr. Chris' videos on his YouTube Channel.

****Fr. Chris has blessed some PALMS and are available at the front door to the office (in foyer by mailbox) as of Friday morning, April 3rd—if you want to pick up.)**

****Also available in foyer: the WORD among us (daily meditations for the Easter Season—Easter Sunday thru Pentecost Sunday, if you would like to pick up a copy.**

****Copies of this bulletin are also printed and in foyer.**

PALM SUNDAY: Our Palm branches today recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is a bittersweet remembrance because we know that no sooner had he celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples than he was arrested, tried, convicted, and put to death. But Jerusalem is more than the site of his crucifixion. It is also the site of his resurrection. Through his sacrifice we all hope to one day reach the eternal Jerusalem.

Readings for this Week (April 6 to 12)

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The Passover is here: Slaughter the lamb during the evening twilight.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Jesus said: Do this in remembrance of me.

John 13:1-15

Jesus said: As I have done, so you must do.

Good Friday:

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

God's servant, like a gentle lamb, takes on all our illness, pain, and sorrows to set us free.

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

With confidence, approach the holy cross, the throne of grace!

John 18:1—19:42

Our King and our God reigns in glory from the cross.

from the Pastor's Desk

These days I spend as much time as I can at home. My meetings are mostly via Zoom unless I am meeting with one or two other people. I spend my days in prayer. I take walks outside with Skillet. He loves that part. I play music, cranking out happy songs. I am looking forward to planting my garden very soon. These are the things that make me feel better. This is what we need to be doing right now.

I miss seeing everyone at Mass. I miss gathering with friends in a restaurant downtown. I have tickets for two upcoming shows at the Paramount that have been rescheduled and I am sad about that. I would love to be going to a concert right now. I am not going to let any of this bring me down. Despite everything that is happening, I get up every day with a positive outlook for the future.

We are all in this together and we are doing the best we can to get through this. Together we can maintain hope and find something positive in everything we are doing. Some people choose to respond in a negative way. Some choose to criticize everything they are seeing. There will come a time for that. This is not that time.

What will be accomplished by spreading negativity about what we are experiencing? I can answer that. It can cause people to believe that things are worse than they are. It can cause people to lose hope. All of these things can lead to an increase in anxiety and depression. Is that really what we want to be accomplishing now?

For anyone who is wondering if they can do anything to help out in this time of crisis here are some suggestions. Reach out to someone you know who is alone or isolated. Pass on an encouraging message to someone you know needs to hear it. Most of all maintain a positive outlook. Let people see that we are strong and that we are not going to let this situation defeat us. Let them see that we are a strong faith community and there is nothing on this earth can defeat us.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We ask your prayers for **Delores "Dee" Smith**, a member of our parish family who died on Friday. Notes of sympathy may be sent to: "the family of Dee Smith" at 1108 Georgia Ave., Bristol, TN 37620.

Shine like the Stars...

A 3-day virtual Diocesan Holy Week Mission for the Whole Family!

Join with others across our diocese this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening (April 6/7/8) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All materials and log in information, including resources for children and teens will be available at: richmonddiocese.org/holyweekmission or you can click on the link on our parish webpage or parish Facebook page.

- ◆ Join Deacon Anthony Ferguson online each evening as he leads you through evening prayer led by a member of clergy, talks by various guest speakers, music from across the diocese, and discussion topics for your entire family!

MONDAY, April 6th (6:30-8pm) ...with your whole heart

- ◆ Msgr. Tom Miller (retired priest of our diocese)
- ◆ Geoff & Bethany Gasperini (parents of 5 children/Richmond)
- ◆ Music by:
Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke
St. Anne, Bristol

TUESDAY, April 7th (6:30-8pm) ...in a relationship with Christ

- ◆ Fr. Matt Kiehl (Chaplain, College of William & Mary) (Rector, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham)
- ◆ Angela Hamrick (High School Teacher/VA Beach)
- ◆ Music by: Basilica of St. Mary, Norfolk
John Hopke Band

WEDNESDAY, April 8th (6:30-8pm) ...through the darkness

- ◆ Fr. Michael Renninger (Pastor, St. Mary/Richmond)
- ◆ Sr. Inma Cuesta, CMS (Director, Diocesan Office of Ethnic Ministries)
- ◆ Music by: Sacred Heart, Richmond
Immaculate Conception, Hampton

PRAY for VOCATIONS!!

"Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!"

Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Fr. Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

OUR PARISH GROUNDS are beautiful with the spring flowers... many thanks to those who helped plant bulbs last fall! If you are driving along Euclid Avenue be sure to look at the beautiful tulips blooming!

Thank you

Special thanks to our PARISHIONERS...

who are continuing to support our parish by **mailing in, dropping off, or E-giving*** your contributions to St. Anne's to help us continue to pay our bills and meet our payroll. Many of you have been very generous — God bless you!! Your ongoing donations are greatly appreciated!!

Unfortunately, due to the reduction in our income, we have begun temporary lay-offs and reduction of hours for some employees/staff. Please be assured we have reduced all our spending except for essentials such as electric, gas, etc.

And we do understand that a number of our parishioners have lost jobs/income during this crisis and certainly understand that you have your own financial concerns. Please know of our ongoing prayers for you and your families.

(you can sign-up for E-giving on our parish website at www.stannes-bristol.org main web page scroll to the bottom—click on Egiving)



E-Giving (March 24-31)

Regular/Operating	\$4,515.
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 25.
Catholic Relief Svcs./2nd Coll.	\$ 178.
St. Anne's School/2nd Coll.	\$ 150.

Collection mailed in/dropped off (March 28-April 3)

Regular/Operating	1	\$7,310.
Catholic Relief Svcs./2nd Coll.		\$ 204.
St. Anne's School/2nd Coll.		\$ 185.

Upcoming Collections:

- April 4/5— Regular Operating and 2nd collection: St. Anne's School
- April 9— Holy Thursday (for Local Poor)
- April 11/12— Regular Operating, and Easter Holy Day
- April 18/19— Regular Operating
- April 25/26— Regular Operating and 2nd collection: Catholic Virginian

Note:

To help keep our normal operating costs low, we have made some adaptations which include cancelling our order for Easter lilies this year due to the current situation.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Pope Francis encourages all Catholics who are unable to attend Church to pray for spiritual communion...

"a practice that is highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament."



In his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Pope John Paul II explained how the essential role of the Eucharist in uniting us to Christ led to the practice of "spiritual Communion". In the Eucharist, **"unlike any other sacrament, the mystery (of Communion) is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: Here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins himself to us in the most perfect union."**

Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of "spiritual Communion", which has been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life...

"When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

— St. Teresa of Jesus

"Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that still has plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again. After the reception of the Sacraments, when we feel ourselves slacken in the love of God, let us have recourse at once to spiritual communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can separate us from the good God."

—St. John Vianney

"Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

—St. Thomas Aquinas

"What a source of grace there is in spiritual Communion! Practice it frequently and you'll have more presence of God and closer union with Him in your life."

—St. Josemaría Escrivá

We encourage the faithful to pray the **Prayer for Spiritual Communion** during the time of Holy Communion when you are participating in livestream Masses or viewing a recorded Mass or televised Mass during this time when we are unable to have public celebration of Mass.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

St. Anne's HOLY WEEK Schedule

Confessions: Tuesday, April 7, 5-6pm

In the Church

(no more than 9 people in building at a time, Maintain at least 6 ft. social distancing)

To join us for our livestream services:

Go to parish webpage: www.stannes-bristol.org

Click on the Facebook Live link;

You do not have to be a Facebook user to join the Livestream.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Livestream at 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10
Good Friday Service
Livestream at 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11
Easter Vigil Mass
Livestream at 8:30 p.m.
(have a candle with you to light at home during the Vigil)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12
Livestream Mass at 9 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, April 4 (*Vigil: Palm Sunday*)

†Isabelle Murphy (Livestream Mass at 5:30p)

Sunday, April 5 (*Palm Sunday*)

†Ethel Plishka (*moved to *Monday 04/06*)

†Marion Kyle (*moved to *Tuesday, 04/07*)

Parishioners (Livestream Mass at 9a)

***Wednesday, April 8**

†Delores “Dee” Smith

Holy Thursday, April 9 (Livestream Mass at 7p)

†Ralph McElheny

Holy Saturday, April 11 (Livestream Mass at 8:30p)

†Anna Stephanik

Easter Sunday, April 12

†Mike Arnold (*moved to *Monday 04/13*)

†Emilia Cruz (*moved to *Tuesday 04/14*)

Parishioners (Livestream Mass at 9a)

*Fr. Chris will celebrate private daily Mass and include
The Intention in his private prayers.

To contact Saint Anne’s parish — during office hours and
for non-sacramental emergencies, call **276-669-8200 ext. 0**
or email stannes@stannes-bridol.org.

If you need a priest for a sacramental emergency at night or
on weekend, call 276-821-8023.

Parish mailing address: 350 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201

WEEKLY BULLETIN: Currently we are typing our
bulletin on Fridays afternoons and posting on parish
webpage. A few printed copies will be available outside the
front office door in the foyer near the mailbox.

Since we are not currently sending to the publisher, we
want to especially thank our normal bulletin sponsors for
their understanding during this time.

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