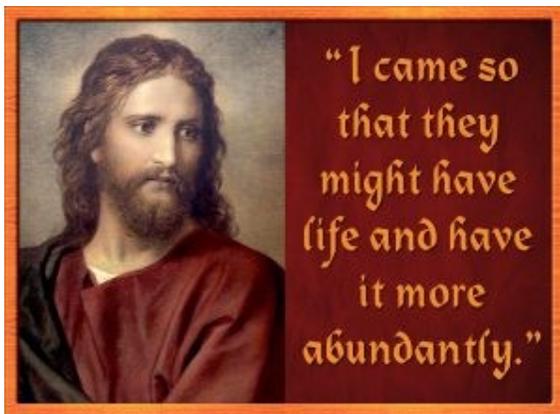


Picture a lush meadow with a large flock of sheep enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. This first Sunday in May, situated right in the middle of spring, may lend itself to such daydreams. But this is no daydream, for we indeed are part of a flock with a devoted shepherd, one who calls us each by name and invites us to have life and have it more abundantly.

In today's Gospel on this 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), Jesus tells us that He is the gate and whoever enters through Him will be saved.



**Livestream Masses:**

- Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday at 9 a.m.
- Weekday: Tues/Wed/Fri 8:30a; Thurs 6p

Go to parish website [www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org), click on **Facebook Live** (you don't have to join Facebook to participate in the Livestream Masses.) On webpage, check for updates and view all of Fr. Chris' videos.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

This past week I read a news article about a physician who committed suicide in Virginia. She had been working in an ER in New York City. She had been on the front lines fighting the Corona Virus. She had contacted the virus herself and had recovered. I do not know the specific circumstances that led to her death, but it was obvious to those around her that she was under a great deal of stress. As a physician she understood mental illness better than most of us. She knew the signs and what it can do. This only proves once again, that none of us are immune to this. This can happen to any of us.

I am going to stop referring to this specific case and discuss this issue in more general terms. While I do not have any hard figures, I am sure what I have just is only one of many cases. I have long been concerned that as we deal with this pandemic we will see a rise in clinical depression that is directly related to this crisis. No one should be surprised by this. There are some situations that push us beyond the limits of our endurance and this is definitely one of them. No one should be ashamed or embarrassed if they find themselves being affected in this way.

One of the challenges in treating clinical depression and other forms of mental illness is that people are reluctant to seek treatment. If someone believed they had the Corona Virus, that person would likely seek the first possible opportunity to get tested and get treatment. Most people are much less likely to seek help when they are feeling depressed. We have got to find a way past this. There is nothing wrong with having to seek help.

I want to repeat the encouragement I have been giving for people to stay active and healthy in this difficult time. Look out for those around you. If you know someone who needs help or you think may be struggling with depression, respond with compassion, and encourage them to get help. This is a time that will push many of us to the limits of our endurance, but it can also be a time that shows us how strong we are when we work together to take care of one another.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Your prayers are asked for **Andy Kilinski**, a member of our parish family, who died this week. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Carol, at 3031 Weaver Pike, Bristol, TN 37620.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 2 (Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter)**

(Livestream Mass at 5:30p) - †Francis J. Finan, Jr.

**Sunday, May 3 (4th Sunday of Easter)**

(Livestream Mass at 9a) - Parishioners

Tuesday, May 5 (Livestream Mass 8:30a)

†Pauline Price

Wednesday, May 6 (Livestream Mass 8:30a)

†Willet Moretz, Jr.

Thursday, May 7 (Livestream Mass 6p)

†Dave Rodham (moved from Sunday 5/3)

Friday, May 8 (Livestream Mass 8:30a)

†Slawomir and †Tadeusz Lendzioszek (moved from Sun. 5/3)

**Saturday, May 9 (Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter)**

(Livestream Mass at 5:30p) - †Joe Oberle

**Sunday, May 10 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

(Livestream Mass at 9a) - Parishioners

The intention originally scheduled for Sunday, May 10 will be moved to:

†Stan & Anne Durant

(moved to Livestream Mass Friday, May 15 at 830a)

(by Canon Law, Mass on Sunday intention is for Parishioners)

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Pope Francis encourages the faithful to make a “*Spiritual Communion*” at this time when public celebrations of Mass are suspended. We encourage you 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.

## CONFESSIONS

(in the church)

**Tuesdays 5-6p, Thursdays 5-530p, Saturdays 330-430p**

The side door to the commons will be open. The confessional is set up in the main sanctuary, in front of the stained glass section. If someone is already in the sanctuary in confession, then others are asked to please wait in the chairs set up in the commons.

**OFFICE HOURS** this week: Mon./Tues./Fri. 9a-4p



The Month of May is traditionally associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we lift up our prayers to Mary this month, we share this one from Pope Francis:

*“Beloved Mother,  
Help us realize that we are all members  
of one great family and to recognize  
the bond that unites us, so that,  
in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity,  
we can help to alleviate countless  
situations of poverty and need.  
Make us strong in faith,  
persevering in service,  
constant in prayer.”  
Amen.*

**Question???** *When will we be able to come  
to Mass at church again??*

**The short answer: we really don’t know that answer yet!**  
Whenever the current restrictions for the Commonwealth of Virginia are eased and we are possibly able to gather again, it is important to understand that things will not immediately “go back to normal”. The Governor has announced a 3-phase guideline of easing restrictions in the weeks and months ahead. Our Diocese continues to monitor and plan for liturgical celebrations in the future, taking into consideration any new guidelines. The Diocese and parishes are exploring ways to address the strong desire of the faithful to participate in the liturgy and receive the Eucharist, while continuing care and concern for the physical and spiritual health of all — an expression of divine law. The greatest divine law is that we love God and our neighbor; all other laws and individual rights are subordinate to that supreme divine law. We ask you to please continue to be patient and charitable as we work through these difficult times.

\*\*\* **Continue to check our parish website  
for any new information!!** \*\*\*

[www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org)



*Many Thanks to everyone for your ongoing Support and generosity to our parish!!*

**Donations deposited (April 24-May 1)**

Regular/Operating	\$13,065
School 2nd Collection	\$ 232
Easter Holy Day	\$ 230
Catholic Virginian 2nd coll.	\$ 498
Holy Thursday/local poor	\$ 27
Catholic Relief Svcs. 2nd coll.	\$ 25
Dioc. Home Missions 2nd coll.	\$ 60
Designated special donation	\$ 200

**E-Giving (April 22-30)**

Regular/Operating	\$4,019
School 2nd Collection	\$ 228
Easter Holy Day	\$ 20
Catholic Virginian 2nd coll.	\$ 258
Maintenance Reserve/ (former Bldg. fund)	\$ 75

**Livestream Offertory/thru diocese (April 15-21)**

Regular/Operating	\$1,260
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**Operation Rice Bowl**

\$795.20

**Second Collections in May:**

- May 3** — St. Anne's School  
*(thank you for your support of our school!)*
- May 31** — Diocesan Home Missions

**CONTRIBUTIONS** can be made by mail (350 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA), in person—drop by the parish office, or online. To sign up for our parish Egiving go to parish webpage at [www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org) and scroll to click on the Egiving link. Donations can also be given thru the diocese “offertory” link during Livestream Masses (be sure that you indicate it is for St. Anne in Bristol).

**PRAY for VOCATIONS!!**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or you can email [vocations@richmondioocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmondioocese.org).

**Congratulations to the CDA Education Contest Winners!**

**ESSAY**

1st Place—**Ella Lance** 2nd Place—**Sophie Tibol**

**POETRY**

1st Place—**Lauren Fish** 2nd Place—**Ava Booher**

**ART**

1st Place—**Lily Chen** 2nd Place—**Olivia Ratliff**

**BULLETIN:** Until we have public celebrations of Mass again, our bulletin is typed on Fridays and posted to our webpage, and printed copies are available at the front office door foyer. We thank our normal **bulletin sponsors** for their understanding during this time, since their ads are not listed as usual each week —

**OUR THANKS TO:**

- Gastroenterology Associates
- Tri-City Security Company
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Friendship Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge (Bristol)
- Akard Funeral Home
- Rita Kiscaden, Financial Advisor
- Dr. Todd Cooper
- Weberling and Associates
- Stone & Stone Svcs.
- Knights of Columbus, Council 6695
- Bristol Columbian Center
- Mia Johnson, Realtor/Property Manager
- Mountain Empire Eye Physicians
- Kobé Japanese Steak House
- BurWil Construction Company
- In Touch Therapeutic Massage



**Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**p.m.—6:30 p.m.**  
**Mgr. Hickie Center**

**CALLING ALL BLOOD DONORS!!**

Marsh Regional Blood Center Bloodmobile will be here at Saint Anne's on Wednesday, May 20th at the Mgr. Hickie Center. We are limiting the number of slots so that only two donors are on the bloodmobile at a time and only a few people in the building to register and be screened. IF YOU CAN DONATE, we do need you to CONTACT us to **SCHEDULE an APPOINTMENT TIME...** these will begin at 1pm and the last appointment time is 630pm. Some are staggered each 15 minutes and others a bit longer. **We need donors for 21 slots!!** Please contact Rosie in the parish office by calling 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or email her at [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

**Fourth Sunday of Easter — Good Shepherd Sunday**

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**Readings for this Week (May 4-9)**

MONDAY:	Acts 11:1-18;	John 10:11-18
TUESDAY:	Acts 11:19-26;	John 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 12:24—13:5a;	John 12:44-50
THURSDAY:	Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
FRIDAY:	Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
SATURDAY:	Acts 13:44-52;	John 14:7-14

**Scripture for next Sunday (May 10)**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
*(Mother's Day)*

**Acts 6:1-7**

They chose Stephen.

**Psalm 33**

“Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.”

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

“The stone that the builders rejected has become  
the cornerstone.”

**John 14:1-12**

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”

**“I am the way and the truth and the life,”** Jesus says to His disciples in the passage from John we will hear next Sunday. He is the foundation on which we build our lives, the cornerstone of our spiritual home. As we continue to celebrate this Easter season, let us listen to God’s word and discern the way, the truth, and the life that Jesus reveals to us.

***“So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with  
My righteous right hand.”***  
(Isaiah 41:10)

*As you are dealing with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, we pray that you will know God’s presence, see His provision, and be filled with His peace.*

*In the midst of whatever you are experiencing right now, may you feel God’s Mighty Hand grasping yours. We ask God to give you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.*

*Please know of our prayers for you and that we miss seeing all of you here at Mass.*

**Parish Contact Info:** During office hours and for non-emergencies call **276-669-8200 ext. 0** or email [stannes@stannes-bridol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bridol.org). If you need a priest for a sacramental emergency evening/weekend call 276-821-8023. Mailing address is: 350 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201, our fax # is 276-669-7825 and our website is **www.stannes-bridol.org**.