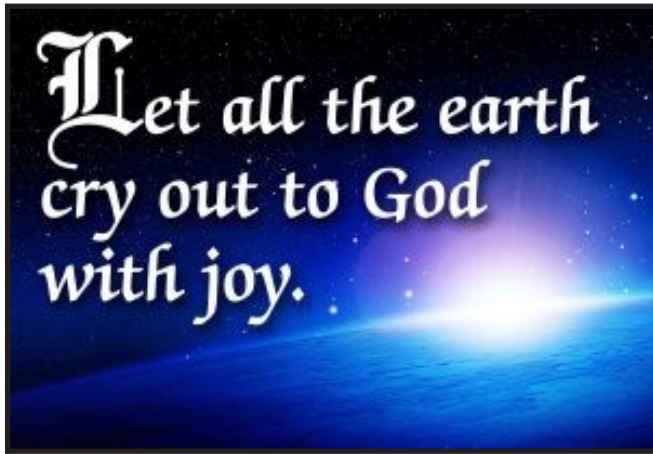


At this time of year, when flowers are blooming and daylight is lengthening and nature is full of life, it feels as though God's creation has been reborn. During the Easter season we recall that we ourselves have been reborn in baptism. Today's Gospel (John 14:15-21) reminds us that Jesus dwells within us. Not only that, the Holy Spirit is with us, too. Therefore, when we look around, we can see the full flowering of the divine in ourselves, in each other, and in the whole world. Truly, **let all the earth cry out to God with joy!**

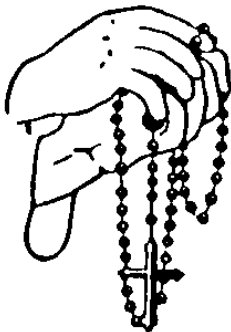


**This Weekend (May 16/17) LIVESTREAM MASSES:**  
—Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.  
—This week daily Livestream Masses:  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 830a & Thursday 6p

For livestream Mass, go to parish website at [www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org) and click on FACEBOOK LIVE (you don't have to join Facebook to participate in livestream Masses). On webpage, also check main page for information updates and any new videos posted on Fr. Chris' YouTube channel.

## R • O • S • A • R • Y

Join us this **Thursday, May 21st at 5 p.m.** for our Livestream Rosary.... Join us through the parish webpage or parish facebook page.



By now I am sure everyone has heard the news that next weekend we will be opening the church for Mass again. I want to go over again some things I mentioned in my original announcement and a few other things. We will be able to gather for Mass again, but it will not be the way it was before we stopped. Many things will be difficult. There are still going to be things we will want to do, but cannot.

Everyone will have to wear a mask before they can come into the church. It is not the most comfortable experience to be sitting indoors wearing a mask for an hour, but it is necessary. People will need to bring their own masks. We do not have masks we can provide for people coming into the church.

One of the many things I enjoy about weekends at the church is greeting people and being able to spend time after Mass visiting with all the members of the parish. We are not going to be able to do that at this time. People will be escorted to their seats by an usher. When Mass ends, people will be dismissed by sections and must exit the building immediately. We will not be able to stop and gather and visit with one another.

As I have already said, this is only phase one. It will not be this way forever. We will eventually be able to experience the Mass the way we have in the past. We will be able to build our community back up again, and I believe we will be even better than we were. This is a challenge, but I think we are all going to emerge stronger because of it. I am still very proud to be serving here as pastor of St. Anne's and I am looking forward to more good times here.

**CONFESSIONS** (in church sanctuary) on Tuesday 5-6p, Thursday 5-530p, and Saturday 3:30-4:30p

**OFFICE HOURS** this week (May 18-22):  
Weekdays, 9a-4p, every day EXCEPT Thursday.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Daily Scripture Readings for this week:

MONDAY:	Acts 16:11-15;	Jn. 15:26-16:4a
TUESDAY:	Acts 16:22-34;	Jn. 16:5-11
WEDNESDAY:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;	Jn. 16:12-15
THURSDAY:	Acts 18:1-8;	Jn. 16:16-20
FRIDAY:	Acts 18:9-18;	Jn. 16:20-23
SATURDAY:	Acts 18:23-28;	Jn. 16:23b-28

### Scripture for next Sunday (ASCENSION)

#### Acts 1:1-11

*Lord Jesus ascends into a cloud.*

#### Psalm 47

*“God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”*

#### Ephesians 1:1-23

*Christ is the head of the church;  
where He is we are called to follow.*

#### Matthew 28:16-20

*Jesus commands us to go and baptize.*

Next Sunday we will hear the familiar account of Jesus ascending to heaven while His disciples looked on. In the Gospel, we will hear Jesus send His disciples on their mission. In between we will hear St. Paul tell the Ephesians “*May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened*”, praying that they may gain perception in their passion for Jesus Christ. Whenever we listen to God’s word, may the eyes of our hearts be enlightened as well.

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Pope Francis encourages the faithful to make a “*Spiritual Communion*” at this time when you are unable to attend public celebrations of Mass. We encourage you to pray the **Prayer for Spiritual Communion** when you are participating in livestream Masses or viewing a recorded Mass or televised 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.

### PRAY for VOCATIONS

**“Whoever loves me will keep my word.”**

Are you called to bring the word of Christ to His flock?  
Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email:  
[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



### Donations deposited (May 9-15)

Regular/Operating	\$14,546
School 2nd Collection	\$ 1,902
Social Ministry/outreach	\$ 600
Bristol Faith in Action	\$ 600
Diocesan Home Mission 2nd Coll.	\$ 130
Holy Thursday/local poor	\$ 30
Catholic Virginian 2nd Coll.	\$ 215
Easter Holy Day	\$ 30
Designated Special Donation	\$ 50

### E-Giving (May 6-12)

Regular/Operating	\$2,617
School 2nd Collection	\$ 170
Maintenance Rsv./former Bldg.Fund	\$ 10

### Livestream Offertory/thru diocese (May 3-5)

Regular/Operating	\$1,145
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### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- May 31 (Diocesan Home Missions)  
Supports “Mission” parishes in the United States
- June 7 (St. Anne’s School)
- June 28 (Holy Father/Peter’s Pence)  
Supports the Pope’s outreach to the poor



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 16 (Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter)

(Livestream Mass at 5:30p) - †Bernie Separ

#### Sunday, May 17 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

(Livestream Mass at 9a) - Parishioners

Tuesday, May 19 (Livestream Mass 8:30a)

† Emilia Cruz (*moved from Sunday, May 17*)

Wednesday, May 20 (Livestream Mass 8:30a)

† Lynn Landsburg (*moved from Sunday, May 17*)

Thursday, May 21 (Livestream Mass 6p)

† Regina C. Finan

Friday, May 22 (Livestream Mass 8:30a)

† Jonathan Mendoza-Onate

#### Saturday, May 23 (Vigil: ASCENSION)

5:30 p.m. - † John Hunter

#### Sunday, May 17 (The ASCENSION of the LORD)

8:30 a.m. Parishioners

11:30 a.m. † Gene Stewart

By Canon Law, we must have a Sunday intention for Parishioners

† Willet Moretz (*intention moved from Sunday, May 17  
to Friday, May 29 at 8:30a*)

### PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

*The Bishop is allowing parishes to begin public celebration of the Mass next weekend (May 23/24) — each parish will submit the required checklist indicating we can meet all requirements/guidelines set forth by the Governor and the Bishop; once the bishop approves our checklist then we will begin having public celebration of Mass...*

**As this bulletin is typed (5p on 5/15/2020)**

**pending approval of the diocese,**

**we will have public celebration of the Mass beginning on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord:**

**Saturday, May 23 at 5:30pm and**

**Sunday, May 24 at 8:30a and 11:30a.**

*There will not be a Spanish Mass at this time*

We will continue Livestream Mass for the 5:30pm and the 8:30am Masses, on our parish webpage and Facebook.

(Those in vulnerable categories i.e. older adults age 65+, people with immunocompromised health, anyone feeling ill or running a fever — are strongly encouraged to remain at home and not attend the public celebration of Mass)

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in place until further notice.

We should know by mid-week that we have approval to begin public celebration—check the parish facebook or webpage for an update: [www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org)—or call the parish office (276-669-8200 ext. 0).

### GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS include: (as of 5/15)

- We ask you to arrive 30 minutes prior to liturgy in order that everyone can be admitted and seated; the exterior door will not be unlocked until we have our scheduled volunteer ushers in place (so door will be unlocked approx. 45 min. prior to Mass time).
- The **ONLY ENTRANCE** will be the double doors at the main parking lot, near the Great Room.
- Social distancing is to be maintained outside in parking lot and as you line up to enter the building, and inside. (note: *family/households need not social distance*).
- All attending the liturgy (age 3 and older) **must wear face coverings** (*bring your own face covering*). Anyone not wearing a face covering will not be permitted to enter.
- Prior to entering each person will be asked 3 questions: if you've had a fever in past 2 weeks; if you or anyone in house-hold has a new cough or new shortness of breath; and if you've come in contact with anyone positive for COVID19 in past 2 weeks — if so, you will not be permitted to enter.
- We are limited to 50% capacity of the building, and allowing for social distancing in seating. Once that is met, we cannot allow any other people to enter the building.
- **Once Mass begins**, entrance will be locked and we won't be admitting anyone else into the building.  
(seating information—see next column)

*(guidelines continued...)*

- After you enter the building, a volunteer usher will escort you through the commons and into the sanctuary for seating.
  - ⇒ There will be different sections for seating of individuals, couples, family/households.
  - ⇒ We ask for your understanding that you will not be able to “choose” your seat for liturgy; you will be seated by the usher based on the criteria set forth for seating as people enter the space.
- ♦ There cannot be worship aids or hymnals in the space.
- ♦ We cannot pass the collection baskets at the offertory; basket(s) will be available as you enter the sanctuary for you to place your donations/contributions.
- ♦ Choirs are suspended and the assembly is asked not to sing—in light of scientific data that singing can increase the spread of the virus. Chris Neal (and a cantor) will provide music for liturgy.
- ♦ Refrain from holding hands during the Our Father and we will not shake hands at the sign of peace.
- ♦ **COMMUNION:** Fr. Chris will distribute the Body of Christ. He will move to the different sections and the faithful will be instructed by the usher; maintaining social distancing in the communion line. Fr. Chris will wear a face covering during distribution of Holy Communion. *The faithful are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand.* After receiving the Host, the faithful will step aside a bit, lower facemask and consume, then raise facemask and return to seat.
- Restrooms: only one individual in restroom at a time (*parent accompanying their child is fine*).
- **END OF MASS:** When Mass ends, the faithful will be directed by ushers for dismissal, row by row, section by section. Everyone is asked to immediately exit the building. no social gathering in the building, and go directly to your vehicles (no social gathering in parking lot or other parish properties)
- We cannot have bulletins handed out as you leave; our bulletin will continue to be typed on Friday afternoon and posted to the webpage; additional printed copies will be available at the front office foyer Monday thru Friday if you cannot access online.
- Once everyone has exited, custodian(s) will sanitize and clean all surfaces (pews, doorknobs, railings, restrooms, etc.) before we can have anyone enter for the next liturgy. So it is important when Mass has ended that everyone exit as directed in order for the spaces to be cleaned.

**The above information will be updated as we receive information from the Diocese. We will also be adjusting our guidelines as necessary as things progress in order to best meet the needs of the faithful and keep in line with the directives from the Bishop and the Governor.**

***Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation during this time!!***

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**THANKS A HEAP!**

Thanks to everyone who came by to donate food for Bristol Faith in Action — **we stuffed the bus twice!!!** Special thanks to those who helped set up the food drive and who helped facilitate it. God bless you ALL for your generosity!!



**Wednesday, May 20th**

If you are scheduled to donate this Wednesday, don't forget to come! If you can't come or forgot your appointment time, contact Rosie in the parish office...

As this goes to print, we have three slots still open—if you can donate, contact the office.

Need to have an appointment—no walk-ins this time as we need to assure social distancing.

**Parish Contact Info:**

During office hours & non-emergencies call **276-669-8200 ext. 0** or email [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).

If you need a priest for a sacramental emergency evening/weekend call **276-821-8023**.

Parish mailing address is: 350 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201, fax # is 276-669-7825 and our parish website is [www.stannes-bristol.org](http://www.stannes-bristol.org).

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