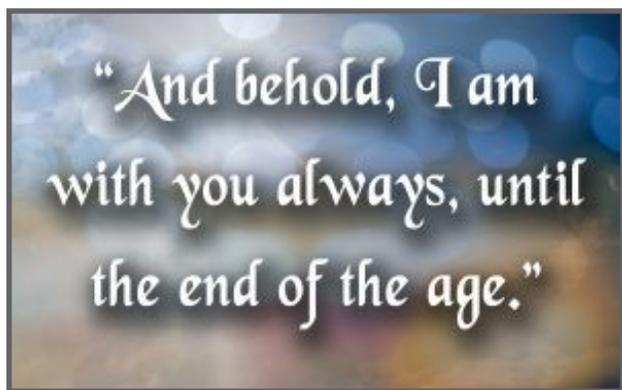


As Jesus bids farewell to his disciples, he instructs them to **"be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."** Because they did so, the early Church, the body of Christ, grew and flourished despite persecution. Today we recall Christ's ascension to his Father in heaven. Before he left, he promised his disciples that he would be with them always. Jesus was not just with the disciples who knew him before his death and resurrection, he was with the early Church, and he is still with us now. Therefore, we are to be his witnesses also, testifying to his presence in us, in others, in the Eucharist. We can do this, for **"all power in heaven and on earth"** is behind us.



We will begin **public celebration of the Mass** this weekend:

**Sat., May 23 at 5:30 p.m.**

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

Please review the **guidelines** listed on the next page of this bulletin (also posted at the link on our parish webpage).

Everyone attending (age 3+)  
must bring and wear a face mask.

### **One entrance only:**

double doors at main parking lot. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass time. We will unlock and begin screening approx. 45 min. before Mass begins.

We have a reduced capacity due to the restrictions and social distancing mandate, so when capacity is met, we will not be able to allow anyone else into the building. Also, once Mass begins, we will lock the entrance and not allow anyone else to enter, so please do not arrive late.

*As per CDC guidelines and our Diocesan restrictions*

### Those in a vulnerable category:

- Older adults (age 65+)
- Those with immunocompromised health
- Those with serious health issues
- Those in household with a vulnerable person  
*are encouraged to please stay at home.*

If you are ill or running a fever—  
you will not be allowed to enter the building.

**We will livestream our 5:30 & 8:30 Masses.**

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

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

This will be our first weekend back in the church. As I write this, I still do not know how everything will go. I also do not know how many people will be with us this weekend. I suspect it will be less than usual, but that is ok. It is probably a good thing that some people continue to use caution and stay home.

The first thing I want to say to everyone who will be either joining us this weekend or staying home is thank you. This has been a very difficult time for all of us. Our staff has worked very hard through a great deal of stress. The response from the members of our parish has been incredible. You have all done so much to support us and to encourage us. I cannot begin to express how much that has helped.

I do not know how much longer things will be like this. I have no idea what the future will look like. I do know that we will get through this by doing what we have always done. We will come together to support each other as a community of faith. It has been a great blessing for me to be the pastor of this community. I am looking forward to many more years with all of you.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We ask your prayers for **Helen Ackley**, a member of our parish family who died last weekend. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o 330 Godsey Rd., Apt. 10, Bristol, TN 37620.

Your prayers are asked for **David Bentley**, the father of Sarah Bolling, who died this week. Notes may be sent to Sarah & Justin at 29 Brandon Ln., Bristol, VA 24201.

**PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE MASS**  
**GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS include:**

- 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.
- 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 & as you leave 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 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!!***

**Please take NOTE:**

- until further notice, the time for Saturday **Confessions** is 3:30 to **4 p.m.** (Tuesday is 5-6p & Thursday is 5-530p)
- **Office is closed Monday for Memorial Day.** This week office hours will be:
  - Tuesday & Thursday, 9a-4p
  - Friday 8:30a-12:30p

The Funeral Mass for Mrs. Helen Ackley will be this Tuesday, May 26 at 10 a.m. (follow the guidelines for attending Mass, wear face mask, etc.); the door at main parking lot will be unlocked at approx. 9:30 a.m. and you will be seated in sanctuary by an usher. Must maintain social distancing at all times.

*(There will not be an 8:30a daily Mass this Tuesday)*

**Public Celebration of Weekday Masses:**

(this week: Wednesday & Friday at 8:30a  
Thursday at 6p)

Enter thru side door of the commons, it will be unlocked approx. 20 min. prior to Mass time  
Follow same guidelines—wear mask and maintain social distancing.

At this time we will continue to livestream our Weekday Masses.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at our altar this weekend are placed in memory of **Helen Ackley**, given by Pamela and Angela Costagliola.

### A Special Note...

Thank you for the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy. The love and friendship we have always had at St. Anne's has helped us through many months of Andy's sickness, and now as we grieve his loss. Thank you all for your caring and your love.

*Carol Kilinski & family*



### Mass Intentions

#### 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

#### Wednesday, May 27

8:30 a.m. † Andy Kilinski

#### Thursday, May 28

6:00 p.m. † Freida Rainey

#### Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. † Willet Moretz

#### Saturday, May 30 (Vigil: PENTECOST)

5:30 p.m. † Norman Smith

#### Sunday, May 31 (PENTECOST)

8:30 a.m. † Wes Faylor

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

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

† Emilie Green (*intention moved from Sunday, May 31 to Friday, June 5 at 8:30a*)

**TOGETHER**   
**LET US PRAY ...**

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS "They received the Holy Spirit"

The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you.

Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661 or email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



*Thank you for your generosity and support!!!*

### Donations deposited (May 16-22)

Regular/Operating	\$6,790
School Second Collection	\$ 480
Social Ministry	\$ 100
Rice Bowls	\$ 165
Diocesan Home Missions	\$ 30

### E-Giving (May 13-19)

Regular/Operating	\$3,713
School Second Collection	\$ 160

### Livestream Offering/thru diocese (May 9-15)

Regular/Operating	\$515
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### Upcoming Second Collections:

- ⇒ May 31 Diocesan Home Missions  
(assists small mission parishes in our diocese)
- ⇒ June 7 St. Anne's School
- ⇒ June 28 Holy Father/Peter's Pence  
(The Pope's outreach to the poor in the world)



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.

**THANK YOU** to our wonderful Blood Donors who came to donate this past Wednesday—we collected 25 units. Thank you for **Giving the Gift of Life!!**

**Scripture for next Sunday (PENTECOST)**

**Acts 2:1-11**

As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good.

**John 20:19-23**

On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

**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](tel: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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