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## Join Us for Easter This Sunday!

**8:00 AM: Spoken Worship**  
**10:00 AM: Festive Eucharist with Choir**  
**After 10:00 AM Service: Easter Egg Hunt**

[Click here for Worship Livestream Link](#)

Easter Day is the annual feast of Christ's resurrection. We celebrate that in Christ Jesus death no longer has power over us, and we are all set free to live with faith in the resurrection story. This mystery is made real for us every time we gather at the edge of death and remember that God's love brings new life out of the grave.

St. Anne's will celebrate Easter this Sunday with two baptisms at the 10 AM service! In addition, we will hold the much-anticipated, annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 AM service on the St. Anne's grounds. This is a beloved tradition and families with children are warmly invited to participate. There will be age-appropriate areas designated to ensure a fun time for all! Allergies have been accounted for in the stuffing of the eggs.

We are looking for folks willing to help supervise/chaperone the egg-hiding during the 10 AM service, and also during the egg hunt after the service. Must be trained in Safe Church. If interested or you have questions, please [contact Sarah Brummett](#).

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# HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANNE'S



## Join us for the Journey



### Maundy Thursday

April 2

6:00 PM Agape Meal  
7:30 PM Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing



### Good Friday

April 3

12:00 PM Principal Worship with Choir  
1:30 PM Labyrinth Experience



### Easter Vigil

April 4

7:30 PM The Great Vigil of Easter  
with Holy Eucharist



### Easter Sunday

April 5

8:00 AM Spoken Worship  
10:00 AM Festive Eucharist with Choir  
Easter Egg Hunt after 10 AM Service

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## Join Us for Maundy Thursday Tonight

*Tonight, April 2, 6:00 PM*

[Sign up here to participate in the Agape Meal](#)

[Click here for Worship Livestream Link](#)



Please join us for Maundy Thursday tonight for our annual Agape Potluck Meal and Service.

For the potluck, and in reflection of Jesus' Last Supper with the apostles, we request simple and symbolic food items such as hummus, olives, pita, cheese, matzo/unleavened bread and green salad. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

For those bringing food, we would appreciate it if you arrive 15 minutes early (by 5:45 PM) to help us get the food set up.

Dinner will be at 6:00 PM and then we will make our way to the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 PM. All are welcome. If you have any questions about the potluck, please [reach out to Eileen Ellis](#).

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## Good Friday Service and Labyrinth Experience with Stations of the Cross

*Tomorrow, Friday, April 3*

*12:00 PM Worship with Choir*

[Click here for Noon Livestream Link](#)

On Good Friday, April 3, we will be walking in the way of Jesus by following the path of the labyrinth using Stations of the Cross.



Led by Rev. Linda Calkins, somewhat retired clergy in the Diocese of Virginia, she has written a Stations of the Cross using artwork and new wording.

We will gather in the library following the Noon Good Friday worship to walk the labyrinth. The library will be quiet and dark with candles; the labyrinth is one used at St. Anne's previously but this time with a specific focus.

Please join with others honoring the via dolorosa as we make our way to the cross, then leave in silence, remembering this most holy day in the death of Jesus.

### Good Friday Offering

[Donate Here](#)

For over 100 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need.

Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. You can [check out our history of the Good Friday Offering](#) to learn more about this life-changing ministry and make a donation.

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### Easter Vigil

*This Saturday, April 19, 7:30 PM: Holy Eucharist*

[Click here for Livestream Link](#)

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave. Tonight we kindle a new flame, process into the darkened church as the empty tomb and allow the new light of Christ illumine the space. We hear the ancient stories of God's redeeming work. We respond to stories of God's grace with solemn prayers and joyful songs, as we begin to celebrate the glorious Resurrection. This is the holiest night of the Christian year, as God in Christ invites us into new life.

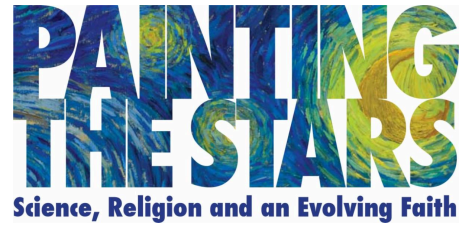


St. Anne's will start outside at 7:30 PM with the lighting of the new fire and move into the sanctuary. The service will be in the dark until the declaration of Easter is declared.

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## Adult Formation: Painting the Stars

Sunday, April 12, 4:00-5:30, Library AND  
via [Zoom](#) (See other dates below)



*Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* invites us into this rich and timely conversation. Featuring a compelling video dialogue with more than a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers, this series explores the dynamic relationship between scientific discovery and Christian faith — and celebrates the deep communion between them.

Through thoughtful teaching and engaging discussion, we will consider how faith and science together can expand our understanding of God, creation, and our place within it.

The series started February 22 but you are welcome to come anytime it works for you. Following are upcoming dates:

- Sunday, April 12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm (Chapter 4)
- Sunday, April 26, 4:00 - 5:30 pm (Chapter 5)
- Sunday May 3, 4:00-5:30 pm (Chapter 6)
- Sunday, May 17, 4:00-6:00 pm, including a potluck dinner (Chapter 7)

A participant handbook accompanies this curriculum and will enrich your experience. You can [download it by clicking here](#). Use this password to access it: **sm9843pts**

Our next session (April 12) will cover Chapter 4.

We hope you'll join [Mtr. Kara](#) and [Suzi Jones](#) for this exciting, thoughtful, and faith-expanding series!

To join via Zoom, use the link above or see info below:

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Visiting Mtr Laura

Mtr Jess and Mtr Anne visited with Mtr Laura at her home during Holy Week to share in Holy Communion.

Mtr Laura shares her deep gratitude for all the St. Anne's support and prayers as she continues to recover from her heart transplant.



Others in the photo include Mtr Laura's mom, Fran, and Rev. Rebecca Troutman, Assistant Rector at St. Aidan's.

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## Assessing Interest for Shrine Mont

[Click here to complete the interest form](#)

**Responses due next week!**

*Retreat will be held October 2-4, 2026*

We're delighted to return to Shrine Mont for our Parish Retreat this year! Join us October 2–4, 2026, for a weekend of rest and renewal—filled with fellowship, music, worship, learning, and time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.



**To help us plan well, we need to hear from you.**

Please take a moment to [complete our brief interest form](#). It takes just a minute to fill out (we promise!), and there's no obligation to attend—your response simply helps us estimate participation. Quick turnaround...please complete by next week, **April 10!**

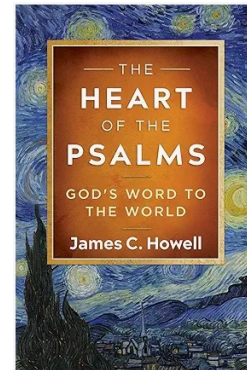
Nestled in the town of Orkney Springs, Virginia, Shrine Mont is a retreat and conference center owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Located at the foot of Great North Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley and bordering the George Washington National Forest, it offers a peaceful setting perfect for reflection and community.

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## Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays through May 11 for 6 weeks, 10:30-Noon via Zoom*

The Monday Morning Bible Study started this week and is using *The Heart of the Psalms God's Word to the World* by James C. Howell as our text. The author has chosen 6 psalms to explore in depth that he feels are representative of the different types of psalms found in the Bible.



The 6-week study began this week and will run through May 11 (they will skip a week for Easter).

Newcomers are always welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the mailing list.

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## Summer Celebration Sign Up!

*Sunday, June 7, 4:00-7:00 PM*

[Click here to sign up to participate](#)

Summer is on the way so save the date for St. Anne's annual exciting, family-friendly Summer Celebration and *sign up today to participate!*

Showcase your craft or talent, lead a hands-on activity, perform a song or dance, share your poetry, or offer a special treat to enjoy. However you choose to participate, this is your moment to shine, and the possibilities are endless!

Save the date and [sign up today!](#)



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## Join Us For VBS in June!

*June 22-26, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM*

We love our little campers and are looking for MORE! VBS is set for June 22-26, and registration is open now! Do you know a family who might enjoy spending some time at

St. Anne's the week after school lets out? Invite them to come and share what our campers call "the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!**"

Date is Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 (9:00 am to 12:15 pm daily), and the theme this year is *Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is!*

Sign up for campers and volunteers is below. If you have any questions, please [email Anna Mary Coburn](mailto:anna.mary.coburn@stanne.org) or call her at 703-795-6283.



- [For camper registration, click here](#)
- [For junior counselor registration, click here](#)
- [For adult volunteer registration, click here](#)

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## Moving Mountains Mission Trip

July 11-18, 2026

[Get information and register now here!](#)

Youth who will be rising 9th–12th graders next summer (and rising 8th graders who attend with a parent—so current 8th graders and up) are invited to join St. Anne's and the North Fairfax Region for our youth mission trip to Southwest Virginia.



Last year, our team built multiple ramps and helped improve a family's living conditions. Because of that work, one woman was finally able to access parts of her home she previously couldn't reach. The impact was powerful—for her and for all of us.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and build lasting friendships with fellow St. Anne's teens. Bonds formed during the week often continue throughout the year, as last summer's group so beautifully demonstrated. Clifton H. Poole will lead the trip, with Mtr. Kara serving as chaplain.

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## 🔑 Key Kids Moment 🔑

Jonas and Jack showed us their palm crosses that they made, and Teddy took us through all the stories of Holy Week.



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## Diapers Needed

We are in urgent need of diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6. Our stock is way down and we need to build it back up before Pantry Day on April 16. Families in need often stop by during the week, so we need to meet those demands as well as those of the general pantry in just 2 weeks.

We take all brands and all sizes of packages from big cartons to the handy smaller packages of 24-36 diapers.



Thank you very much for remembering our community families in need.

## Office on "Quiet Status" Next Week

*Church office closed on Easter Monday, April 6*

As we approach the culmination of Holy Week and prepare to observe this significant time in our faith, and in the spirit of reflection and observance, the **church office will be closed on Easter Monday and on a quiet period the rest of next week.**



This quiet period allows us to honor the occasion of Easter and provide an opportunity for spiritual reflection and rejuvenation.

While the office will remain open and operational Tuesday through Friday, we kindly ask that activities be kept to essential tasks only and phone calls and emails be sent only if it's an emergency or requires immediate pastoral care. Your understanding and cooperation during this time is greatly appreciated and give clergy and staff a chance to pause, reflect, and recharge as we move forward into the next phase of our work and spiritual journey.

If you have any urgent matters or concerns next week, [please reach out to Angie.](#)

## Seen Around St. Anne's



Sidney Johnson prepares the altar with care and intention, symbolizing remembrance, sacrifice, and hope during this Holy Week. We give thanks for our Altar Guild, whose faithful work each week helps create a space of reverence and worship.

Busy hands and creative hearts! Our Flower Guild is hard at work designing stunning arrangements for Easter Sunday! Pictured: Sue Robinson, Mary Weinhold, Nancy Santoro, and Martha Furniss. We're so grateful for all our Flower Guild does every single week to make our sanctuary so beautiful!





Fabulous Lenten dinner, hosted by Sarah Brummett! The fellowship included Suzi Jones, Eve & Jason Angerosa, Julia Boone, Jim Ferry and Mtr Kara, who took the photo.

Dave Muha is "lighting the way" for little hearts this VBS. ♥ Thanks for putting up our sign, Dave! To register your child, simply [click here!](#)

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## St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Marian Egge, Rosie Horn, Brandon Huffman, Margaret Light (Sr Warden), Christian Pelfrey, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Matt Scott, Cat Tucker (Jr Warden), The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), The Rev. Kara Laughlin (associate rector for discipleship)

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## Contact Us

[The Very Reverend Jessica Holthus](#), Rector  
[The Reverend Kara Laughlin](#), Associate Rector for Discipleship  
[Robert Hamilton](#), Music Director  
[Margaret Light](#), Senior Warden  
[Sheri Schaffer](#), Parish Administrator  
[Angie Gray](#), Office Administrator

Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are available by phone and email at other times. We check the office voicemail at (703) 437-6530 regularly.

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The **deadline to submit an announcement for enews is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays.** [Email it to Sheri](#). In addition to the text of your announcement, include any graphics, photos and links in your email.

To **reserve space at St. Anne's for an upcoming meeting/event**, [email Sheri](#) with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.

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