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## Annual Parish Meeting THIS SUNDAY!

*Sunday, February 9, 10:00 AM*

Our annual meeting will be held this **Sunday, February 9th at the 10:00 worship** service. This will be an exciting time to highlight on the ways that God's Spirit is working in our community.



We will reflect on and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, recognize outgoing vestry members, raise up new leadership, and dream up how God is inviting us to use our spiritual gifts to meet the needs of the world.

To foster and encourage participation, there will be no 8:00 AM service that day.

## Lenten Dinner Groups

*Sign up by February 20*

Lent is a perfect time to get to know your church family - so come break bread with your St. Anne's friends! We are organizing small group dinners (families welcome) at parishioners' homes from early March through mid-April.

Whether you'd like to host a dinner or just attend and enjoy, please [fill out this form](#) by February 20. More information to come!

Questions? Contact [Eve Angerosa](#) or [Cat Tucker](#).



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Save the Date!

*Tuesday, March 4, 2025; 6:00-7:15 PM*

On Shrove Tuesday, March 4, St. Anne's **Youth Group** will be hosting the **Annual Pancake Dinner** from 6:00-7:15 PM in the Great Hall.

## YOUTH GROUP Pancake Supper



Everyone is welcome to join us, so come on out with your family, relatives, neighbors, and friends to this fun event.

## Youth Group Pancake Supper Meeting

*Sunday, February 16; 4:00 PM, Room 1*

Youth in grades 6-12 & parents: Come on out on Sunday, Feb 16 at 4:00 PM as we plan the St. Anne's Pancake Supper! Let's get ready for this amazing supper together!

The youth will be empowered to lead us, with parent support (so come on out!), in various roles: shoppers, decorators, set-up crew, clean-up crew, cooks, kitchen managers, servers & serving line managers, hospitality, and cooking supplies washers!

Please [email here](#) with your RSVP by Feb. 14 to attend the info. meeting!

**A big THANK YOU to Ronan Angerosa  
for the beautiful pancake supper graphic above!**

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## Adult Formation: MLK, Jr. Sermons

*February 16 & 23, 4-5:30 PM, Library*

The adult formation committee is sponsoring three discussion sessions on various sermons by Martin Luther King, Jr. as a way of celebrating not only the MLK, Jr. Day but as an educational endeavor to understand through his sermons the themes, illustrations, and rhetorical powers of Martin Luther King, Jr. Most of us understand him as a Civil Rights leader, but King is worth studying as an outstanding preacher.



The first session took place in January. The other two will be held on February 16 and February 23 at 4:00 PM in the Library. Each session is a "stand alone discussion" with different sermons discussed for each session. Any questions, please [reach out to Don Boileau](#).

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## Stargazing

*Friday, Feb. 21, 7-9 PM, St. Anne's Parking Lot  
Cloud date is Sun. Feb. 23*

Bill Burton and Charles Twardy will be at St. Anne's with their telescopes again to guide us on a tour of the night sky on Friday, February 21 at 7:00 PM!

Be sure to bring a camping chair. So that we know how many people will be there, [please click here to sign up to attend](#). It's sure to be a fun time in fellowship with your St. Anne's family.



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## The Closet Volunteers Needed

*Fri, Feb 21; Sat, Mar 15; Tues, Apr 8*

St. Anne's is committed to providing volunteers to The Closet thrift store. We are so grateful to our "regular" volunteers who support The Closet on an ongoing basis and are always looking for additional folks from St. Anne's to join our regulars as volunteers.



Following are dates that St. Anne's has been scheduled to provide volunteers at The Closet from now until the middle of April:

- Friday, February 21
- Saturday, March 15
- Tuesday, April 8

We would love to have additional volunteers. If the dates do not work for you, remember, that you can go to the Closet **any day that it is open**, sign-in as a St. Anne's volunteer and share your valuable time helping this worthwhile organization. If you are going for the first time and would feel more comfortable having one of "your own" there to help you get checked in and show you the ropes, just [contact Cat Tucker](#) and she'll be glad to meet you there and help you through your first day.

The Closet is a faith-based, volunteer-driven organization impacting lives through its non-profit thrift shop. After expenses, profits are distributed as grants to local non-profit organizations which directly or indirectly benefit low-income families in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Additionally, The Closet has a scholarship program through six local high schools, providing scholarships for graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities. Further, The Closet also provides clothing and other household items free to families and individuals referred from local social services organizations supporting Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. The Closet helps to strengthen the fabric of the local community and serves the needs of low income and at-risk individuals and families.

If you would like to read more about this wonderful non-profit with whom we partner, [please click here](#). And always feel free to reach out to [Rita Smith](#) or [Cat Tucker](#) with any questions.

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## St. Anne's Book Club

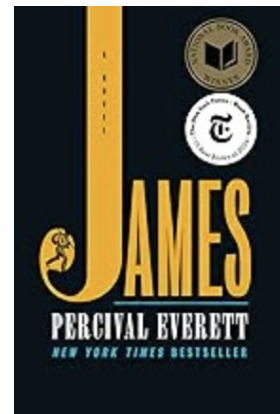
*Monday, February 24, 9:00 AM [note time change to 30 minutes earlier], Zoom*

Book: **James**, by Percival Everett

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan.

Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

While many narrative set pieces of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light. Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a "literary icon" (*Oprah Daily*), and one of the most decorated writers of our lifetime, *James* is destined to be a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature. [Email Don Boileau](#) with any questions or to receive the Zoom link.



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## New DucksRow Course Coming to St. Anne's and there are **only a few seats left!**

*Begins Friday, February 28 and runs every other week for 6 sessions, 10:00-11:45 AM, Room 6*

DucksRow is a 6-session course designed to support you as you tackle the immense task of organizing the life you spent decades building. Many of our St. Anne's Life Planning Workshops focus on the need to ease the administrative and emotional burden on your loved ones when your time comes. This course shows you how.



Classes meet every other week at 10:00 am for 1.5 - 2 hours beginning Feb 28. Each meeting includes an educational component as well as the opportunity to share ideas and discuss relevant concerns. Expect accountability, camaraderie, mutual support and a few laughs as we tackle this daunting task together!

Cost is \$50 for the workbook and materials. More information can be found on the [DucksRow website](#). To register, [contact Brian Wynne](#). Participation is limited to 14 and there are just a few seats left so reach out today if you plan to participate.

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## Food Pantry Update: Diaper Needs

As we reported last week, the Diaper Team distributed 62 packages of diapers to 31 families at last month's Pantry Day. There is always a need for diapers and we are so appreciative to our St. Anne's family who continues to help keep us well stocked!

In addition to wipes, we are currently in need of the following diaper sizes:

- Size 2 - Need a few packages
- Sizes 4, 5, 6 - Need several cases of each

THANKS AGAIN to so many of you who continue to donate every month. We couldn't do this ministry without your assistance.



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## Diocesan Event: Pilgrimage for Racial Justice in Virginia

*March 17-March 21*

The Virginia Diocese is hosting an immersive, transformative experience designed to deepen your understanding of racial justice and healing in Virginia. This pilgrimage will take you through visits to historic sites, guided reflections, and opportunities for prayer and meaningful conversation. Participants will engage with the history of racial injustice and the ongoing work of racial justice. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **Space is limited but there is still room!**

### Racial Justice and Healing Virginia Pilgrimage

March 17-21

Important Requirement: To participate, you must have completed Sacred Ground or some other relevant racial justice training programming within the last 2 years. Note: The pilgrimage involves high mobility demands, including significant amounts of time walking and standing throughout the journey.

We look forward to walking with you on this journey of reflection, justice, and healing. For more information and/or registration please [contact Tammy Lewis](#).

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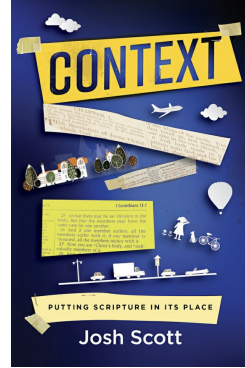
## Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays from January 27-March 3, 10:30-Noon, Zoom*

Monday morning Bible Study resumes on Jan. 27 with a 6-week study of *Context - Putting Scripture in Its Place* by Josh Scott. The book is available from [Cokesbury](#) or [Amazon](#).

Class meets via ZOOM from 10:30-noon and consists of a brief video by the author followed by class discussion.

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



## Coats Needed

*Now through March 16, 2025*

We're truly blessed and grateful for the coats we have received thus far and we pray that you'll continue donating to this need. Your generosity and kindness goes a long way and is appreciated.



Help provide a warm, fresh start to those who are newly released from prison. OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources) of Fairfax needs gently used, clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes AS to AXXXXL for men and women. They cannot use dressy, long wool coats that need to be dry-cleaned.

An OAR labeled box for donations is available in the Narthex through March 16. Together let's bring warmth to our neighbors and to our hearts and make the world a better place through our collective actions. Please feel free to [email Shon Cooper](#) if you have any questions or interest in volunteering to this ministry.

Two Sundays ago, St. Anne's wrote letters and cards to Bishop Budde. They were mailed in one box to the Washington National Cathedral. On Tuesday of this week, there was an article in the Washington Post about Bishop Budde returning to the pulpit for the first time since her Inauguration sermon. This photo accompanied the article and we noticed that the post office box that the cards were sent in appears in the photo! Way to go, St. Anne's!



Another batch of letters at Washington National Cathedral for Bishop Mariann E. Budde. (Astrid Riecken for The Washington Post)

## Seen Around St. Anne's...

The rood screen got a check-up last week! Thanks to Granzow Structural Engineering, PLC for stopping by to take a look!



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## St. Anne's Vestry

Kathy Boileau, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Sandy Chamblee-Head, David Egge (youth representative), Peggy Hobler, Christian Pelfrey, Clifton Poole, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Charlie Saunders (junior warden), Christine Skitol, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby (deacon)

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## Contact Us

[The Very Reverend Jessica Holthus](#), Rector  
[The Reverend Dr. Nancy D. Searby](#), Deacon  
[Robert Hamilton](#), Music Director  
[James Brooks](#), 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.

The **deadline to submit an announcement for enews is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays** . Email it to Sheri at [administrator@stannes-reston.org](mailto:administrator@stannes-reston.org). 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 at [administrator@stannes-reston.org](mailto:administrator@stannes-reston.org) with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.

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