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ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Pentecost is This Sunday

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost means the "fiftieth day" after Easter. It is the day on which we celebrate Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit upon the disciples to be God's very presence with them, and us, always. Pentecost is also affectionately known as the birthday of the Church! All are encouraged to wear red in celebration!



Seeking Baptism?

We will be celebrating baptisms this year on Pentecost! If you would like to be baptized or have your child baptized, please **contact the church office** TODAY so we may add you to our Pentecost schedule. We will also have baptisms on June 14.

Newcomers Brunch

Sunday, May 31, 12:00, Library
RSVP by This Monday

If you're new to St. Anne's or still discerning whether it might become your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join us for a Newcomers Brunch on May 31 at noon.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other new faces, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at St. Anne's, including ways to get involved and grow in fellowship.

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP to Daria Antonucci** by May 25 so we can prepare a welcoming table with plenty of food and refreshments for all.



Are You New? We'd Like to Celebrate YOU!

Sunday, June 7, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Have you joined St. Anne's in the past year? We want to connect with you and celebrate YOU being a part of St. Anne's!

On **Sunday, June 7, at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services we will be holding a [Welcome Liturgy](#)** for anyone who is new to our parish in the past year. While we have connected with some of

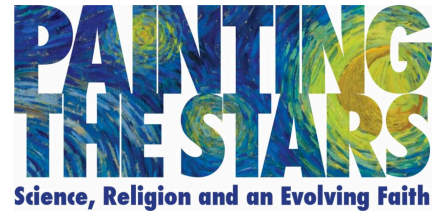


you, we know there are others who may not have been ready to be acknowledged.

We are so glad you are here and would like to celebrate you! [Please reach out to Mtr Jess](#) or the [Church Office](#) to be a part of this fun celebration.

Adult Formation: Painting the Stars Final Gathering and Potluck

This Sunday, May 24, 4:00-6:00, Library



It has been a wonderful run and we're closing out our *Painting the Stars* series with a final gathering and potluck this Sunday, May 24!

We'll turn our attention to Christian mysticism—what it is, and why it still matters for the church.

Bring your favorite finger food or snack to share, and join the conversation. No prior sessions required—just come ready to listen, wonder, and join in.

If you have any questions, reach out to [Mtr. Kara](#) or [Suzi Jones](#).

Moving Mountains Mission Trip

July 11-18: Mission Trip

Sunday, May 31: Q&A with Clifton Poole & deadline to register

[Register here by May 31st!](#)



NEW!! Visit with Clifton Poole on Sunday, May 31st after the 10 AM service in Room 1. He will answer any questions you have about the mission trip. To give us an idea on the number of folks who are interested in attending Clifton's Q&A, please [RSVP to Mtr Kara](#).

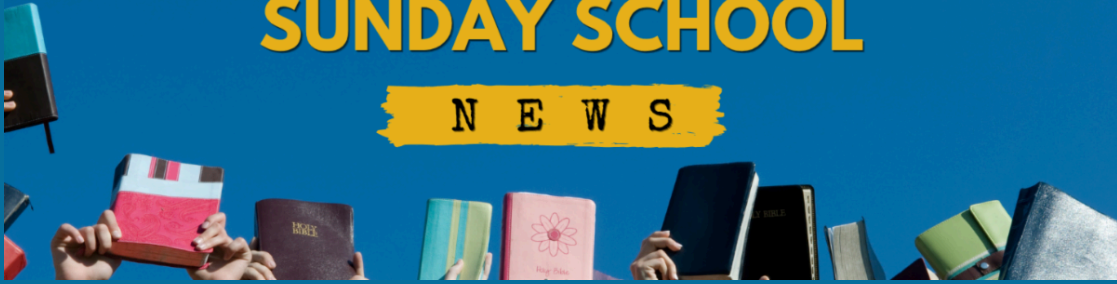
Youth who will be rising 9th–12th graders this summer (and rising 8th graders who attend with a parent—so current 8th graders and up) are invited to join St. Anne's and the North Fairfax Region for our youth mission trip to Southwest Virginia.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Don't Miss the Final Weeks of Sunday School!

Mark your calendars—these last weeks of Sunday School are going to be fun!

Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend + Pentecost!)

Yes, we will have Sunday School—and you won't want to miss it. Your kids will be part of a special Pentecost surprise you'll be talking about long after Java Junction!

Sunday, May 31 – Last Day of Sunday School

We're going out with a bang! All classes will team up for a creative, all-ages project to share with the parish during our Summer Celebration. Come be part of this joyful finale to a great year.

Recognition Sunday

June 7, 10:00 AM

On June 7, we'll celebrate Recognition Sunday as part of Summer Celebration weekend—a chance to celebrate the people and milestones that shape our life together.

Graduating this year? From kindergarten to grad school, we want to cheer you on! No need to sign up—just come forward during the service.

We'll also give thanks for our amazing Sunday School teachers, who have poured so much love and care into our children this year.

**Come be part of these joyful, meaningful moments!
We'd love to celebrate with you!**

Evensong

Saturday, June 6, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary

Please join us for a service of Choral Evensong on Saturday, June 6th at 5:00 PM!

As part of the festivities for the end of the program year, come hear the choir, and join together in this beautiful, centuries-old service of song and prayer.



Summer Celebration

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

Join us for St. Anne's annual Summer Celebration! This is an exciting, family-friendly event that's less than three weeks away. Plans have been underway for several months now and it promises to be the best one yet!

Enjoy arts and crafts, hands-on activities, music, food, and plenty of fun for all ages. Come for part of the celebration or stay for the entire time. We can't wait to kick off summer 2026 with you!

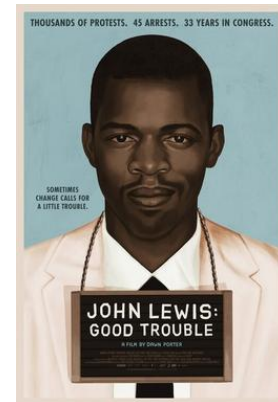


Adult Formation: Movies that Make You Think

Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 PM, Library

As we remember and honor Juneteenth National Independence Day, join us for a showing of **John Lewis: Good Trouble**, a 2020 American documentary film about the life of civil rights activist and United States Congressman, John Lewis.

John Lewis: Good Trouble premiered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 19, 2020 to commemorate Juneteenth, the celebration of the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States.



We'll have pizza before, and discussion after, the film. A voluntary donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of food. For more information, [contact Chris Cameron](#).

Food Pantry Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Make volunteering with our food pantry part of your summer plans! It's a meaningful way to serve the community — and a wonderful opportunity for youth seeking volunteer service hours.



Saturday Volunteer Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. – Noon on June 6 and August 1

Help sort and shelve donations from Cool Green Bags.

Thursday Volunteer Opportunities:

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on June 18, July 16, and August 20

Support our monthly distribution day by helping welcome guests and distribute food and other essentials to nearly 150 households.

We also offer many additional volunteer shifts and opportunities throughout the summer. To learn more or sign up, please contact [Glen Corso](#) or [Bernadette Capelle](#).

"Lay Weeders" Wanted

Looking to make a difference at St. Anne's? Join the "Lay Weeders" gardening team! No green thumb required...just a willingness to lend a hand with occasional weeding and gardening projects.

[Email Sheri](#) to be added to the gardening team list, then watch for upcoming planting and weeding days and join us when you can. Open to ages 12 and up, and youth can earn community service hours while helping beautify our parish grounds!



Please note that we are at capacity and have begun a wait list. If you plan to register, you will be added to the wait list. Any questions, [reach out to Sheri](#).

2026 SHRINE MONT RETREAT October 2-4, 2026



There's a Chair on the Porch
with Your Name On It!

Shrine Mont Registration...limited availability!

Retreat date is October 2-4

Early Bird Registration due by this Sun, May 10

Final Deadline is Sun, June 7

[Sign Up Here!](#)

The October 2-4 retreat is a wonderful way to get to know one another in a relaxed setting, and to reconnect with our families, friends, and with God.

What is a Shrine Mont retreat? The weekend is designed to bring us together through fellowship, recreation, reflection, and worship in a setting that features fresh air, beautiful nature, plenty of rocking chairs, and wonderful people.

Activities will be organized for the weekend, but there will also be plenty of leisure time. Take advantage of an organized program, enjoy a nap, read a good book by the pond, chat with others on a porch, walk the outdoor labyrinth, or hike the mountain up to the cross. Design the weekend you need!

Who attends the parish retreat? Anyone! Those who attend are young and old, families and singles, grandparents and grandchildren, toddlers and teenagers...the same people you see in church on Sunday are the folks you can expect to see at the retreat!

Where is Shrine Mont? The Shrine Mont Conference and Retreat Center is located in Orkney Springs - a community in western Shenandoah County, Virginia. It is about a two hour drive from Reston without traffic. [Click here for more information and photos.](#)

What is the cost and how do I/my family sign up?

Adults and Youth 13 yrs and older:

- \$200 PER PERSON for DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ONLY (with roommate)
- \$250 PER PERSON for SINGLE OCCUPANCY (private room)

Children:

- 8 to 12 years: \$110 PER PERSON
- 4 to 7 years: \$55 PER PERSON
- Children 0 to 3 are always free

No single family, regardless of size, will be charged more than \$550. If you are able to pay more, or the full amount, we will gratefully accept it and apply the funds to overall retreat costs. See one of the clergy for information on Shrine Mont Scholarships if you need help meeting registration costs.

[Click here for the registration form.](#) Note that we are AT CAPACITY as of May 12. All registrations from this date on will be placed on a wait list.

If you have any questions or need assistance, **[contact Sheri Schaffer](#)**, our Parish Admin.

Key Kids Moment

This week Arden shared some of what her class learned about bees and how flowers help them make honey - just in time for World Bee Day on May 20!

Teddy represented the older class and brought the parables lesson with him: inside the box, there's always another box, and when all of the lids are there together, they look pretty cool!



High School Seniors!

Please **[email Mtr. Kara](#)** so we can be sure to have a gift ready for you on Recognition Sunday!



Join Us For VBS in June - **DEADLINE** **APPROACHING!**

June 22-26, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM
REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST!

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](#)** or call her at 703-795-6283.

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

Saturday Liturgies with Prayers and Singing

Saturdays, 12:00 PM, Sterling

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon holds a Liturgy on **Saturdays at noon** in Sterling and has invited members of St. Anne's to join in offering prayers and singing for immigrants. These take place every Saturday.

All are welcome to participate in this time of prayer, reflection, and song.

Location is 75 Vintage Park Plaza in Sterling, VA (Please note: The St. Timothy's/St. Anne's group gathers on Indian Creek Dr. As you turn onto Indian Creek Drive, you will see the group gathered and there is plenty of street parking)

Any questions, please [reach out to Susan Schreiner](#).

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Church Office Closed on Monday

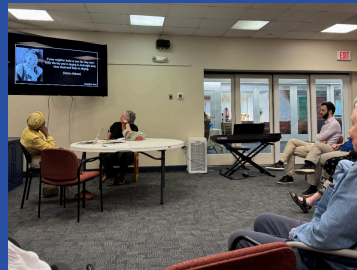
The office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, call the office and leave a message and someone will get back to you. Have a safe Memorial Day weekend.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Sunday's Voices for Justice Sing-in!



Sunday's Adult Formation session, Praying with African American Spirituals, led by Mtr Anne and Chris Cameron. Join us this Sunday for our final session on *Painting the Stars*.



The St. Anne's youth returned from Sunday's bowling outing with a fun little souvenir! See if you can spot it somewhere around St. Anne's the next time you visit.

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, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (Rector & Chair), The Rev. Kara Laughlin (Associate Rector for Discipleship)

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[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.

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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