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Loving God of Peace: On this anniversary of unbelievable sorrow, comfort those who mourn, and guide our hearts toward healing and hope. Remind us of the love of Christ, love which leapt over cultural and ethnic boundaries to feed the hungry, seek the lost and care for the least. Make of Your children, no matter how we name You, one human family, bound together in the work of justice and peacemaking. Make us one with the Light that shines in the darkness and illumines a path toward understanding and reconciliation. Let love be our genuine call. Amen. ~ Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

## FALL FELLOWSHIP 2025!



A giant THANK YOU to everyone who made Fall Fellowship a smashing

success! Food, fun and FELLOWSHIP was had by all! We're ready and excited for an amazing program year here at St. Anne's!

(photos courtesy of Sue Robinson & Martha Furniss)



## Mtr Kara's Ordination

*Saturday, September 20, 10:30 AM, St. John's in McLean*

Our very own, Mtr Kara, who, God willing, will be ordained on Saturday, September 20, at 10:30 AM at St. John's in McLean! See the ordination invitation below.





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God willing

The Rt. Reverend E. Mark Stevenson  
Bishop of Virginia

will ordain

Kara Louise Laughlin

Anne Kristine Rose

Joy Yvonne Warburton

to the Sacred Order of Priests

**Saturday September 20, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.**

St. John's Episcopal Church | McLean, VA

The Bishop and the Standing Committee request the honor  
of your presence

*The festal color is red*



## Romance & Magic On A Summer's Eve Recital Supporting St. Anne's Food Pantry

*This Sunday, September 14, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary*

You are cordially invited to a chamber music recital featuring the musical stylings of soprano, Katherine Schram, violinist Reed Trevelyan, and pianist Hai Jin Kim. Featuring the lush melodies of romantic era women composers like Amy Beach, Clara Schumann, Rebecca Clark, and Cecile Chaminade, join us for an enchanting program filled with fantasy, love, and wonder! [Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.



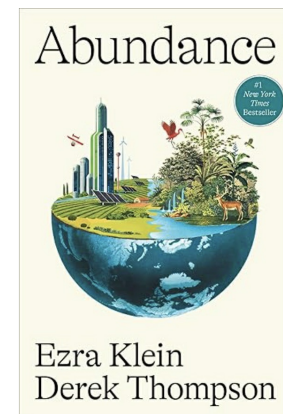
## St. Anne's Book Club

*This Monday, September 15, 9:00 AM via Zoom*

*Abundance*, by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson, is September's book club read. *Abundance* is a once-in-a-generation, paradigm-shifting call to renew a politics of plenty, face up to the failures of liberal governance, and abandon the chosen scarcities that have deformed American life.

*Abundance* explains that our problems today are not the results of yesteryear's villains. Rather, one generation's solutions have become the next generation's problems. Rules and regulations designed to solve the problems of the 1970s often prevent urban-density and green-energy projects that would help solve the problems of the 2020s. Laws meant to ensure that government considers the consequences of its actions have made it too difficult for government to act consequentially. In the last few decades, our capacity to see problems has sharpened while our ability to solve them has diminished.

Progress requires facing up to the institutions in life that are not working as they need to. It



means, for liberals, recognizing when the government is failing. It means, for conservatives, recognizing when the government is needed.

[Contact Don Boileau](#) to be placed on the mailing list for the zoom link.

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## Youth Group: Treat, Greet, and Play!

*Sunday, September 21, 4:00 PM, Room 1*

Mark your calendars! Youth Group begins Sunday, September 21, and we're thrilled to be joined by Mother Kara! This will be a special day to reconnect with your St. Anne's friends, enjoy some sweet, frozen treats together, and get to know Mtr Kara better through active, collaborative games.



Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12. Please join us at 4 PM, and bring a favorite ice cream topping and/or game to share (no peanuts, please!). Any questions, please [email Sarah Brummett](#).

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## Vestry's Conversation with the Congregation - Save the Date!

*Sunday, September 28 after the 10 AM Service, Library*

As we begin our fall programming season, we invite you to attend a Vestry Conversation with our Congregation. This open gathering allows you to connect with the church leadership and learn about the latest updates. At this quarterly session, we will share the outcome of the summer flood and the renovations we've been focused on. In addition, we'll be looking ahead to stewardship and budgeting.



## Is Your Child/Youth Registered for Sunday School? [Click Here to Register!](#)

We began our new program year last Sunday! Parents, please take a moment to register your child(ren) for Sunday School (Pre-K–6th grade) or Youth Group (6th–12th grades) if you haven't already done so.



☐ [Click here to register.](#)

We ask all families to complete a new registration each year, even if you've registered in the past. We look forward to a joyful year of faith, learning, and community!

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## Share Warmth: OAR Coat Drive

*September 16-February 16, 2026*

St. Anne's coat ministry supports OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources), a local non-profit restorative justice organization providing human services since 1971

**Needed: Clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes XS to XXXXL.** The exception is long wool dress coats that require dry cleaning.

St. Anne's has been helping OAR for many years by donating women's and men's gently-used warm coats in all sizes. The coats go to help recently released prisoners through this act of kindness. We are helping to give these people a warm start to a new life.

**Please drop off your coat(s) in the bin marked "OAR" located in the back of St. Anne's narthex where we hang our coats.**

For additional information and volunteer opportunities, [contact Shon Cooper](#). THANKS for everything this congregation has done in the past to help with this valuable ministry! OAR is extremely grateful for all we do!



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## Adult Formation: Reston/St. Anne's Community Series

*Sunday, September 21, 4:00-6:00 PM, Library*

Mark your calendars for the first of many fabulous adult formation offerings on Sunday, September 21, 4:00–6:00 PM. We will begin the first of three gatherings in our **Reston/St. Anne's Community Series** on that date. This series will:

- Revisit the origins of both Reston and St. Anne's
- Explore our shared history through the voices of our members
- Discern how God is calling us into future ministry within our community

We'll kick things off that day with ***Another Way of Living: The Story of Reston, VA*** — a film screening followed by discussion.

Other offerings this fall include our popular *Praying with the African American Spirituals* series, *Movies that Make You Think*, *Significant Sermons*, and another Advent Anglican bead making workshop. Stay tuned for details!



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## Choral Evensong

*Sunday, October 5, 5:30-6:30 PM, Sanctuary*

Please join us for a service of Choral Evensong on October 5 at 5:30 PM! This beautiful, centuries-old service is the beating heart of the Anglican choral tradition.



This is an opportunity to hear the St. Anne's choir sing and to join together in song and prayer to close the day. The service will directly follow adult formation on Oct 5, and will last about an hour.

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## Blessing of the Animals

*Sunday, October 5, 1:00 PM*

Bring your beloved pets for a special blessing on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1:00 PM. Blessing will be held outdoors at St. Anne's.



Saint Francis first blessed animals early in his ministry sometime between 1210–1215. The story goes that he was wandering around outdoors one warm afternoon, full of self-doubt, when he noticed a flock of birds in his path. He immediately felt the need to first talk to them as though they were his equals and then preach to them about God's glories and the reasons why people and animals should be grateful for these blessings. One might say that this was also the beginning of the environmental movement since Francis recognized that human beings are intrinsically connected to all of creation!

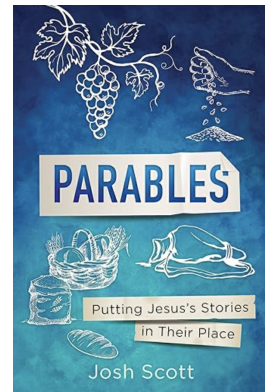


## Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays at 10:30 AM via Zoom*

Monday Morning Bible study has resumed their 6-week study of *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott. There's still room for more!

Class meets Monday mornings 10:30-Noon via ZOOM (not on government holidays) and consists of a short DVD by the author (usually 10-12 minutes) followed by class discussion. All are welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the email list.



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

Mtr Jess in front of our new sanctuary banners, representing the Four Pillars of St. Anne's Ministry.



## St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Rosie Horn, Carol Leos, Christian Pelfrey, Clifton Poole, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Charlie Saunders (junior warden), Cat Tucker, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), Rev. Kara Laughlin

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[Robert Hamilton](#), Music Director  
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[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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