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What a beautiful weekend at Shrine Mont! So much laughter, fellowship, reflection, and joy. We're grateful for the time together and for everyone who made our parish retreat so special!



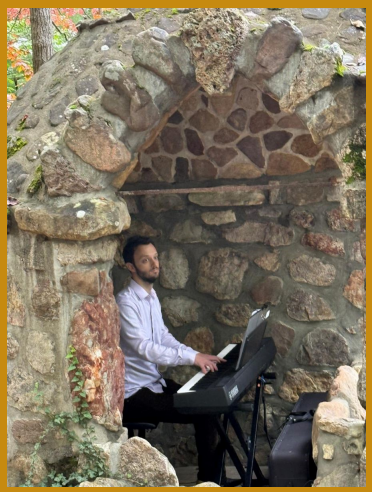



















Capital Campaign: Thank You for Your Feedback!

Thank you to everyone who shared comments, questions, and creative ideas over the past month!

The Committee and Vestry have listened carefully and taken your feedback to heart. We have consulted with our campaign manager and explored these ideas with our architects. They helped us understand why the ideas were not viable.

We are grateful for the thoughtful engagement and the many perspectives shared. After listening, consulting with experts, and carefully considering your feedback, the Capital Campaign Committee and Vestry's recommendation to move forward with the new vision of the campaign stands.

We're excited about the possibility of creating a place where we can all gather, connect, and grow together; a place where we can enhance our ministry and expand our mission.

Thank you for being part of this conversation and for helping us move forward together.

Save the Date! October 25 is the launch of our annual Stewardship and Capital Campaigns!

Upcoming Adult Formation Offering: Living Faithfully with Alzheimer's

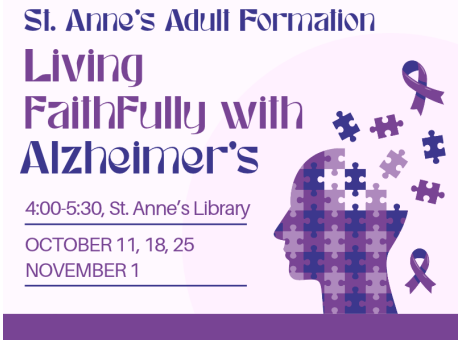
This Sunday, October 11, 4:00-5:30 PM, Library

We'll begin the first of four sessions in our "*Living Faithfully with Alzheimer's Series*" on October 11 for 4 consecutive Sundays.

Featuring former Assistant Bishop of Virginia, Porter Taylor, we will explore the spiritual journey of living with Alzheimer's through the lens of faith, loss, and gratitude.

Questions? Please reach out to Chris Cameron

To see an entire schedule of our Adult Formation Fall offerings,click here.



Youth @ St. Anne's

This Sunday, October 11, 2:30 PM, Herndon Moose Lodge



On **October 11,** join St. Anne's Youth in our monthly service opportunity! We will meet at **2:30 at Herndon Moose Lodge,** 779 Center St. in Herndon, to help with the unpacking for The Closet's Everything Christmas sale.

Although the unpacking runs until 5:00, we'll plan to leave at our regular ending time of 4:00 PM. Drop-off and pick-up from the Moose Lodge. So that we can let The Closet know how many people to expect, please**sign up here.**

5th & 6th Graders

This Sunday is our first Worship Sunday. 5th and 6th graders will go to their classroom as usual for a quick discussion, and then the class will sit together for the first part of the service.

During the sermon, they'll have a brief discussion of what they noticed during the service, before joining the rest of Sunday school at the front of the church at the regular time.

Black Nativity by Langston Hughes: Last Day to Sign up is Tomorrow (Oct 9)

Sign Up Today

Friday, December 4, 6:30 PM, depart St. Anne's
Production at George Mason University's Hylton Theater



This Advent Season enjoy Langston Hughes' joyous musical *Black Nativity* with St. Annes on Friday, December 4 at George Mason University's Hylton theater!

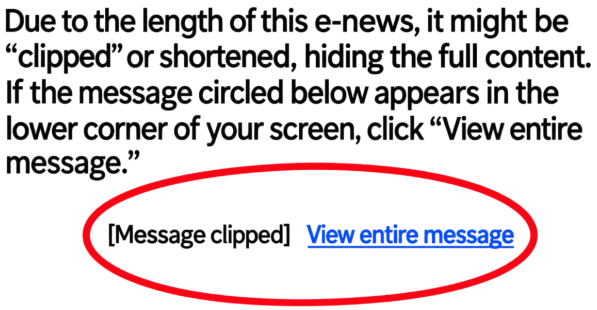
First performed in 1961, this powerful work blends scripture with gospel, blues, and spirituals, creating a vibrant expression of faith, joy, and community. This professional touring company performance of *Black Nativity* completely sold out in 2025.

We were able to reserve a block of 40 tickets and coach bus transportation for $55 per person. The bus departs the church parking lot at 6:30 PM on Dec. 4.

Click here to sign up and pay. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TOMORROW, OCTOBER 9!

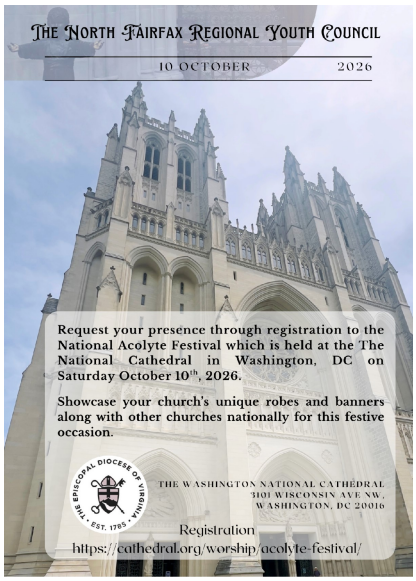
Note that we don't want financial considerations to prevent anyone from participating. Please contact **Mtr Kara** if you need financial assistance. You can still register - simply choose the appropriate option from the drop-down menu in the sign-up form.

Please contact **Lorraine Cross** with any questions.



Youth! Come Join Us for the National Acolyte Festival

This Saturday, October 10, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, Washington National Cathedral



Washington National Cathedral is delighted to welcome acolytes, servers, and vergers from across the country each year to celebrate this vital ministry of service and faith.

The festival runs from 9 am to 2:30 pm and begins as participants join in the longest and most colorful procession imaginable, the Grandest of Processions, as we prepare to gather around Christ's table for a festival Holy Eucharist!

Following the service, participants are invited to spend the afternoon exploring the Cathedral, the grounds, or join a variety of fun workshops and offerings: perfect your thurible techniques, help build the LEGO® Cathedral, create a liturgical streamer, take a look at Cathedral treasures, or peruse exhibitors.

We are encouraging all St. Anne's acolytes, past and present, to participate in the Festival.

Shon Cooper is the North Fairfax Regional Youth Event Facilitator and mentioned that having our acolytes gather for this experience is a goal for our North Fairfax Regional Youth Delegates. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please reach out to **Shon** or **click here for more information and to register**.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints

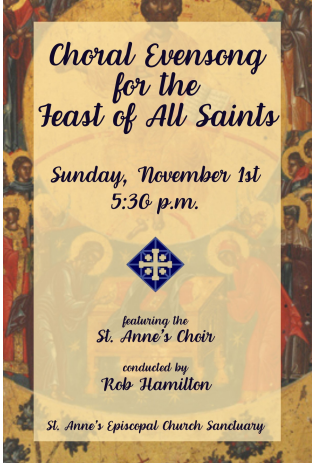
Sunday, November 1, 5:30 PM, Sanctuary

Join us for a special Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 1 at 5:30 PM.

This beautiful and contemplative service is a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and experience the gift of sacred music. The service will feature the St. Anne's Choir, conducted by Rob Hamilton, in a rich offering of choral music honoring the saints who have gone before us.

Whether you are a longtime lover of Evensong or have never experienced this beautiful service, this is an evening you won't want to miss.

Come. Listen. Reflect. Be inspired.



FACETS Meal Prep Update

Candy Donations Due by Noon, Sunday, October 25



St. Anne's is partnering with FACETS again to provide meals for neighbors experiencing food insecurity in Fairfax County. On Thursday, October 29, we'll prepare and provide **245 meals** (Wow!!) and we'd love for you to be part of this effort!

First Up: We Need Candy!
We're planning to include Halloween candy as a special dessert in each meal bag. We invite the congregation to donate individually wrapped Halloween candy. **Please bring your contributions to St. Anne's by noon on Sunday, October 25. You can drop the candy in the office on a weekday between 9-3 or leave them in the pantry donation box in the narthex.**

There will be another opportunity to volunteer with the meal preparation and distribution soon, so please watch this space for details. This is such a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors and make a meaningful difference together.

Interested in joining the FACETS meal team or have questions? Please **contact Bruce Edgerton**.

Cornerstones Thanks St. Anne's for a Successful Back-to-School Drive



Cornerstones recently sent a thank-you to St. Anne's for helping make this year's Back-to-School Drive its most successful yet!

Thanks to the generosity of our parish community along with other local churches, more than 2,915 children at 23 schools in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties received backpacks filled with school supplies. Cornerstones also shared that they expect to distribute more than 2,000 weekend snack packs to children throughout the school year.

We're grateful to everyone at St. Anne's who helped make a difference for children and families in our community, and proud to partner with Cornerstones in this important work!

Help Provide a Warm, Fresh Start

Now thorugh Sunday, February 7, 2027



Your generosity can help provide a warm, fresh start for people who are newly released from prison.

OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources) of Fairfax is collecting gently used, clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes AS through AXXXXL. Please note that OAR cannot use dressy, long wool coats that require dry cleaning.

An OAR-labeled donation box is available in the Narthex now through February 7, 2027.

We are also looking for volunteers who can help pick up donated coats and deliver them to OAR in Fairfax. If this ministry speaks to you and you would like to donate coats or help with transportation, please **contact Shon Cooper**.

To learn more about OAR and the important work they do in our community, **click here**.

Brunch & Learn for Sunday School Teachers & Parents of Sunday School-Aged Children

Saturday, October 17, 9:00-11:30 AM, Library



Please join us on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00–11:30 AM at St. Anne's for a special Brunch & Learn with Mother Kara.

We'll explore how children develop their spiritual lives and discover ways we can nurture and support them as they grow in faith. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn, share ideas, and connect with one another. And, of course, there will be lots of yummy food and plenty of time for fellowship! We hope you'll join us!

Kids Key Moment

All of our Sunday School classes joined together this week to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. They made a mural together of St. Francis surrounded by birds, and other forest creatures.



Vote Faithfully: Check Your Voter Status on Sunday

Have you checked your voter status lately? Martha Furniss will be in the narthex this Sunday, Oct 11, after both services to help you review your voter information.

THE Episcopal CHURCH
VOTE faithfully

In the monthly Vote Faithfully networking webinar, leaders encouraged church members to focus on voting as a sign of hope and commitment to work for a better future for everyone. With less than a month until the election on November 3, they urged three actions:

- Register: You can register or check and update your registration online at your county Office of Elections website. The most reliable source for answers to your questions about the November 3 election can be found at the **State Department of Elections** and your county Office of Elections.

- Vote: Early in person voting and voting by mail are under way now.You can request a mail ballot and find locations and hours for early voting on your county Office of Elections website.

- Help your neighbor participate.

Virginians will elect a US senator and members of the US House of Representatives and vote on three proposed amendments to the state constitution. Some jurisdictions will also vote on local offices and issues.

And good news! Martha Furniss and Dorry Kee will once again organize Souls to the Polls transportation for early voting, dropping off absentee ballots or getting to the polls on Election Day! **Email here to request a ride or volunteer to provide rides.**

Any questions about voting and registration can be directed to **Carol Hurlburt**

Volunteer with The Closet

Try something new! Volunteer with The Closet, a well-run thrift store that gives back to the community in countless ways. Its success depends on dedicated volunteers, and every helping hand is truly valued.

Volunteer Dates Assigned to St. Anne's

- This Tuesday, October 13
- Thursday, November 5
- Tuesday, December 1
- Saturday, December 26

They will also be needing extra support from the volunteers the week of October 12, getting things unpacked, priced, and put on display tables at the Moose Lodge for the Everything Christmas Sale on October 16-17. Everyone really enjoys helping with this event.

If you and/or a friend might be interested in volunteering, please give it a try! You won't regret it! Please feel free to **reach out to Rita Smith** if you have any questions or would like to join the fun!

Other Upcoming Closet Dates to Save

- October 16–17: Everything Christmas Sale
- December 12: Winter Market

Everything Christmas is Coming!

The Closet's 2026 Everything Christmas event is in mid-October. Sales dates are 3-7 PM Friday, October 16, and 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday, October 17, at the Herndon Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street in Herndon.

The Closet needs volunteers the entire week leading up to and including the sales dates and cleanup afterwards. High school students in particular are needed on October 10 to transfer 500+ donation bins to the Moose Lodge and for the

cleanup. Next will come the unpacking of the bins on Sunday afternoon and then checking, pricing and displaying merchandise Monday-Thursday.

We welcome high school students as their school schedules permit (happy to confirm volunteer hours) and adults throughout the week, starting on Sunday, Oct. 11, and continuing through to the actual sale and cleanup. This will be our October youth @ St. Anne's service event.

All volunteering is at the Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, Herndon.

Click here to sign up.

Seen Around St. Anne's



Jennifer & Jack Cochran helped the food pantry and the community this week by creating personal care packages for our October distribution. Remember that supporting the food pantry is a great way for our high schoolers to satisfy volunteer hours. **Chat with Bernadette** for more information or to schedule volunteer hours. Thank you, Jennifer & Jack!



St. Anne's hosted the Silver Light Association's annual anniversary celebration last Saturday. It was a joyful and colorful event!

Office Closed on Monday

St. Anne's office will be closed on Monday, October 12, for Indigenous Peoples' Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office and leave a message and someone will get back to you. Normal business hours resume Tuesday, October 13.



St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Marian Egge, Rosie Horn (Jr Warden), 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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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.

Have an announcement? Need to reserve space?

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 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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