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Join Us This Sunday for World Honeybee Day at St. Annes!



World Honey Bee Day is celebrated every third Saturday in August (but we are celebrating it here at St. Anne's this Sunday, August 17). It is a holiday that reminds us of the beauty and value of bees. Do you know there are 20,000 different species of bees all around the world? This holiday is a time to celebrate the importance of bees in our world, and for us here at St. Anne's, we get to celebrate the abundance of honey our bees produced this year! The first World Honey Bee Day was held in 2009, and it has since grown in popularity.

You can request a 4-5 ounce jar of St. Anne's honey by [clicking here to complete the form](#). Please do so by tomorrow, August 15.

The honey will be blessed and distributed at the 8am and 10am services this Sunday. If there are extra jars of honey available after every St. Anne's household has received one, we will let you know and make them available after Thanksgiving/before Christmas. We request a \$5-10 donation per jar which goes directly to the St. Anne's honey ministry. Payment/your donation is collected when you pick up your jar of honey on Sunday.

If you have any questions, please [contact Eileen Ellis](#).



Back to School Blessing This Sunday!

Sunday, August 17

Fairfax County Public Schools go back to school next week! Join us this Sunday for a back-to-school blessing. Receive your cool backpack tag, a "You Matter" sticker, and get ready for a fabulous school year!

GOOD LUCK and GODSPEED to all our students and teachers!

Fall Fellowship: Sign Up for the Potluck [Here!](#)

Sunday, September 7, 4:00-6:00 PM, Herndon Trailside Park

Please join us for a congregation-wide Fall Fellowship at Herndon Trailside Park on Sunday, September 7 from 4-6 PM.

[Click here to sign up for the potluck](#) - set up, clean up and/or to bring an item.



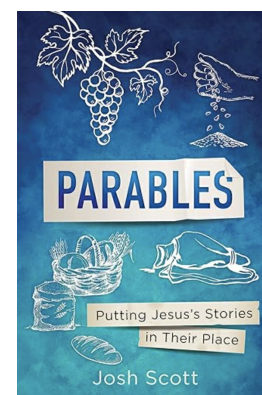
The Fall Fellowship kicks off our exciting program year. There will be food, fellowship, icebreakers, games, activities around our ministry areas, music and prayers. Fun was had by all last year and we are looking forward to the kick-off of our 2025-26 year!

Monday Morning Bible Study

Resumes Monday, September 8, 10:30 AM via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible study resumes Sept. 8 with a 6-week study of *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott. We enjoyed our first encounter with this author so much that we're ready for another round.

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.

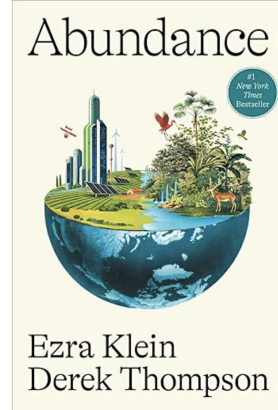


St. Anne's Book Club

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.



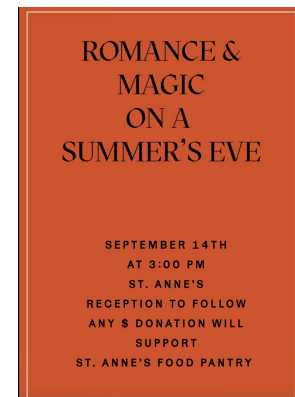
Progress requires facing up to the institutions in life that are not working as they need to. It means, for liberals, recognizing when the government is failing. It means, for conservatives, recognizing when the government is needed.

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

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

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.



EfM and Adult Formation at St. Anne's

New seminar starting September 2025

Education For Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has helped over 120,000 participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service in their daily lives, where they live, work, and play. EfM helps the faithful explore our Christian tradition, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world. EfM seminar groups develop theologically informed, reflective, and articulate seekers of God. EfM has undergone a comprehensive curriculum redesign, and this year we will be implementing the new curriculum.



St. Anne's is blessed to have an active EfM program that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM and is conducted 100% online using ZOOM. This adult formation opportunity has a long, rich history at St. Anne's and we are preparing for a new seminar session starting in early September 2025.

If you are interested in hearing more about EfM and/or participating in the new seminar starting this Fall, [contact Paul Bishop](#) via email or at 703-244-3706.

Rev. Kara Laughlin

Just a quick reminder that Rev. Kara Laughlin, our Associate Rector for Discipleship, will be here for her very first Sunday with us next Sunday, August 24. Please be sure to join us and offer Mtr Kara a warm St. Anne's welcome! You can [read more about her here](#).



Diaper Ministry

Looking for size 6 diapers for next week's pantry day. Wipes are always appreciated, too. Thanks for your continued generosity to this important ministry!



Restrooms are Finished

Thanks so much for your patience as the restroom renovations took place. We are pleased to announce that they will be available on Sunday. Finishing touches are currently being added as you read this! In addition to St. Annes' men's and women's restrooms, there is now a single-use restroom available to anyone as well.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Gorgeous new flooring down our classroom hallway.



Fun and fellowship as our food pantry volunteers prepare packets for pantry Distribution Day happening next Thursday, Aug 21. Pictured are Shannon Lehr, Seth

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)

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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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