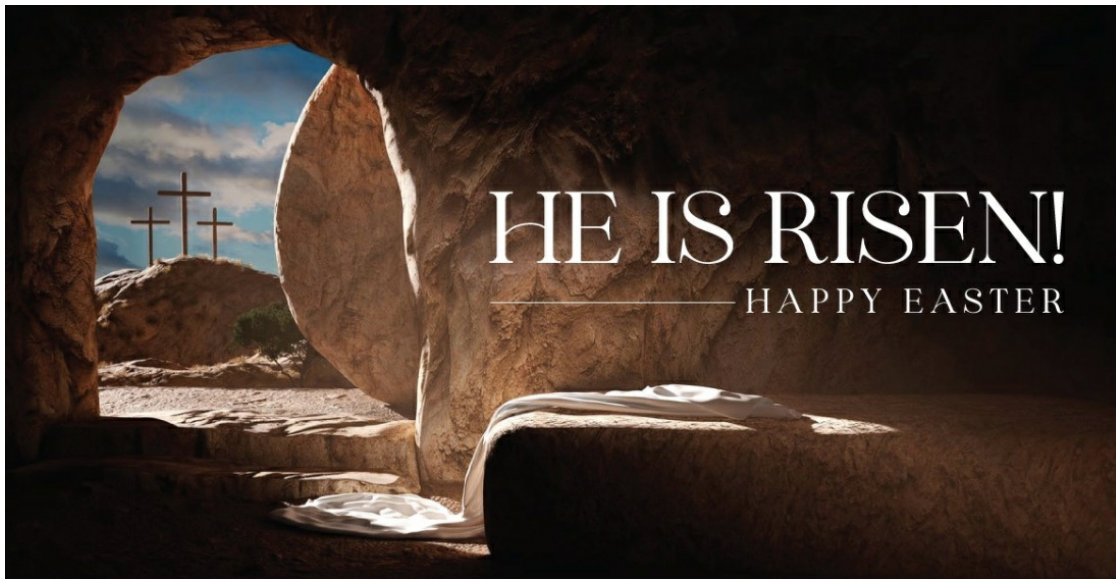


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HOLY WEEK THANK YOU!

We send our deepest gratitude to those who made Holy Week possible, especially Altar Guild, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Crucifers, Flower Guild, Musicians, Choir, Clergy, Staff, Lectors, Ministry Leaders, Java Junction, Digital Vergers, Teachers, Youth, Bread Brigade, Cleaning Crew and everyone who contributed to making Holy Week and Easter a joyous celebration! It takes a village and we are blessed with a wonderful one. Enjoy the photos from the various activities and worship services from last week and Sunday.



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday Dinner



Good Friday





Easter Vigil



Preparations for Easter

Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday



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Celebrate Deacon Nancy this Sunday

Come celebrate Deacon Nancy and wish her well on her last Sunday with us, this Sunday, April 27. St. Anne's has been so incredibly blessed with her presence over the years that it's hard to say goodbye.

Please stop by the Library Sunday morning to write her a card of gratitude. We will make sure she receives them.



Archdeacon Holly Hanback will be here offering a special liturgy in Deacon Nancy's honor. In addition, we will have a laying on of hands and the choir will be singing a farewell blessing. Be sure to stay after the 10 AM service for a celebratory Java Junction.

2025 Summer Celebration (formerly called Garden Party)

Sunday, June 8, 4:00-6:00 PM

The Summer Celebration is a time for St. Anne's to come together outside of worship to celebrate the phenomenal year we had and to launch into summer...an opportunity to enrich our souls with the arts; a time for YOU to showcase your craft, your skill, to perform, to provide a special treat,

to fellowship and to just have fun!

The first half of our time together will be an interactive display of art in various mediums by St. Anne's parishioners. If you would like to showcase your handmade pottery, crocheted items, painted pieces, photography, or anything else you create, we'd love to see what you do! We're also looking for folks interested in teaching others a skill...planting an aster, designing a pinch pot, knitting...the sky's the limit!



During the second half of our time we will enjoy performances in the sanctuary. Do you write poetry? We'd love to hear you recite it! Do you like to sing? Play an instrument? Read monologues? Stand-up comedy? Come perform for us!

There are many opportunities...crafts, performances, refreshments, volunteering to be available on the day of the event to help where needed. [CLICK HERE to complete the form to participate](#). Deadline to sign up in Sunday, June 1st.

Please reach out to [Kendall Jamison](#) with any questions.

April Pantry Day was a Record Day!

The St. Anne's Food Pantry set records last week! We provided 186 pre-packed bags of groceries, 120 bags of fresh produce and numerous choice items to 132 families from the Reston-Herndon area last week. These families are comprised of 104 children, 142 adults (18 - 59 years) and 102 senior citizens. To date in 2025, the St. Anne's Food Pantry has provided food to 487 Reston-Herndon families with 1,339 family members.



In addition, records were also set on diapers that were distributed. We served 60 clients with 74 packages of diapers. While size 6 is still the size that is always in demand, there's also a shift to smaller sizes of newborn, as well as sizes 1, 2, 3, and 4. After last week's distribution, we need donations in sizes, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to replenish our stock. Wipes are also great to have. THANKS SO MUCH to so many of you who always support the pantry needs. We couldn't do this without your donations.

Father Winston's Farewell

Great news! Father Winston and Mary have signed on a new place in Pennsylvania starting in June. We will have a celebratory send-off on June 22, which will be his last Sunday with us.

We are so grateful to Fr. Winston for his service, sermons and kind heart. Stay tuned for more information on the farewell celebration.



Come **LIVE IT OUT** at VBS This Summer -

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

June 23-27, 9:00-12:15; Camp Sunday, June 28

Deadline to register is May 4

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

VBS will be held in June this year (June 23-27) and we'd love to have our little campers back for another week of summer fun! Gredel Ellender and Alicia Peralta have agreed to be Co-Directors for the camp and we are so grateful to them!



LIVE IT OUT will help us discover how to love like Jesus by focusing on five key aspects of faith: love, live, share, forgive, and serve. Each aspect is rooted in a Bible story that encourages campers to embody these values in their daily lives. This emphasizes practical application, guiding children to live out their faith through tangible actions that reflect Christ's teachings.

Looking for VBS Volunteers

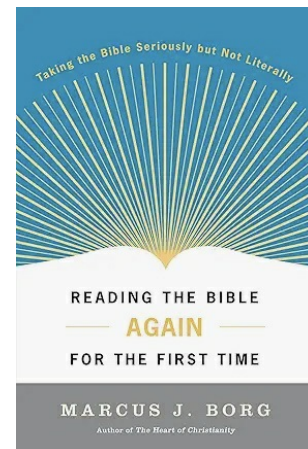
We are also looking for adult and Jr. Counselor volunteers! Come and make a difference in the lives of our St. Anne's children. If interested, please complete the form below.

- [VBS Junior Counselors Volunteer Form](#) (rising 7th grader-12 grade)
Get your school service hours at VBS!
- [Adult Volunteer Form](#)

St. Anne's Book Club

Monday, April 28, 9:00 AM

Many Christians mistakenly believe that their only choice is either to reconcile themselves to a fundamentalist reading of scripture (a "literal-factual" approach) or to simply reject the Bible as something that could bring meaning and value into their lives. In *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, Marcus Borg shows how instead we can freshly appreciate all the essential elements of the Old and New Testaments—from Genesis to Revelation—in a way that can open up a new world of intelligent faith.



In *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile a scientific and critical way of thinking with our deepest spiritual needs, leading to an insightful experience of ancient text. This unique book invites every reader—whatever his or her religious background—to engage the Bible, to wrestle with its meaning, to explore its mysteries, and to understand its relevance. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* shows us how to encounter the Bible in a fresh, new way that rejects the limits of simple literalism and opens up the rich possibility of living a life of authentic faith.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Don Boileau](#).

Monday Morning Bible Study

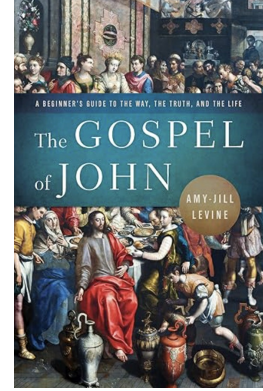
Mondays through April 28, 10:30-12:00, Zoom

The Monday Morning Bible Study began its last course for this semester on March 24 and you're still welcome to join. The text is *The Gospel of John* by Amy-Jill Levine. It's a 6-lesson study

available on Amazon and Cokesbury.

We meet via ZOOM from 10:30-12:00 on non-holiday Mondays. Class format includes a brief video presentation by the author followed by class discussion.

Newcomers are always welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the roster.



Moving Mountains Mission Trip

June 14-21, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This trip is an incredible opportunity to make friends and bond with St. Anne's teens. Friendships will be forged that continue throughout the year, as our teens this past summer have shown us! Clifton Poole will lead the trip once again.



The mission gives participants an opportunity to volunteer for building/home repair projects, teaching elementary school students in the community, or scientific research at Estanoa Wetlands Learning Center.

Teens will lead work sites, admin crews, make decisions and keep things moving.

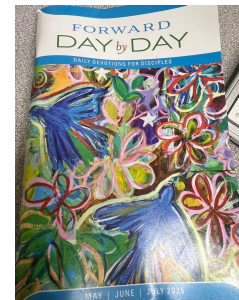
The trip is open to rising 9th graders through 2nd year college students. Exceptions are made for rising 8th grade when their parent/guardian comes along.

Participants will travel by car to St Paul, VA located in the Appalachian Mountains in southwestern Virginia. The area is known for its beauty and its great people.

Our accommodations are provided by the Grace House on the Mountain, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. More information is [available here](#).

Forward Day by Day

There are a few copies of the May, June, July Forward Day by Day Devotions available on the table in the Narthex.



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. Dr. Nancy D. Searby (deacon)

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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 at 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 with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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