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ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Annual Meeting Thank You

What a joyous morning we had reflecting on our past year of ministry together and dreaming for the year to come! Thank you to everyone who attended in person and virtually and to everyone who worked to put the meeting together.

On Sunday, we celebrated and shared all the ways in which God's spirit has moved among us. Over the past year, we set a new divine purpose statement and discovered our spiritual gifts, individually and communally. Mother Jess drew upon the Frederick Buechner's famous quote, setting the focus for this coming year on listening to the needs of the wider community so that we can share our gifts to meet the needs of the world. To read Mother's Jess's full address and all of our ministry reports, [click here](#).

“The place where
God calls you to is
the place where
your deep
gladness and the
world's deep
hunger meet.”

-Frederick Buechner

Thank you to outgoing vestry members: Kathy Boileau, Peggy Hobler, Sandy Chamblee-Head, Nancy Santoro (fulfilled a one-year term), Christine Skitol, and our youth rep, David Egge. We are so grateful for your leadership!

Welcome to new vestry members: Daria Antonucci, Rosie Horn, Carol Leos, Cat Tucker, and Nancy Santoro for a 3-year term!

We also expressed our gratitude to Micheal Broddle who served as Registrar for one year, and thanked Jason Angerosa for completing his term on the Endowment Committee. Bill Burton was elected to serve on the Endowment Committee.

To watch the annual meeting, [click here](#).



**Cool Blue Bags! Youth Group
Food Drive**

Now through March 2 @ 3 PM

ST. ANNE'S
YOUTH GROUP
COOL BLUE BAGS FOOD DRIVE

You are invited to participate in a food drive hosted by the St. Anne's Youth Group to benefit our Food Pantry!

Take a reusable bag from the Narthex on Sunday, Feb 16, 23 or March 2, fill it up with our Pantry's most needed food items (see below), and drop off your bag outside the Sunday School youth room (you'll see a table in the hallway for collection) by Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 PM.

[Click here for a printable list.](#)

- Low Sugar Cereal or Oatmeal
- Soy Sauce (low sodium preferred), 10-12 oz.
- Cooking Oil (canola or vegetable), up to 32 oz.
- Soup, 18-19 oz. cans
- Fruit, 15 oz. cans
- Peanut Butter, 16 oz.
- Pasta Sauce (Marinara or Meat), 24 oz. (no glass jars, please)
- Granulated Sugar, 3-4 lbs.
- All-Purpose Flour, 3-5 lbs.
- Toilet Paper

Episcopal Church Joins Religious Freedom Lawsuit Challenging ICE Enforcement Actions in Churches



The Episcopal Church is among dozens of multifaith plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the U.S. government's recent rescission of guidelines that limited immigration enforcement in sensitive areas such as churches, schools, and hospitals. The suit was filed this morning in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by Georgetown Law's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection. [Click here to read more about the lawsuit.](#)

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. To sign up for action alerts through a grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to "strive for justice and peace" through the active ministry of public policy advocacy, [click here.](#)

Lenten Dinner Groups

Sign up by February 20

Lent is a perfect time to get to know your church family - so come break bread with your St. Anne's friends! We are organizing small group dinners (families welcome) at parishioners' homes from early March through mid-April.

Whether you'd like to host a dinner or just attend and enjoy, please [fill out this form](#) by February 20. More information to come!

Questions? Contact [Eve Angerosa](#) or [Cat Tucker](#).



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 2025; 6:00-7:15 PM

On Shrove Tuesday, March 4, St. Anne's **Youth**

Group will be hosting the **Annual Pancake Dinner** from 6:00-7:15 PM in the Great Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us, so come on out with your family, relatives, neighbors, and friends to this fun event.

YOUTH GROUP

Pancake Supper



Youth Group Pancake Supper Meeting

This Sunday, February 16; 4:00 PM, Room 1

Youth in grades 6-12 & parents: Come on out on Sunday, Feb 16 at 4:00 PM as we plan the St. Anne's Pancake Supper! Let's get ready for this amazing supper together!

The youth will be empowered to lead us, with parent support (so come on out!), in various roles: shoppers, decorators, set-up crew, clean-up crew, cooks, kitchen managers, servers & serving line managers, hospitality, and cooking supplies washers!

Please [email here](#) with your RSVP by Feb. 14 to attend the info. meeting!

**A big THANK YOU to Ronan Angerosa
for the beautiful pancake supper graphic above!**

Adult Formation: MLK, Jr. Sermons

February 16 & 23, 4-5:30 PM, Library

The adult formation committee is sponsoring three discussion sessions on various sermons by Martin Luther King, Jr. as a way of celebrating not only the MLK, Jr. Day but as an educational endeavor to understand through his sermons the themes, illustrations, and rhetorical powers of Martin Luther King, Jr. Most of us understand him as a Civil Rights leader, but King is worth studying as an outstanding preacher.



The first session took place in January. The other two will be held this Sunday, February 16 and the following Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 PM in the Library. Each session is a "stand alone discussion" with different sermons discussed for each session. Any questions, please [reach out to Don Boileau](#).

Stargazing

*Next Friday, Feb. 21, 7-9 PM, St. Anne's Parking Lot
Cloud date is Sun. Feb. 23*

Bill Burton and Charles Twardy will be at St. Anne's with their telescopes again to guide us on a tour of the night sky on next Friday, February 21 at 7:00 PM!



Be sure to bring a camping chair. So that we know how many people will be there, [please click here to sign up to attend](#). It's sure to be a fun time in fellowship with your St. Anne's family.

St. Anne's Book Club

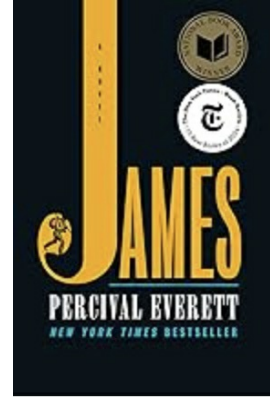
Monday, February 24, 9:00 AM [note time change to 30 minutes earlier], Zoom

Book: **James**, by Percival Everett

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan.

Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

While many narrative set pieces of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light. Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a "literary icon" (*Oprah Daily*), and one of the most decorated writers of our lifetime, *James* is destined to be a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature. [Email Don Boileau](#) with any questions or to receive the Zoom link.



Life Planning Workshop

Sunday, March 16, 11:30-1:00, Library

The St. Anne's Endowment Committee will be hosting the next Life Planning Workshop on Sunday March 16th from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the library.

The topic is the "[Village Movement](#)" which has emerged to support those of us that wish to remain in our homes for life. Our presenter for this workshop is Scott Parkin, President of [RESTON FOR A LIFETIME](#).

Please join us for refreshments and an informed discussion about services available right here in our town!



Diaper Ministry

The diapers have been rolling in! We are so blessed to have so many parishioners who support this much-needed ministry. Thank you to all who have sent in or dropped off diapers!

In order to stock up for our Pantry Day next week, we are still in need of wipes and diaper sizes 5 and 6.

We couldn't do this ministry without your assistance. Thank you!



Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays from January 27-March 3, 10:30-Noon, Zoom

Monday morning Bible Study resumed on Jan. 27 with a 6-week study of *Context - Putting Scripture in Its Place* by Josh Scott. The book is available from [Cokesbury](#) or [Amazon](#).

The class meets via ZOOM from 10:30-noon and consists of a brief video by the author followed by class discussion.

All are welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the mailing list.



Coats Needed

Now through March 16, 2025

We're truly blessed and grateful for the coats we have received thus far and we pray that you'll continue donating to this need. Your generosity and kindness goes a long way and is appreciated.



Help provide a warm, fresh start to those who are newly released from prison. OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources) of Fairfax needs gently used, clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes AS to AXXXXL for men and women. They cannot use dressy, long wool coats that need to be dry-cleaned.

An OAR labeled box for donations is available in the Narthex through March 16. Together let's bring warmth to our neighbors and to our hearts and make the world a better place through our collective actions. Please feel free to [email Shon Cooper](#) if you have any questions or interest in volunteering to this ministry.

The Closet Volunteers Needed

Fri, Feb 21; Sat, Mar 15; Tues, Apr 8

St. Anne's is committed to providing volunteers to The Closet thrift store. We are so grateful to our "regular" volunteers who support The Closet on an ongoing basis and are always looking for additional folks from St. Anne's to join our regulars as volunteers.



Following are dates that St. Anne's has been scheduled to provide volunteers at The Closet from now until the middle of April:

- Friday, February 21
- Saturday, March 15
- Tuesday, April 8

We would love to have additional volunteers. If the dates do not work for you, remember, that you can go to the Closet **any day that it is open**, sign-in as a St. Anne's volunteer and share your valuable time helping this worthwhile organization. If you are going for the first time and would feel more comfortable having one of "your own" there to help you get checked in and show you the ropes, just [contact Cat Tucker](#) and she'll be glad to meet you there and help you through your first day.

The Closet is a faith-based, volunteer-driven organization impacting lives through its non-profit thrift shop. After expenses, profits are distributed as grants to local non-profit organizations which directly or indirectly benefit low-income families in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Additionally, The Closet has a scholarship program through six local high schools, providing scholarships for

graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities. Further, The Closet also provides clothing and other household items free to families and individuals referred from local social services organizations supporting Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. The Closet helps to strengthen the fabric of the local community and serves the needs of low income and at-risk individuals and families.

If you would like to read more about this wonderful non-profit with whom we partner, [please click here](#). And always feel free to reach out to [Rita Smith](#) or [Cat Tucker](#) with any questions.

Seen Around St. Anne's...



Mother Jess and Office Manager, Angie, working hard to prepare the annual report for last Sunday's congregational meeting.



St. Anne's basking in the beautiful snow on Tuesday evening.

St. Anne's office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office and a staff member will connect with you.



LET ALL
THAT
YOU DO
BE DONE
WITH
LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV



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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[James Brooks](#), 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 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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