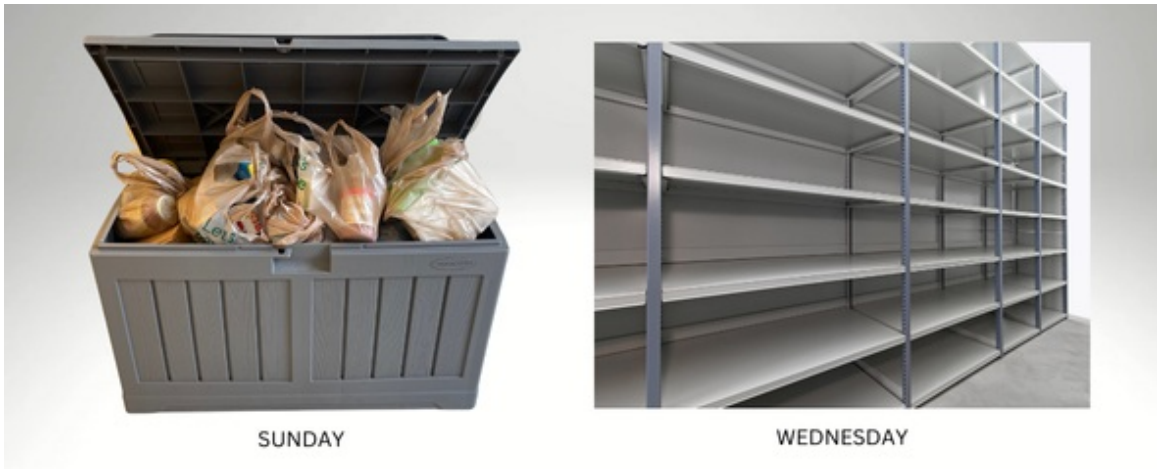




“The mission of St. Augustine of Canterbury parish is to grow closer to Christ and one another through worship, prayer, learning and service, and to dedicate our lives to serving Christ in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.”



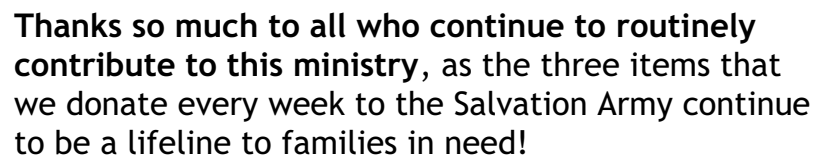
Empty Shelves at the Salvation Army!

Lew Gwyn is a parishioner here who is in charge of bringing the food from our church to the Salvation Army Pantry. Along with his wife Clare, he has tirelessly carted hundreds of pounds of food to them each week in their car. Here is his report.

“On Monday, we delivered the haul to the Salvation Army. Monday is just a stocking day, and the pantry is not open for distribution. As you might recall, there was about 90 pounds of sauce that St. Augustine’s donated, which was about three dozen jars or one size or another.

We had occasion to go back over there Tuesday afternoon, and we were astonished: On Tuesday morning, and early in the afternoon, 56 people had come for food. Now, many were homeless with no ability to cook, so they did not get things like spaghetti or sauce. However, what we saw was that ALL of the sauce was gone, along with much of the pasta and PB. As people can only use the pantry once a month, it is immediately clear just how great the

It is not reasonable to expect our little parish to give more than this amazing quantity of food. But I do think it is important for them to know just how much their generosity is appreciated. Everyone there is amazed by what we bring in every Monday, and it is appreciated beyond our ability to give thanks!" - Lew Gwyn



We only accept three items: pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter (at their request). Please place your contributions in the collection box in the Parish Hall. And as always, your faithfulness in helping to serve our local community is very much appreciated. **Thank you!**

**There is
still time!**

**Please
donate today**

Still time to donate!

All School Supplies Donations will benefit Feed The Lambs

Last year your support assisted about 100 students! Donations support students, families, teachers and schools in Indian River County. Providing school supplies for these students financially assists families, empowers students to learn by starting school fully prepared, and gives support to teachers.

Donations will go to Feed The Lambs this year and the 80 students in their summer program. There is an Amazon list available by clicking the link below. Donations can be shipped directly to the church, or you may drop off in Wes' office. Gift prices range from \$7 for a pack of pens to \$122 for a graphing calculator needed by older students and everything in between.

Any questions? Ask [Laura Shields](mailto:lauragshields@gmail.com) (lauragshields@gmail.com). Thank you!

Click below to view list: **Deadline is Sunday, July 13, 2025.**
[St. Augustine of Canterbury 2025 School Supply Drive!](#)

Want to know more about Feed The Lambs? Click below.
[Feed The Lambs](#)



While this is not a ride at Disney World, it *is* a fantastic and dramatic end to Elijah's ministry on earth, and also a powerful segue into passing the prophetic baton to his successor, Elisha. In this week's Old Testament lesson, we continue with "Part II" of last week's story and fast forward to Elijah's transition to heaven. Elijah had asked Elisha what he could do for him before he, Elijah was taken away. Elisha boldly asks for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit! Elijah replies: *"You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."* (2 Kings 2:10-11) It is interesting to note that Elijah spoke of Elisha's need to be able to *see* in order to receive what he asked for. Elijah even went as far to say that if Elisha couldn't see Elijah being taken up to heaven, that Elisha would not be able to receive what he requested in order to fulfill his mission and purpose as the next prophet of Israel.

The Role of Spiritual Sight

We do not need to be prophets to "see" what God wants us to see. Being able to see what God shows us will empower us for the life and ministry that the Holy Spirit guides each one of us into. It helps us to move forward and make wise decisions in our everyday lives; for ourselves and others. If we are not

able to see what God wants us to see, it is hard to move ahead. Spiritual sight allows us to consciously partner with the Holy Spirit to properly discern the pathway that He is leading us on. In this way we can take action with God's help in new situations, uncertain conditions and the transitions of life.

After Elisha saw the chariot taking Elijah into heaven, he then acted in faith by picking up Elijah's mantle off the ground and striking the water with it, as he had seen Elijah do before being taken up in the whirlwind. Elijah's "mantle" can represent "identity", as Elisha was asking for a portion of "Elijah's spirit." (2 Kings 2:9) We too might have to pick up a new "mantle" (identity) that the Holy Spirit presents to us in order for us to accept the new realities in our lives and new roles that He is guiding us into. From a practical standpoint this could be anything from accepting a new job, leaving an old one, changes in relationships, becoming a new parent, becoming a caregiver for an elderly family member, or navigating through the passing of a loved one. It could also appear as new talents, new uses for old talents, accepting new responsibilities and releasing old ones. It will always necessitate a new way of *looking at ourselves* and acting according to what we are shown.

This week in our Scriptures Paul says, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25) And since the fruit of the spirit "is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control", we know that "there is no law against such things." (Galatians 5:22-23) This means following the Spirit will always be the right action and will give us the right results as evidenced by the "fruit" listed above.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus says *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."* (Luke 9:62) Sight figures prominently in our ability to follow (or not follow) God. Whatever we *see* is what we will *follow*. Being able to see what God is showing us will bolster our confidence moving through unknown territory, knowing that we are following His lead. On the contrary, if we are looking back and resisting the new, we can become stuck and unable to make the changes that we need to. But we can always rest assured that Jesus is always at work in our lives and the Holy Spirit will give us everything that we need to move forward. With their help, life can become more than just a "wild ride" out of control. It can instead become a divinely orchestrated walk as we navigate our challenges in a way that will ultimately be a blessing to us as well as those around us.



Upcoming Events



DONATE BLOOD

ECW Blood Drive

The Big Red Bus will be stationed in St. Augustine's parking lot **this Saturday, June 28 from 9 am to 2 pm**, ready to take your blood donation. All donors will receive a \$20 gift card to a national retailer like Target, Walmart or Amazon and also a wellness check up which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE A LIFE

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion. There is a need for all blood types right now. Trauma patients, cancer patients, newborns, and other people who need blood transfusions every day rely on you to give the gift of life and donate blood. Blood is essential to life and there is no substitute. It cannot be made. Generous blood donors are the only source of blood for those in critical need. The need for blood never takes a vacation!

Please sign up in the Narthex - Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome. Contact: [Pam Wehrberger](#)

Please come join us Saturday, July 19 at 6:15 pm

**Parish Potluck &
Hymn Sing**
with **Lisa, Danny & Donna**

Bring your favorite dish to share!

Bring your voice! Bring your instrument! Bring your friends!

Parish Potluck and Hymn Sing

Save the date for **Saturday, July 19 at 6:15 pm** in the Parish Hall for a Parish Potluck and "Hymn Sing" led by Lisa, Danny and Donna. No need to sign up for this event, but **please bring a side dish to share**, as well as any small instruments that you may have to play, such as a guitar, tamborine, or even a hand drum or two. All are encouraged to sing and "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" All are welcome - if you have a friend who likes good food, fun and song, bring them along! If you have any questions, please contact [Carol Paris](#).

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



"Let's Do Lunch!"

SATURDAY, July 26 at 12 pm

Ladies, Please Join Us!

SEAN RYAN PUB

2019 14th Avenue, Vero Beach 32960

Our own Donna Griffin will present songs and stories about her over 20 years of hospital and nursing home visitation ministry. Imagine a story line set to folk/gospel music: short, sometimes funny, sometimes poignant.



Please sign up in the Narthex by July 20th

Contact: Pam Wehrberger at gran459495@aol.com

ECW "Let's Do Lunch" at Sean Ryan Pub

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex starting this Sunday! Donna Griffin will be the guest speaker and will present her story about her experience in the hospital and nursing home visitation ministry.

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

[Calendar](#)

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

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Connections

Women's Bible Study Group

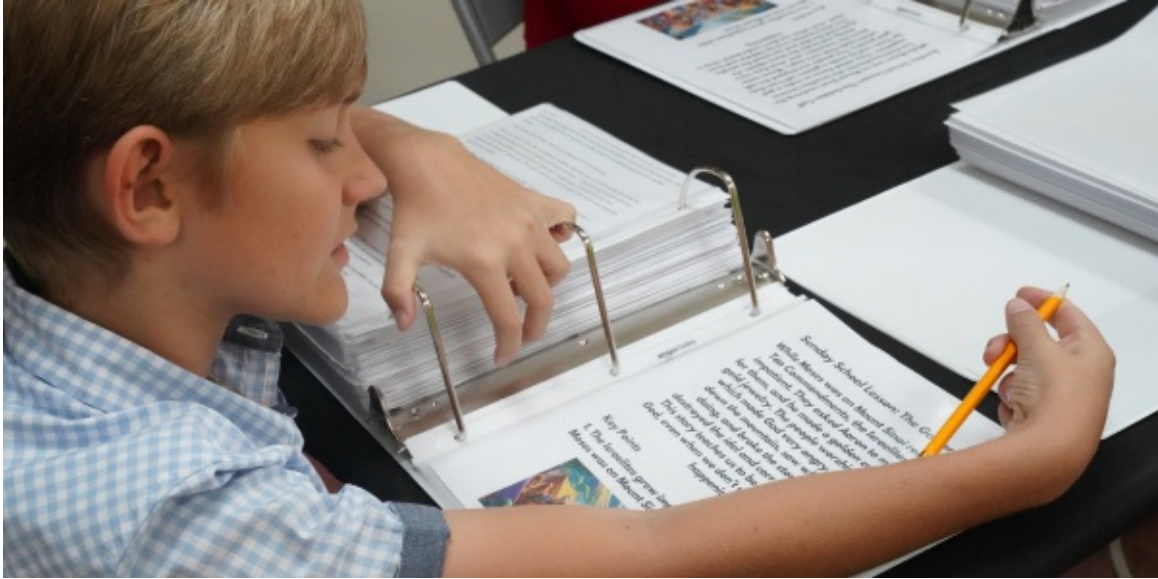


Women's Bible Study: Make a Connection!

Tuesday, July 1, 9:30 am - 11 am

Ladies, please join us for Connections - a weekly Bible Study ministry just for women. **This Tuesday is our LAST ONE for this series!**

As iron sharpens iron, we will learn from each other, grow in our faith, and develop rich friendships as we study the Bible together. This series will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, as written in Galatians 5:22-23, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Our facilitators are Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich. Questions? Contact [Valerie Reich](#)



Sunday School is on Summer Break

Sunday School is taking a break from our regular Bible lessons and gatherings for the summer. We have had a wonderful year learning and growing together, and we look forward to resuming Sunday School on Sunday, **August 10**. Have a safe and blessed summer!

Each month, on the first Sunday, children continue to have the opportunity to assist in worship by serving on the altar, even during the summer! If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte, please reach out to [Fr. Wes](#) for training opportunities.

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities



Interested in volunteering for the Choir?

Summer is an ideal time to consider giving the choir a try! It is a "low pressure" time of year musically and a great way to explore participation in this ministry. Please contact our Music Director [Tom Hall](#) or call the office at 772-770-3494 if you have questions. We would love to hear from you!



Your June Hospitality Guild Team!

Do you have a gift of hospitality? Do you like to serve and host? Then join with those like Donna Griffin, Mary Moriarty, Karen Monaco and Karen McIntyre (pictured above) and consider serving on one of the 4 Hospitality teams that rotates monthly throughout the year. Each team serves 3 months out of the year and provide hosting services for special events, potluck gatherings, Lenten suppers and Celebrations of Life. All are welcome to join, including snowbirds and couples! **No cooking, shopping, heavy cleanup, or serving at Sunday Coffee Hours is involved, as these entities operate as separate ministries.**

Contact: [Carol Paris](#)



Shining Light Garden

This is a truly inspiring place where we plant, weed and harvest vegetables for our neighbors in need, distributed via local food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other assistance programs throughout Indian River County. Come surround yourself with God's creation as we help others. Reach out to ministry contact for volunteer opportunities: [Barbara McGowan](#)

This Sunday!

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

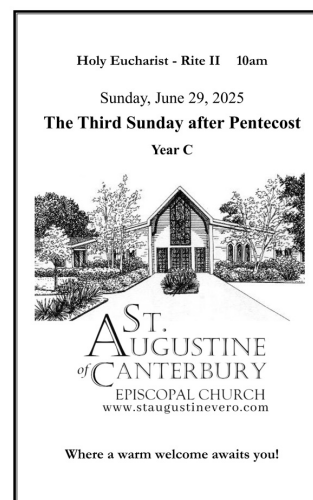
GALATIANS 5:22-23

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Third Sunday after Pentecost**, either in person or at home via [Livestream](#) at 10 am. Or watch our livestreamed service anytime during the week on our [YouTube channel](#).

Interested in receiving Home Communion? Just call the church office (772-770-3494) and ask to be put on the Home Communion list.

[Worship Schedule>](#)
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This Weekend's Readers and Servers will be...

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Jane Ferguson

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/POTP/Server: Mary Power

Ushers:

Joann Kirchhoff, Valorie Stevenson

Coffee Hour:

Byron & Inge Curcio, Donna Kerber

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Cris Vaccaro

Lessons: Carolyn Robinson

POTP: Lisa LaRusso

Chalice: Tom & Pam White

Crucifer: Tom White

Torches:

Carolyn Robinson, Pam White

LEM: Carolyn Robinson

Livestream: Emma Shields

Sunday School Assistant:

Julia Wiggins

Coffee Hour:

Sunny Uttley



Join us this Week for ...

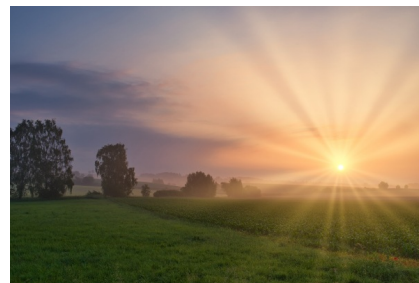
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Please come join us each Sunday at Coffee Hour after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Parish Hall. Enjoy great coffee and treats as well as the company of your fellow parishioners. You never know who you might meet!



Morning Prayer | Daily 8 am, M-F

Join in on [Daily Morning Prayer](#) services over the telephone. Simply dial (339) 209-4611 before 8 am, Monday through Friday to participate. The service is easy to follow and is about 20 minutes long. Newcomers, please see the [Online Instructions](#) to set up the Daily Office App. [Launch the Daily Office App>](#)

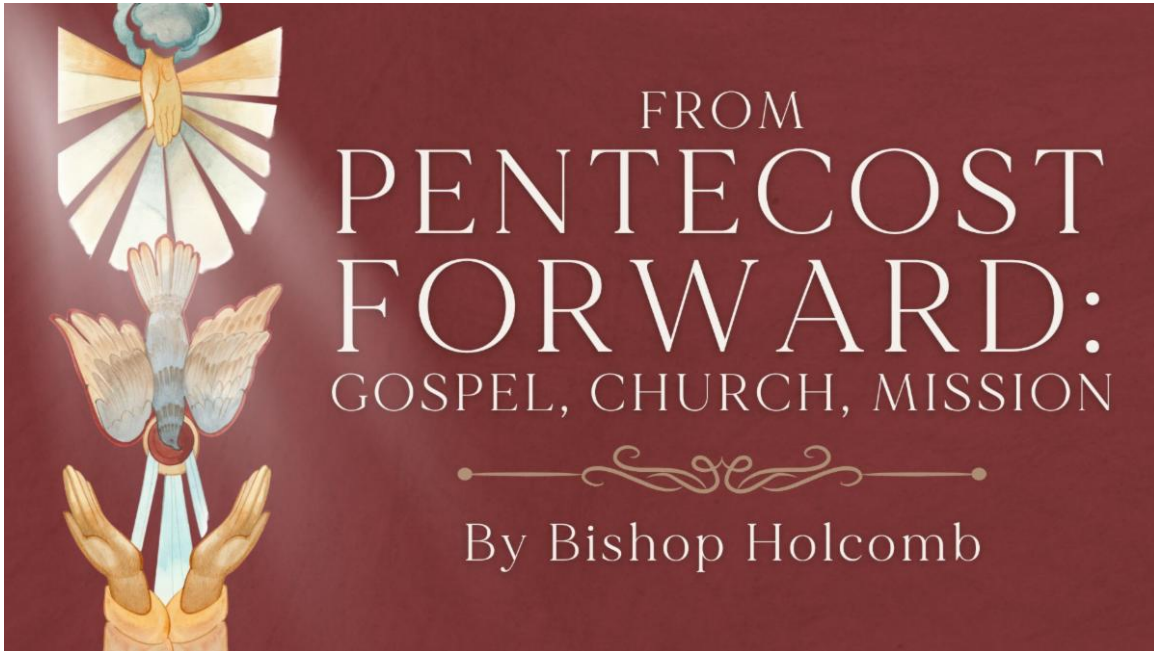


Parish Prayer Group | Mondays at 1:30 pm | Library

Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministry | Tuesdays, 1-3 pm | Library

Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library



"From Pentecost Forward" - by Bishop Justin Holcomb

(Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida)

Bishop Justin tells us in his article, *"The primary task of the people of God is to bear witness to his great deeds. The first disciples were charged to bear witness to the risen Christ, whom they had seen with their eyes. This witness would begin in Jerusalem, but would move outward to "the end of the earth." In these verses, Jesus does not command his disciples to perform certain rituals, to act according to certain rules or to refrain from certain activities. He promises them that they would testify to his power when the Holy Spirit came upon them."*

Read the whole article from Bishop Holcomb [here](#).

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Sat. June 28 - Daughters of the King Meeting, 10 am, Library

Sat. June 28 - ECW Blood Drive, 9 am-2 pm, Church Parking Lot

Save the Date:

Tues. July 1 - **LAST** Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Tues. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Fri. July 4 - **Independence Day, OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, July 8 - Finance Committee Meeting, 10:30 am

Tues. July 15 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Fri. July 18 - Third Fridays at the Source, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite

Sat. July 19 - Parish Potluck & Hymn Sing, 6:15 pm, Parish Hall
Tues. July 22 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall
Sat. July 26 - ECW "Let's Do Lunch" 12-2 pm, Sean Ryan's Pub

*Find these events and more on our **St. Augustine's** calendar*

CALENDAR

Useful Links

- [How to Choose a Bible](#) by the Rev. Wes Shields
- [Church Center](#) To access our Church Center database app on the web
- [Daughters of the King Prayer List](#)
- [Morning Prayer info and downloads](#)
- [Livestream Services](#)
- [St. Augustine's Facebook Page](#)
- [St. Augustine's YouTube Channel](#) To subscribe: Sign in to YouTube on your computer. Go to [St. Augustine's YouTube channel](#) and select a video to play. Click "Subscribe" under the play window.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please pray for ... all who are affected by violence, conflict or impacted by natural disasters. We also pray for Diane, Frank, Chad, Susan, Peter, Gina, the Romig family, Gloria, Melanie, Joel, John, Sarah, Sharon, June, Linda, Kaylin, Kloe, Brad, Eddie, Jacira, Samira, Angie, Linda Sue, Dakota, Arden, Elinor, Jacinth, Andy, Joanne.

Parish Prayer List Reminder!

The Parish Prayer List names are reviewed on a monthly basis. Names remain on the list as long as the Office is aware that they are to remain. Names of those we have not received updates are removed from the list unless the parish office is otherwise notified. Please let us know who is in the hospital and who is deceased. Contact: [Dana Johnson](#) at 772-770-3494.

This Week, We Celebrate

Birthdays

29 - Julia Morris
30 - Frank Volpini
03 - Mary Thorpe

Anniversaries

29 - Brian & Elaine Murphy

This Week, We Remember

Departed

None this week.



This Week's Altar Flowers.



Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by Leigh MacDougall in loving memory of husband, Don MacDougall.

If you would like to remember a loved one with Altar Flowers, please fill out a flower request envelope found in the brochure rack on the wall in the Narthex, or on the Slat Wall in the Parish Hall. It can be submitted to the office or in the offering plate, or by contacting [Dana Johnson](#) at the parish office at 772-770-3494.

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