

*“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.”*

## Italian Night!



As you can see, this year's Italian Night was great fun. From the delicious food to the great company and live music, everyone had a good time. As we all know, "it takes a village" to put on one of these events, and in this case, a whole Italian village! Many, many thanks to the following who pulled off this wonderful event ... Culinary crew: Chef, Rosemarie McGlynn; Assistants: Anne Sullivan, Joy Campany & Tony Tulumello. Valerie Reich provided the beautiful centerpieces; and the Hospitality crew included Cheri Foster, Karen Monaco, Karen McIntyre, Moe Connell, Nancy Eagan, Mary Moriarty and Wendy Beers. The clean-up crew included John and Sheila Robinson, Brian McIntyre, Steve Connell and Fr. Wes! All under the watchful eye of Carol Paris, who along with many others, just made things go right. Congratulations to the entire parish team! (Apologies to anyone whose name was omitted)

## An Invitation from the Episcopal Church Women

*"We aspire to be a God spark - shining and sharing the love of Christ."*

Please join us **Saturday, September 16**, as we embark on a new season of spiritual and social support in our

parish. Come share Holy Eucharist with us at 11 am with Fr. Wes Shields as our celebrant. Lunch will follow with an informative and invigorating panel of ministry leaders to explain their services, so that we might consider where we can share our time, talent, and treasure in our church. **Are you a "God spark?"** Please sign up for the luncheon count. Invite your friends! Contact: [Carol Paris](#)



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Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

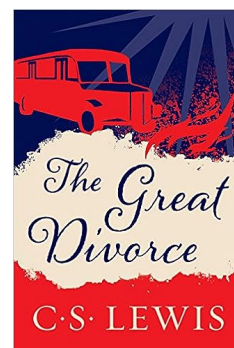
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## *Looking to Deepen Your Faith?*

### **Sunday Morning Christian Education starts September 10!**

On **Sunday mornings at 9 am** in the Library, and running through October 1, we will engage in a book study on "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis. We will do four chapters a week, the first two weeks; and then three chapters, the last two weeks. You can buy this book on [Amazon](#).

**What is "The Great Divorce?"** George MacDonald describes it as "a theological fantasy of an imaginary bus trip from Hell to the foothills of Heaven, where the ghosts of Hell meet the spirits of Heaven. This companion to 'The Screwtape Letters' explores how our pride and self-will act to separate us from God. No, there is no escape. There is no Heaven with a little of Hell in it - no plan to retain this or that of the devil in our hearts or our pockets. Out Satan must go, every hair and feather."



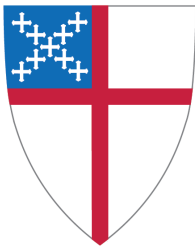
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### **Sunday School**

St. Augustine's Sunday School **meets on all but the first Sunday of the month, during the 10 am service.** Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade gather in our classrooms down past the Old Parish Hall, in the education wing of the church. On the first Sunday of the month, kids (who are willing and trained) may serve on the altar, and eventually as readers, ushers, etc. If you have kids, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone that might be interested in Sunday School, please call or text ministry leader [Linda Jones](#) at 772.538.9826. If they would like to help serve on the 1st Sunday, please contact [Fr. Wes](#).







## Safeguarding our Children

Safeguarding God's Children is a two-hour training program provided by The Episcopal Church for the prevention of sexual abuse of children and youth. The program provides participants with information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve.

While this course is required for anyone working directly with children at the church, including our Sunday School teachers, St. Augustine's is making this program available to any parishioner interested in taking it. Jesus Christ calls us to loving relationships that are healthy and helpful to each other. In our ministry with children and youth, every child, youth and adult deserves to be treated as Jesus would treat them, that is, with love, respect and kindness. If you are interested in pursuing this program, please contact [Laura Shields](#).

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### OUR SPIRITUAL ARMCHAIR ADVENTURE | PART V

## Where Do You Find God?

*This week's spiritual armchair adventure takes us to the Finger Lakes in New York State by way of a heart-warming faith story shared by parishioner Stuart Weismiller. Read on!*

### Homecoming: Pentecost, Peace, and Fr. Phil

**May 28, 2023**

It has been eight months since we were in our summer church home in Branchport, NY. There is one blinking spotlight in town, surrounded by rolling hills, farms, vineyards, and a fragrance of manure in the air. The 30-minute drive from our house to Saint Luke's Episcopal Church is well worth the journey.

First, the setting is that of a Hallmark movie - a small brick church built in 1866 with eight pews on each side, an upright piano and a keyboard, a small altar, stained glass windows, and a certain Moravian feel. Fr. Phil, the part-time rector, Rick the volunteer keyboard player, and the roughly 40 regular parishioners complete this "Hallmark ready" cast. Fr. Phil is probably 75, tall, slightly balding, wearing Khaki shorts, topsiders, and his clerical collar. As the story goes, the parish organist died, so a parishioner named Rick taught himself to play the keyboard in his spare time. Parishioners take turns mowing the lawn and cleaning the church.

The Parish house is three doors down the street. It was left to the church by the black residents who moved there during the time of the Underground Railroad. These parishioners were grateful to St. Luke's for their hospitality. Once a month we have a splendid potluck supper at the parish house. Parishioners bring their own plates and silverware because there is not a dishwasher, along with enough food and wine to feed all of Yates County.

Before the Sunday service began on Sunday, May 28th, Father Phil said: "Well, it looks like the bus from Florida just returned half of our parish!" And what a spiritual homecoming Pentecost was. The church was full of hugs, chatter,

love, and joy over being reconnected. There were 5 dogs of questionable lineage in various pews glued to their dutiful owners, including Crockett Weismiller. The keyboard player was absent, so the hymns got off to a slow, off-key start and didn't really pick up until a self-appointed choir appeared up front during the offering. Perhaps, the most entertaining part of every service is the "Peace." Everyone gets up to greet each other, starting with pew one and reaching all the way back to the coffee hour Tupperware and paper plates. Peace has been known to last over 20 minutes.

The post-collection announcements start with Fr. Phil asking who has a birthday, anniversary, or other topic to share. There was one birthday, followed by a prayer. Then, Fr. Phil's wife Polly was escorted to the Nave where her husband stood with prayer book in hand. It was their wedding anniversary, and the congregation was ready to share in their celebration.

Polly, also an ordained minister, met Phil in divinity school many years ago and co-ministered with him at Kent School in Kent, CT, along with parishes in New Jersey and outside of Chicago. They have two grown children, a daughter who is an artist living in Brooklyn with a two-year-old son, Vinny. They also have a son Martin, who is very troubled and recently admitted to a high-security mental institution in Buffalo NY.

To complete this complex picture, Polly has suffered from dementia since we have known her and is always accompanied by a fellow parishioner. She is impeccably dressed, by Phil, down to a beautiful necklace. The two hugged, had an anniversary blessing, and she was escorted back to her pew, not knowing what had happened. The curse of an empty spouse after all these years. It doesn't seem fair. Father Phil exudes God's love to every person who crosses his path. Parishioners leave each Sunday feeling nourished, loved, and part of a very real community of faith.

Homecomings are bittersweet. Next week the service will be held outside in Gloria's Garden and there is a potluck or two in our future. Thanks be to God. I am truly blessed to have two welcoming church communities in my life!

[Stuart Weismiller](#)

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## ***Finding God***

So many parishioners have reached out to comment on our ongoing "Where Do You Find God" series. Many thanks for your contributions and encouragement! Last week I heard from Jane and Dan Ferguson who visited Grand Teton National Park. Jane shares, "The mountain is over 13,000 feet. The silence you feel is inspiring."

[Barbara McGowan](#)



## ***Do Share!***

Please think about the expected or unexpected places where you have found God in your travels at home or far away, and share them! **Please drop a note or a photo, or both to share in this space.**

## Health & Wellness

### Monthly Blood Pressure Screening

Come have your blood pressure checked by our RN's on **Sunday, August 27** after the 8 am and 10 am services (or any last Sunday of the month) in the Parish Hall.



### "Ask the Dietician"

The Health and Wellness Team will also have an "Ask The Dietician" session **after the 10 am service this Sunday**. Church members will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with Phillippa Norman, MS, RD/LD and ask questions about nutritional wellness. We will discuss how nutrition plays a vital role in managing chronic diseases and improving quality of life.

Education informational will be provided. Ministry contact: [Sally Munson](#)

## Outreach



### Outreach Meeting This Monday!

On **Monday, August 28 at 11 am**, join ministry leaders Tony Tulumello and Stuart Weismiller in the Library for a discussion and planning session of potential outreach program support in our community. Come hear about some new directions Outreach is taking at St. Augustine's! Ministry contact: [Stuart Weismiller](#)

### Salvation Army Food Contributions

Food contributions for the Salvation Army may be placed in the collection box in the Parish Hall. **We only accept three items: pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter (at their request).** Thank you for your generosity in helping to serve local Vero residents in need. Ministry contact: [Stuart Weismiller](#)



We are only collecting these items at this time.  
Thank you!

### FOOD COLLECTION

**Please donate:**

**Pasta**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

**Peanut Butter**

## Join us this Week for ...

### Morning Prayer | Daily at 8 am

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 | Christian Ed wing

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

**Healing Eucharist** | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

**Bible Study with Fr. Wes** | Wednesdays at 11 am | Parish Library

WHAT WOMEN ARE  
WEARING TO CHURCH  
THESE DAYS



The Daughters of the King want to help  
you deepen your relationship with God.  
Ask any one of us who wear the cross.

Next Meeting:  
Sat., Sept. 23, 10 am in the Parish Hall

## ***This Sunday!***

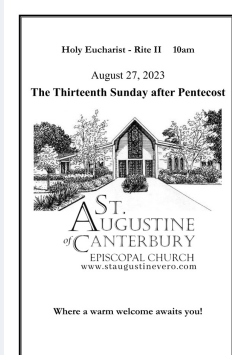
*Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.*

MATTHEW 16:13-17

## ***Come Worship with us this Sunday!***

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship in person or at home this **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**. [Watch our Livestreamed service](#) online anytime during the week. 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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## ***Sunday Morning Fellowship***

Please come join us Sundays for Coffee Hour after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Parish Hall. Enjoy the fellowship of your fellow parishioners. You never

know who you might meet!

## Readers and Servers

This week's Readers and Servers will be ...

### Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lessons: Laurie Samuels

Psalm & Prayers of the People: Laurie Samuels

Chalice Bearer: Laurie Samuels

### Sunday, 8 am

Lessons: Kate Schmidt

Psalm & Prayers of the People: Kate Schmidt

Chalice Bearer: Kate Schmidt

### Sunday, 10 am

Lessons: Janie Gould

Prayers of the People: Lisa LaRusso

Chalice Bearers: Nancy Kelly & Heather Bennett

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Sally Munson

Crucifer: Heather Bennett

Torches: Nancy Kelly, Jack Guancione

Ushers: Tom & Pam White, Howard Daniels

Livestream: Barbara McGowan

## News & Notes

### *In Memoriam*

A Memorial Service for Shelba Bobet will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 9 at 2:30 pm**, with a reception following in the Parish Hall. The parish is invited to attend. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



### *Wha-a-a-t? Your Picture Isn't in the Church Directory!?*

Over 160 Parishioners are now using our Church Directory and counting! But many have not taken advantage of including a picture with their profile. Here's how you do it, easy as 1-2-3!

1. Launch Church Center on your phone or computer, and click on the circle in the top, right of your screen.
2. Click on "My Profile & Settings," and then "Contact & profile information. Then click on "Add Photo." You will be given the option to take a photo or choose one from your photo library. Once you complete this step, the image will appear at top. Click



"update."

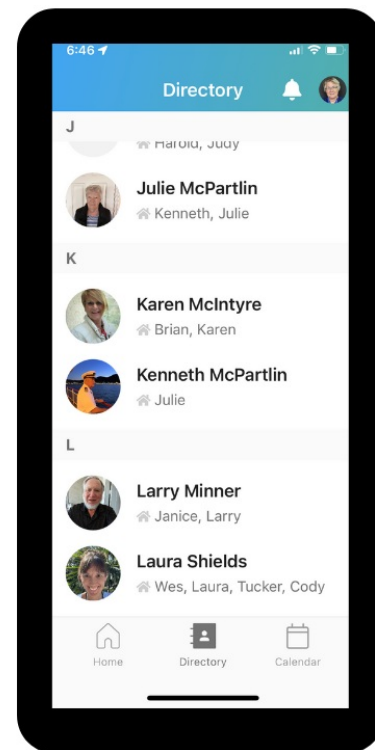
3. One last step ... Go back to "Profile & Settings" and click on "Directory Profile." Click next to "Include profile photo" and this will publish it to the directory.

**Piece of cake, right?** Maybe not ... If you still need some help, please come to **Coffee Hour on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 11 am in the Parish Hall** and see me at the Tech Help Table. I'd be happy to take your picture and help you get it uploaded.

If you haven't installed Church Center yet, no problem. It is easy to install. [Just follow these simple instructions>](#)

See you in Church Center! **Questions?**

Contact: [Barbara McGowan](#)



## ***Office Closure on Labor Day***

The St. Augustine parish office will be closed **Monday, Sept. 4** in observation of the Labor Day holiday. All church activities will be suspended that day.



## ***Flower Requests: Remembering our Loved Ones***

Would you like to make a flower request to remember a loved one? Flower request envelopes may be found in the brochure rack on the wall in the Narthex. Please submit your completed form and contribution to the parish office.

Questions? Contact: [Dana Clearwater](#)

## ***Upcoming Events***

### ***Mark Your Calendars! Be Sure to Save these Dates ...***

- **Sunday, August 27** - Monthly Blood Pressure Screening, 9 am/11 am, Parish Hall
- **Sunday, August 27** - "Ask the Dietician," 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Monday, Sept. 4** - Office Closure/Labor Day
- **Saturday, Sept. 16** - ECW Opening Luncheon, 11 am, Sanctuary
- **Tuesday, Sept. 19** - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
- **Tuesday, Sept. 26** - Caregiver's Support Group, 2 pm, Library

- **Wednesday, Sept. 27** - Parish Potluck, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall

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

## CALENDAR

### Useful Links

- [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, and those impacted by natural disasters. We also pray for Edwin, Emma, Melanie, Craig, Gary, Melissa, Arden, Carol, Eleanor, Laura, Fawn, Patricia, Niza, Sandy, Jessica, Fausto, Nicolas, Alicia, Jacinth, Joanne, Andy, Gerry, Ronald, and Gayle.

### 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

27 - Lucinda Johnson  
28 - Jane Askren  
29 - Genevieve Schutt  
31 - Bill Hawksworth  
31 - Eric Findlay  
02 - Dereck Prince  
02 - David Askren

#### Anniversaries

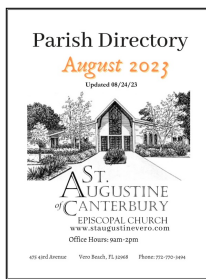
30 - Wayne & Carrie Elliott  
01 - The Rev. Lew & Clare Gwyn

### This Week, We Remember

#### Departed

30 - Jane Nouhan (2020)  
31 - Nancy Russell  
31 - Inez Morelli (2021)  
31 - Hobert Melton (2021)  
31 - Susan Kepler (2021)  
01 - Prima Lectura (2021)





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