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In Remembrance of 9/11

"With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord. For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord: Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. For our enemies and those who wish us harm, let us be a source of your light and love. In the aftermath of the destruction in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington on September 11th, 2001 may we grow ever more deeply in your spirit of justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord: "

St. Augustine to Serve at International Coastal Cleanup

St. Augustine Serves is officially launched with our first hands-on Outreach event scheduled. On **Saturday, September 16 at 9 am**, all parishioners are invited to join the St. Augustine Serves team at Riverside Park for the annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Come join us as we engage in creation care to beautify our God-given waterway. There will be a St. Augustine Serves tee shirt waiting for you! Please contact <u>Barbara McGowan</u> to sign up.



What better way to observe September 11th, a National Day of Service and Remembrance?

What is "St. Augustine Serves"?

This Outreach team is a new ministry of our parish, building a culture of handson service within our church and around our county. As a group, we will strive to raise our own personal awareness of the role of Christian service in our faith journey through education, group discussion, and reflection, and actively pursuing small-group service opportunities, serving in teams and in partnership with our current Outreach partners. This new ministry will place a high value on the fellowship inherent in the work we do, as we shine a bright light on St. Augustine Church as a result of our community volunteer efforts.

Are you looking for ways to get engaged in our community with smaller, shortterm commitments, and an opportunity to work closely with some wonderful people? Join St. Augustine Serves! Our new ministry is designed to respond to community needs, such as mentoring youth, sorting donated food or clothes, supporting resource drives, or helping to grow food for the hungry. Once a week, once a month ... You choose the projects that fit your schedule, and fit your need to serve. Find new purpose in serving those in need! Look for more upcoming opportunities to serve ...

Questions? Contact Barbara McGowan

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 our annual spiritual journey as Episcopal Church Women. Wear Red! Come share Holy Eucharist with us at **12 pm** with Fr. Wes Shields as our



celebrant. Come sing with us! Tom will be there to accompany us. 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 note that the service begins at 12 pm. Bring a fellow parishioner,

neighbor and/or friend! Please sign up in the Narthex for the luncheon count. **Contact: Carol Paris**

September POPS Fund Campaign

St. Augustine's is so blessed to have the POPS Fund, established by an anonymous donor who donates \$10,000 annually. This donor is willing to contribute an additional \$5,000, provided that parish contributions match that amount. This fund provides critical support to local outreach organizations to carry out their charitable missions, empowering them to purchase needed equipment, make repairs, and support capital expenditures, often on an emergency basis. We greatly appreciate any donation you can give. Help show our generous donor how important this



funding is to our parish. Pick up your "POPS" envelopes in the Narthex or send your check directly to the Parish Office. Please be sure to write "POPS Fund" on the check. Questions? Contact: <u>Dana Johnson</u>



An Invitation to Join the Choir

The choir of St. Augustine is recruiting new members for all sections. This is a good time to join the choir, as Thursday rehearsals begin for the fall on August 31. There is plenty of time for new members to settle in before Advent and Christmas. The choir sings at the 10 am Choral Eucharist every Sunday morning throughout the year, and on various Holy Days. The ability to read music is not required, nor is previous choir experience necessary. If you have questions about any aspect of choir singing, or concerns about the choir schedule, please speak with Tom Hall in person or reach him by telephone at 772-770-3494 or by email. And don't forget to tell your friends about the choir at St. Augustine!

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

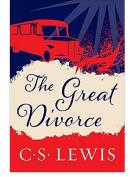
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Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

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 <u>Amazon</u>.

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."

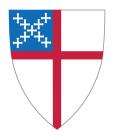


Sunday School

Would your child/grandchild like to engage in games and art using all different kinds of media? 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 <u>Linda Jones</u> at 772.778.7743. If they would like to help serve on the 1st Sunday, please contact <u>Fr. Wes</u>.



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. If you are interested in pursuing this program, please contact <u>Laura Shields</u>.

Outreach

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: <u>Stuart</u> <u>Weismiller</u>



are only collecting se 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 <u>Daily Morning Prayer</u> 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 <u>Online</u> <u>Instructions</u> to set up the Daily Office App. <u>Launch the Daily Office App></u>



Note from the Parish Office: A few parishioners have been having issues with using their landlines to call the Morning Prayer line. After some investigation with our service provider, it was suggested that a cell phone may work better to call the Prayer line rather than calling in with a landline. If you are having difficulty calling in with your landline, please use your cell phone instead.

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

This Sunday!

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses."

MATTHEW 18:15-17

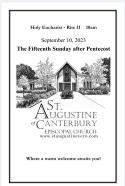
Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship in person or at home this **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.** <u>Watch our Livestreamed service</u> 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.

<u>Worship Schedule></u> <u>Download the Bulletin></u>

Livestream Technical Difficulties

Sincere apologies to our online viewers for the technical difficulties we have been experiencing with our Livestreaming. We are working hard to update our technology to solve these issues and ask for your patience. Know that you can always go to our <u>YouTube channel</u> and watch a recording of the Sunday Service. They are usually posted by Sunday at 5 pm. Please email your



questions or concerns to Barbara McGowan.

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: Jane Ferguson Psalm & Prayers of the People: Jane Ferguson Chalice Bearer: Jane Ferguson

Sunday, 8 am Lessons: Kate Schmidt Psalm & Prayers of the People: Kate Schmidt Chalice Bearer: Kate Schmidt

Sunday, 10 am Lessons: Sharon Goldberg Prayers of the People: Lisa LaRusso Chalice Bearers: Pam & Tom White Lay Eucharistic Minister: Heather Bennett Crucifer: Tom White Torches: Pam White, Heather Bennett Ushers: Nancy Eagan, TBD Livestream: Laura Shields

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.



st. augustine of canterbury Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen, did you know that St. Augustine's has a Men's Breakfast once a month (on the third Tuesday) at C.J. Cannon's at 3414 Cherokee Dr, Vero Beach? Come join the fun, have a good meal and get to know one another better! The next

breakfast will be **Tuesday, September 19 at 9 am.** Sign up in the Narthex or contact <u>Al Glatz</u> for more details.



Raising the Roof!

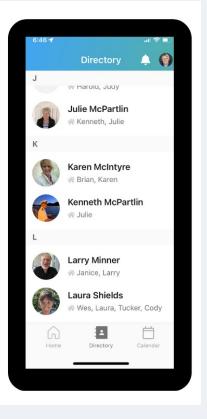
With all the wild rain we have had lately, how wonderful it is to have a new roof over our heads! The construction was an arduous process that was spearheaded by Steve Connell. There were four bids, each requiring comprehensive review, discussion among the vestry, questions back-and-forth to the vendors, and final discernment. Total Roofing was selected in part because they actually manufactured the roof panels onsite rather than depend on suppliers. They also had sufficient manpower to do the job quickly. On the first day there were over a dozen workers on site. Wouldn't you know that pulling all the old roof off unfortunately coincided with some of our record rainfall, requiring the staff to break out the buckets to catch water stemming from a host of new leaks. It also required the replacement of over 60 ceiling tiles.

Show your thanks for this monumental effort by sending in a contribution to the Roof Fund today! To date, the total amount of contributions is \$174,478, with 28 contributors and donations ranging from \$5 to over \$30,000, all of which were gratefully received.

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.
- 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.



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

Upcoming Events

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

- Saturday, Sept. 16 ECW Opening Luncheon, 12 pm, Sanctuary
- Saturday, Sept. 16 Coastal Cleanup Day, 9 am, Riverside Park
- Monday, Sept. 18 Outreach Ministry Meeting, 11am, Library
- Tuesday, Sept. 19 Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
- Sunday, Sept. 24 Monthly Blood Pressure Screening, 9 am/11 am, Parish Hall
- Sunday, Sept. 24 "Ask the Dietician," 11 am, Parish Hall
- 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 ...

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Useful Links

- Daughters of the King Prayer List
- <u>Morning Prayer</u> info and downloads
- Livestream Services
- St. Augustine's Facebook Page
- <u>St. Augustine's YouTube Channel</u> To subscribe: Sign in to YouTube on your computer. Go to <u>St. Augustine's YouTube channel</u> 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 Denise, Zach, Jerry, Amira, Michael, Janice, Edwin, Emma, Craig, Gary, Melissa, Arden, Carol, Eleanor, Laura, Fawn, Patricia, Niza, 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: <u>Dana Johnson</u> at 772-770-3494.

This Week, We Celebrate

This Week, We Remember

Birthdays

Departed

- 10 Diane Shirley
- 12 Betsy Perrott
- 12 Douglas Bowman
- 13 Carole Pennington
- 13 Becca Wehrberger
- 16 Sharon Goldberg

Anniversaries

- 11 Tom & Pam Wehrberger
- 13 Bill & Sandra Hawksworth
- 13 Richard & Ruth Horton
- 16 Robert & Sigrid Jordan

Melanie Rosado (08/26/23)







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