

# **St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church**

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## **2024 Annual Report**

# **Annual Meeting**

## **January 28, 2024**

### **Father Wes Shields, Rector**

Tom Hall, Director of Music

Barbara McGowan, Communications Coordinator

Dana Johnson, Parish Secretary

Gary Attanasio, Sexton

### **The Vestry**

Karen McIntyre, Senior Warden

Steve Connell, Junior Warden

Richard Calkins, Russell Kratz,

Tony Tulumello, Cris Vaccaro, Beth Weatherstone

Wayne Elliott, Treasurer

Dana Johnson, Clerk



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# **Agenda for Annual Meeting 2024**

**St. Augustine of Canterbury - January 28, 2024**

**Prayer**

**Annual Meeting Minutes 2023**

**Senior Warden Report**

**Junior Warden Report**

**Finance Report**

**Recognition of outgoing Vestry Members**

Tony Tulumello, Cristine Vaccaro, Steve Connell

**Election of New Vestry Members**

**Vestry Nominations:**

Anita Plummer, Laurita Samuels, Steve Connell, additional Nominations from the floor

**Vote on New Vestry Members**

**Vestry Appointments**

Russell Kratz - Senior Warden, Steve Connell - Junior Warden, Wayne Elliot -Treasurer  
Dana Johnson - Clerk

**Delegates for 2025 Diocesan Convention**

Marianne Rowan, David Rowan, Cristine Vaccaro

**Vote on Delegates for 2025**

**State of the Church address:**

**Request for additional Business to brought before the congregation**

**Concluding Prayer and Adjournment**



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The meeting was opened at 11:30am with prayer by Father Wes. He stated that he would give the Junior Warden's and the Treasurer's report because Steve Connell was not feeling well and unable to present those reports.

The Annual Meeting Minutes for 2022 were moved to be approved by Marianne Rowan and seconded by Byron Curcio.

The Senior Warden Report:

Father Wes gave "Thank You" gifts to both Tony, our Senior Warden and Steve, our Junior warden (and Interim Treasurer) for all of their hard work this past year.

The Finance Report: Steve Connell was thanked for his service of 7 years as Treasurer. Wayne Elliot is now Treasurer and is doing a very thorough job. Thank you, Wayne!

Father Wes announced that any parishioners who would like to have any financial information (that is not part of the Annual Report) is welcome to it, and that we can provide information back to 18 months' worth of records. He then stated that when he first came on board, the church was experiencing a major deficit. We were then able to make \$200,000 worth of cuts from the budget by eliminating three positions: The Rector's Secretary, the Youth Director and the Assistant Priest.

Our income for the year (2022) was \$620,000 and we did not have to take a \$74,000 draw from the Vanguard account as we had done in previous years. We had also received a large gift of \$500,000. The checking account has quite a bit of money in it, so there is a move being made to put \$200,000 of those funds into a new money market account.

As to the issue of controlling expenses, Father Wes did mention the issues that came up this year that we had to address – such as resealing the parking lot, A/C units that went out and just the myriad of potential issues that can come up with Buildings and Grounds. The Building Maintenance here is close to \$150,000 a year to maintain the facilities. That total includes insurance, electricity and our Sexton. Father Wes would like to begin "saving" financial gifts that come in, instead of putting those gifts into the regular checking account. Now those gifts are going into a savings account as a way to plan for the future. As of right now, we have 2.1 million dollars in savings. Good news about our Pledge/Non-Pledge income – this year's totals



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are “just slightly over an all-time high” here at St. Augustine’s. It is a very positive and healthy sign of where we are at financially.

In 2023, some of the staff received raises and a line item in the budget was added for special music/musicians at Christmas and Easter services, which includes Brass at Easter and Strings for Christmas.

Over the course of the year people have periodically asked Father Wes about the possibility of getting an assistant priest on staff. Father Wes says that this is still quite an expense and is a more complicated conversation. Father Wes feels that an assistant could be considered, if that person would be here to bring growth to the Parish, not to be an “assistant to Father Wes”.

The projected budget for 2023 is \$645,000 with a surplus of \$12,500 from last year.

It has been proposed to cut the number of Vestry members from nine people to seven, as we have not had a lot of luck with people being excited to serve on the Vestry. There is also a lot of confusion about the length of Vestry terms and lack of clarity about how long some of the Vestry members have served. The motion was made and seconded with none opposed, to cut the number of Vestry members down from nine to seven.

The By-Laws are now worded that everyone who is elected to the Vestry will take a three year term.

Father Wes recognized outgoing Vestry members Clarence Clarke, and Phillippa Norman, thanking them for their service. Beth Weatherstone was elected to be a new Vestry member by unanimous “yes” vote, with none opposed.

There were no new nominations from the floor.

Our new Senior Warden is Karen McIntyre – Father Wes likes to rotate Senior Wardens each year. Steve Connell will still be the Junior Warden, Wayne Elliott is the new Treasurer, and Dana Clearwater remains the Clerk.

The delegates to the 2024 Diocesan Convention are: Russell Kratz, Marianne Rowan, and Cris Vaccaro. The Alternate is David Rowan.



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Question from the floor – “Has “membership” grown?

Father Wes made the distinction between “membership” and “Average Sunday Attendance” (ASA) as the two are different. Membership is a little more difficult to track than ASA. It is harder to keep track of people, and people don’t always know where they are members! To that end, the numbers that are being discussed here pertain to ASA, not membership.

The Vestry had set a goal last year of increasing our ASA from 125 to 150 by targeting people who are 50 and over and new to the area - which is a 20% increase.

We have exceeded that goal with our ASA about 188, which is nearly a 50% increase!

The ASA when Father Wes got here was 91. Last year at this time, it was 141. Now at this time it is 208 (in season).

We have had 23 funerals and interments, and about an equal number of folks who moved away in 2022. There has been no baptisms and no weddings.

Question: “How many pledges (for 2022)?” Again, as membership is quite fluid, the “pledge units” are not as clear-cut.

Question: “Who is allowed to vote then?” The official answer is that one must be a member in good standing, and Father Wes is the one who decides! He stated that if one is coming to church and giving, then that person can be considered to be a member. There are too many variables now with Diocesan rules and “exceptions”, etc. We are giving 11% to the Diocese based on our income.

Father Wes thanked the staff here at church for their hard work for the past year. He specifically recognized Gary our Sexton, Barbara McGowan our Communications Coordinator, Barbara Maher, our Bookkeeper, and Dana Clearwater our (new) Parish Secretary.

### **State of the Church Address: Father Wes**

Father Wes believes that the best way for us to grow is for parishioners to be involved and talk about St. Augustine’s with their friends. The question was asked about “how to lower the average age of the congregation”, but Father Wes wanted to make clear that while younger people would certainly be welcome, it should not be seen to exclude retirees or anyone else



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who wants to be here. He would love to see more young families, but that is a more complicated process. He also acknowledged that there are pieces of the puzzle that we do not have in place at this time, but that we also need commitments from parishioners to be involved – is this something that we as a parish would be willing to work at?

Father Wes pointed out and thanked the Health and Wellness Team for all of their hard work and pastoral care involvement. He stressed that success in the church relies on a two-pronged approach that involves not only clergy, but also a strong, robust congregational presence to use their gifts.

He specifically thanked Sally Munson for managing all of the ministries under the Health and Wellness umbrella, such as Faith Flowers (headed up by Lucinda Johnson), Healing Hearth (headed up by Cheri Foster) the LEMs, and the Home Communion Ministry with 399 home communions distributed last year! Father Wes also acknowledged (along with Sally) Russell Kratz, Inge Curcio, and Tony Tulumello for the work in distributing those home communions. The Caregiver Support Group (Sally Munson and Brother Rick Lorino) is also a very powerful and much needed ministry.

Father Wes acknowledged and thanked Cindy Johnson for her work with Faith Flowers with 80 bouquets delivered in the last year. He also acknowledged and thanked Cheri Foster for her work with the Healing Hearth Meal Ministry for the sick, shut-ins, or parishioners in general need. Linda Jones was thanked for her work with the Sunday School. Karen McIntyre was acknowledged and thanked for her work inviting Newcomers to attend two wine and cheese events this past year. These events were focused on welcoming new people who are coming to church and attempting to incorporate them into the life of the parish. Father Wes asked folks to be thinking about the question, “How do we welcome new people and plug them in?”

Father Wes then described a big issue that we are now faced with – the need to fix and/or replace our roofs here on the campus, as they are all in various states of disrepair. We are looking into bids to replace our roofs with metal roofs - very expensive in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. Shingles are not ideal and it is \$100,000 to replace shingles. The roof is an example of the ongoing cost to maintain the buildings here, and Father Wes stated that we would welcome contributions to help with this cost. We also may need to replace A/C systems in the near future that could easily cost in the \$150,000 range.



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“What do we hope for in the new year in the church?” Father Wes described his first 18 months here as an “Interim period” as opposed to a “New Rector period” as he was doing a lot of troubleshooting when he got here. His hope for this year is to make the transition from “fixing, maintaining, and cleaning up the church” to “growing” the church with our internal ministries and external outreach. We should be considering “What is this church known for?” as a question to be answered as we move forward this year to “build an identity” and make some sense as to what we are all about. “We need to decide what we do well and grow in our drive and sense of purpose which will impact everything we do.”

Where do we want to focus our time, money and talent in this new year?

Question (to Father Wes) from the floor : “Is your plan (to be here) long term? Father Wes firmly said “Yes, absolutely.” He does not see himself as an Interim – he just had a lot of “interim duties” along with some damage control (such as interactions with former members with grievances.)

Question to Father Wes: “How are your wife and children assimilating?” Father Wes joked that no one was assimilating the hot weather in the summer! But on a serious note, the kids were doing well in their schools and have transitioned well in general. The most difficult part of the transition for Father Wes has been his mother’s poor health and being away from her as she struggles with her health issues.

Question: “Will we have brass for Easter and strings for Christmas?” This question pertains to music and the answer is yes.

Tony Tulumello mentioned that the two “Rise Against Hunger” events that we had here over the last year were wonderful with great parishioner turnout and involvement.

The Annual Meeting was then closed in prayer.





# Senior Warden's Message - 2024

## Senior Warden: Karen McIntyre

St. Augustine has grown significantly in 2023. The vestry sponsored two Newcomers Gatherings last year and 65 new parishioners have been welcomed to St. Augustine's Church. That is pretty amazing and still growing.

St. Augustine has had many face lifts this year. A new roof, re-painting the walls of the Sanctuary and Nave, replacing the deteriorating copper plumbing with new plumbing, stripping and re-finishing the floors in the Goldberg hall and the old hall. Not to mention new lighting on the exterior walkway between the the library and Goldberg hall.

Our Pot Luck dinner Bible studies have continued throughout the year. Thank you Fr. Wes for this continuing education on the Old and New Testaments. We always have a great turnout.

St. Augustine continued to mentor St. John's Episcopal Church with Hurricane Relief. They are very grateful for all we have contributed. A \$2,000 check was sent in July, 2023 bringing our total contribution to \$13,125.00 for Saint Johns.

Our new ministry is Shining Light Garden. Many of the parishioners have volunteered their services either to weed, or harvest vegetables. Shining Light Garden provides free local food for food pantries, soup kitchens, the homeless, and shelters. St. Augustine's Pop's fund donated \$8,800.00 for a new tractor which was very much needed for the gardens.

In December we welcomed the Rev. Dr. Bishop Justin Holcomb to St. Augustine. Emma Shields was confirmed, Karen McIntyre, Jerry Reich, Valerie Reich, Barbara McGowan and Gayle Twombly were received into the Episcopal Church. Melanie Bobson and Brian McIntyre were reaffirmed. In addition eighteen parishioners reaffirmed their vows. Also Fr. Wes celebrated his 20th Anniversary of his ordination. A wonderful reception was given after the ceremony. Bishop Holcomb was very pleased.

The 2024 budget was approved by the Vestry. It provides adequate funding for all planned ministries.

I'm very grateful to have served as Senior Warden this past year and I look forward to continuing as a vestry member until 2025.

Karen McIntyre  
Senior Warden



# Junior Warden's Report - 2024

For year ending December 31, 2023

Junior Warden: Steve Connell

*It was a dark, humid Florida evening when a gentle breeze started building up from the west. Soon, our ancient oaks began to rattle and shed their leaves. It wasn't long before the strengthening storm came booming in from the west with flashes of lightening and the rumble of thunder. As the tumultuous power of the storm reached our Church, a large oak limb sheared off and punctured a hole into the roof of our blessed sanctuary. And thus another busy year of maintaining our beautiful, but aging campus began anew.*

As a result of that event, we embarked upon a major roof replacement program. After much study, we decided on upgrading to a metal roof which is expected to give us over 30 years of service.

Other major programs followed, including replacing all of the old leaking cooper pipes with new PEX materials which have been adopted industry wide as a viable alternative to copper. The project also gave us another benefit of locating the heretofore undisclosed locations of the water shut off valves for both buildings. We also upgraded the sanctuary with a softer Antique White paint which gives a much better appearance both on-line and in person.

In addition to these major projects, we also addressed the daily, ongoing minor repairs and cleaning necessary to keep St. Augustine such a beautiful and welcoming place to come to worship, and enjoy our fellowship. Some of these are listed below:

1. Stripping and re-waxing floors of both old and new parish halls.
2. Repaired Leaks in overhead copper – old kitchen
3. Replaced toilets to new comfort height models—**thank you Gary!**
4. Painted Altar wall
5. Replaced ballast, bulb, and timer for the exterior east wall spotlight
6. Replaced hole in old kitchen ceiling
7. Repaired 2<sup>nd</sup> leak in old kitchen
8. Rebuilt sprinkler housing: **Thank you Brian and Ed!**
9. Replaced speaker strobes and fire sprinkler tamper switches
10. We were advised the fire alarm panel board was outdated, needs to be replaced. Began researching replacement. \$28,000 estimate.



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For year ending December 31, 2023

Junior Warden: Steve Connell

11. Painted all of the sanctuary walls with the Antique White color.
12. Rebuilt domestic backflow
13. Replaced all copper lines with PEX material and located shut offs for both buildings - \$14,000
14. Landscape and paver repairs as a result of the plumbing line replacement
15. Drywall repairs due to plumbing replacement completed cost of \$1,200
16. Repainted library and portion of exterior east wall as a result of water rust stains
17. Replaced broken water dispenser with new bottled water dispenser in office
18. Replaced exterior sconce lights in breezeway.  
(Rosie's garden is flourishing with the new light!)
19. Replaced noisy paper towel dispenser in staff/library restroom.

These are just some of the highlights which were in addition to the routine cleaning and other minor repairs which have kept our sexton, Gary Attanasio, busy. His strong work ethic and skill is greatly appreciated.

We are also grateful for the irrigation work and Garden Angel efforts from Brian McIntyre & Ed Hoff. Their efforts in rebuilding and maintaining our two irrigation systems has been tremendous.

Our next planned major effort for 2024 is enhancing the parking lot lighting with new LED technology as well as providing better lighting at our driveway entrance from 43rd Ave. And of course, responding to any storms and other unforeseen events.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Connell  
Junior Warden



# **Treasurer's Report - 2024**

**For year ending December 31, 2023**

**Treasurer: Wayne Elliott**

## **Treasurer's Presentation To The St. Augustine of Canterbury Annual Meeting of January 28, 2024**

From a financial perspective, 2023 was a successful year for our Church. It was a combination of stewardship from our congregation which resulted in \$714,357 of non-building projects donations which was \$69,237 better than our 2023 budget. Also, through the financial leadership of our Rector and Vestry our total income from operations was a positive \$66,206 which was \$54,912 better than our 2023 budget. All of this was accomplished without taking a draw from any of our investments. Again 2023 was a successful financial year.

At the bottom of our P&L statement you will see additional financial transactions that we classify as extraordinary income and expenses. These are items that because of their variable nature we cannot budget. Included in this category was the very generous donations from the congregation of \$175,316 towards our building improvements. This allowed the Church to install a new roof, gutters, piping and other much needed capital improvements which totaled \$249,935 in 2023. These were much needed items that improved our Church campus, keep us in compliance and adds to the safety of our buildings. The other items in this category are interest and market value increase on our investment accounts with Vanguard which totaled \$272,479 in 2023. Thanks to our investment committee our investments were well positioned but still using a conservative approach to take advantage of the positive market conditions in 2023.

Our balance sheet along with our Vanguard accounts and our insurance policies is structured to allow the Church to be sustained in the event of an unplanned disaster. Also, our Church HAS NO DEBT!!!!

The following is a summarization of our 2023 P&L compared to our budget, our 2024 budget and the balance sheets showing our status as of December 31, 2022 and also as of December 31, 2023.



## Treasurer's Report (con't)

### Profit and Loss Statement

	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	Delta from Budget		2024 Budget
Pledge Income	\$503,168	\$470,000	\$33,168		\$516,784
Non-Pledge Income	\$160,062	\$138,700	\$21,362		\$140,000
Loose Plate	\$16,334	\$15,000	\$1,334		\$16,700
Other Income	\$34,793	\$21,420	\$13,373		\$31,100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$714,357</b>	<b>\$645,120</b>	<b>\$69,237</b>		<b>\$704,584</b>
Personnel	\$374,411	\$384,809	\$10,395		\$414,502
Outreach	\$26,441	\$20,000	(\$6,441)		\$22,400
Worship	\$13,591	\$11,520	(\$2,341)		\$10,550
Diocesan Assess- ment	\$59,371	\$59,347	(\$24)		\$79,471
Administration	\$66,256	\$48,100	(\$18,156)		\$78,773
Buildings & Grounds	\$101,031	\$95,620	(\$5,411)		\$104,896
Discipleship & Fel- lowship	\$7,051	\$14,700	\$7,649		\$12,750
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$648,151</b>	<b>\$623,826</b>	<b>(\$14,325)</b>		<b>\$723,336</b>
<b>Income (Loss) From Operations</b>	<b>\$66,206</b>	<b>\$11,294</b>	<b>\$54,912</b>		<b>(\$18,752)</b>
Special Projects	\$175,316				
Div & Interest	\$42,383				
Market Gain	\$230,096				
Depreciation	(\$87,553)				
<b>Extraordinary Items</b>	<b>\$360,243</b>				
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$426,448</b>				

### Balance Sheet

	12/31/22	12/31/23			
PNC Banks	\$164,548	\$62,772			
Vanguard Inv	\$2,134,065	\$2,404,229			
Vanguard MM	\$0	\$97,318			
Prepays	\$0	\$11,130			
Net Fixed Assets	\$1,299,938	\$1,462,319			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,603,832</b>	<b>\$4,037,766</b>			
<b>Liab &amp; Equity</b>					



# **Finance and Investment Committee**

## **2023 Year-end Report**

### **2024 Annual Meeting report**

#### **Ministry Leader: Brian McIntyre**

The committee held open meetings most months on the second Tuesday at 10:30am in the parish library. Special thanks to our committee members; Fr. Wes Shields, Wayne Elliot, Steve Connell, Ken McPartlin, and Olin Melchionna for their knowledge, commitment, and time.

The committee works to balance our investments within the funds guidelines of 80% maximum equity and 20% minimum fixed assets. Saint Augustine's Investment Fund has an infinite life span and invests for the long term to provide funds for expenses or projects beyond normal annual operation budget expenses. While balances are expected to fluctuate up and down, our funds 5 year annual rate of return of 8.8% meets our overall goal of long term growth. Our investments are primarily equity and bond mutual and ETF index funds covering the broad market and our performance compares favorably with the major indexes. Saint Augustine's Vanguard Investment Account balance on January 1, 2023 of \$2,134,065 increased to a year-end balance of \$2,404,229. A 5% maximum withdrawal from investments to supplement the parish operating account is allowed each summer, but income and expenses were balanced in 2023, and a supplemental draw was not required.

Many challenges face investments in 2024, and the committee will strive to maintain favorable returns.

The long term outlook for our economy, the country, our church, and our investments remains positive.



# POPS Fund Committee Annual Report

Ministry Leader: Tony Tulumello

The POPS Fund is endowed with \$10,000 annually by an anonymous donor. The donor will give an additional \$ 5,000 if matched by parishioners' donations. This fund is restricted to Indian River County organizations and is to be used for capital expenditures on a one-time basis only.

Committee Members: Glenda Altman, Valerie Daly, Carol Davis, Carol Davis, Janie Gould, Barbara McGowan, Karen Monaco, Sally Munson, Burke Neely, Carol Paris, Tony Tulumello, Fr. Wes Shields, Stuart Weismiller

The committee met ten times in 2023 and presented five grant requests to the Vestry totaling \$22,679 and were approved as follows:

Opening Balance (rolled over from 2022 )	\$40,504.
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## 2023 Grants:

5-22	Alzheimer Association- 2-defibrillators	\$3,000.
5-22	Driving for Success- car restoration *	\$2,500.
5-22	Our Fathers Table- major van repairs for meal delivery	\$3,379.
6-19	United Against Poverty- Equipment for "Build-Up" trade training program	\$5,000.
6-19	Shining Light Garden- tractor	\$8,800.
<b>Total POPS Grants</b>		<b>\$22,679.</b>

POPS Fund 2023 Balance	\$17,825.
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Donor Contributions for 2024	\$15,000.
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Parishioners' Contributions	\$6,600.
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<b>Total Balance for 2024</b>	<b>\$39,425.</b>
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\*Drive for Success-helps provide refurbished vehicles to employed, low income, carefully vetted individuals residing in Indian River County, who are financially capable of providing insurance and proper routine maintenance. To help keep them employed, independent and self-sufficient.

Submitted by Tony Tulumello



# Outreach Committee Annual Report

Ministry Leader: Tony Tulumello

**Committee Members:** Glenda Altman, Valerie Daly, Carol Davis, Janie Gould, Barbara McGowan, Karen Monaco, Sally Munson, Burke Neely, Carol Paris, Valerie Reich, Tony Tulumello, Fr. Wes Shields, Stuart Weismiller

**Mission Statement-** The Outreach Ministry of St. Augustine's is dedicated to providing relief to seniors and families in the local community and beyond by supporting their needs with housing, hunger and education.

The committee met ten times in 2023 and presented the following 11 grant-requests to the Vestry, which were approved.

**Annual Budget Allocation \$ 20,000.**

## 2023 Grants:

3-30	Way of Faith Ministries-feeding the homeless	\$1,135.
3-30	Feed the Lambs - after school & summer programs	\$865.
3-30	Alzheimer's Association	\$500.
5-22	Haiti Clinic- meds and supplies	\$1,000.
5-22	El Hogar- student sponsorship	\$2,500.
9-25	Camp Wingmann	\$1,500.
10-3	El Ocotillo- student sponsorships	\$2,230.
10-3	St. John's Pine Island- Hurricane assistance	\$2,000.
11-4	Rise Against Hunger	\$4,300.
12-11	Samaritan Center- gifts for homeless families	\$500.
12-11	Fellsmere School- attendance incentive program	\$1,625.
12-18	El Hogar	\$1200.
<b>Total Outreach Grants</b>		<b>\$20,355.</b>

St Augustine's Outreach Ministry helps fund, works with, and often hosts many of the following organizations which provide services encompassing feeding, education, childhood development and recreation.

**Rise Against Hunger** – (An international hunger relief organization) This is a hands-on organization which comes to the sponsor's location with all the necessary product, equipment and supervision,





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Ministry Leader: Tony Tulumello (con't)

to package 10,000 meals in two hours with a minimum of 50 volunteers. The sponsor provides for the cost of the product, the labor, and the workspace. November 4th was St. Augustine's third time participating in this popular volunteer program.

**Samaritan Soup Bowl** - Our parish hosted another Samaritan Center Soup Bowl fund-raiser this year. This is a community-wide event, with the host location providing a modest meal of soup, bread, a cookie, and beverage. Participants pay a \$5.00 dollar donation for the meal and all the proceeds go to the Samaritan Center to aid the hungry in our community. Five different delectable soups were prepared and served by our volunteer Chefs. Saint Augustine raised \$722 this year.

**The Angel Tree Project** - Instead of accepting gift requests from three different organizations as we have in the past, it was decided this year to select requests from a single organization each year. We provided gifts for the children of -Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy. All 65 gift tags were chosen by our parishioners between Nov. 5 & 6th. Dana Johnson, our secretary oversaw the gift list and recipients while St Augustine Serves partnered with Outreach committee members, to wrap all the gifts on Sat. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Cookie Walk** - Burke Neeley once again organized her baking minions, who produced the most amazing array of homemade Christmas Cookies for sale on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Proceeds from the sale went to support the children of El Hogar in Honduras. The event raised \$1,200 this year.

**Salvation Army Food Drive** - On a weekly basis, our parishioners are asked to donate three specific staples (peanut butter, pasta, and pasta sauce) which are collected and given to the Salvation Army food pantry. This year our parish collected a total of 4,600 lbs. of these items.

**Feed the Lambs** - This is a small, local after school program which also operates a summer camp for low-income children. St. Augustine helps to support their programs and also donates the use of our facilities several times a year for their fund-raising events. We hosted two Breakfasts and two Gospel Concerts this year.

**Hope for Families and Camp Haven** - As part of our Outreach Ministry, several volunteers prepare shepherd's pie casseroles monthly for the members of these two temporary residences.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, talents, & treasure, which makes our Outreach Ministry possible. It is one of the most important parts of our Christian witness and parish life.

Submitted by Tony Tulumello



# St. Augustine Serves

**Ministry Leader - Barbara McGowan**

St. Augustine Serves was launched as a new outreach ministry in September, 2023 with the goal of building a culture of hands-on service within our church and around our county. The mission of this group is to raise our own personal awareness of the role of Christian service in our faith journey through education, group discussion, and reflection, and actively pursue small-group service opportunities, serving in teams and in partnership with our current Outreach partners. This new ministry places 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.

St. Augustine Serves is designed to respond to community needs, such as supporting resource drives, mentoring youth, sorting donated food or clothes, or helping to grow food for the hungry. Here are the initial projects we embarked on:

## **St. Augustine Serves at International Coastal Cleanup**

September 16, 2023

St. Augustine Serves was officially launched with our first hands-on outreach event at the annual Coastal Cleanup Day in Riverside Park. Twenty parishioners and friends participated. Not only did we win the Green Team award for Riverside Park, showing up with the most team participants, but even better, we "rescued" over 30 lbs. of trash from the Indian River Lagoon. A flag with our new logo marked our meeting location, and participants wearing their St. Augustine Serves tee shirts made an impressive showing for the church.

## **St. Augustine Serves at Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk**

October 21, 2023

Our second project was in support of the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in Riverside Park. It was a glorious day filled with much sunshine, joy and fellowship as seventeen of us walked to support our sisters who are breast cancer patients, survivors, and thrivers. St. Augustine Serves set a goal of raising \$1200 for this first-time fundraiser, and ended up raising \$2652 for ACS, proving there was a lot of support for this cause among parishioners. In addition to the walkers, another 8 people supported the event by making donations in the team's name.



# St. Augustine Serves

## Ministry Leader - Barbara McGowan

### **St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden**

November 11, 2023

St. Augustine Serves made its first trip to the Shining Light Garden in Vero Beach, to plant, weed and harvest vegetables for our neighbors in need. The produce grown here is distributed to local food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other assistance programs throughout Indian River County. Twenty parishioners participated in this very successful outreach partnership. Judging from their enthusiastic response, we will schedule regular outings to Shining Light throughout the cooler winter months.

### **St. Augustine Serves Youth Guidance Christmas Gift Wrapping Party**

December 9, 2023

The St. Augustine Serves team met in the Old Parish Hall to wrap the Christmas Gifts for the children of the Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy, and were joined by other parishioners. Youth Guidance is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Indian River County youth through mentoring relationships that inspire trust, self-esteem, and positive futures. Our Angel Tree program provides gifts for the children of the Academy. All of the wrappings were donations from parishioners, some of which was left over from last year. About 20 parishioners participated.

### **St. Augustine Serves Wreaths Across America Day**

December 16, 2023

In spite of inclement weather, six members of St. Augustine Serves attempted to help place veterans' wreaths on the headstones of American Heroes as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. We were to meet at the Gifford Cemetery (2989 49th Ave, Vero Beach) at 12 noon where there was to be a brief service honoring the service men and women and then the placing of the wreaths. No one from the sponsoring group showed up, or communicated the rescheduling of the event. While this is an excellent program for St. Augustine Serves, it is recommended that next year we sign up to support a different cemetery site, where the communication and coordination might be better.

In its first four months of existence, St. Augustine Serves ministry grew to 44 members. We will continue to actively schedule service outings with our outreach partners in the new year, expanding our reach and enriching our ministry members' experience.



# Pastoral Care Ministries Annual Report 2024

Ministry Leader - Sally Munson, RN

*“Even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve...  
through love be servants of one another.”*

“The Mission of St. Augustine Church Pastoral Care Ministries is to foster wholeness of Body, Mind and Spirit by providing support physically, emotionally and spiritually to benefit our parish family”. The Health & Wellness Team, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Caregiver Support Group, Faith Flowers, Healing Hearth Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry, each with its unique gift, share this common thread.

## **The Health and Wellness Team** (Coordinator: Sally Munson, RN)

Held monthly blood pressure screenings with an opportunity to speak with RN's about health concerns after 8 and 10 am services (Marolyn Findlay, Genie Bushell, Lillian Peterson, Jay Brown and Sally Munson).

Phillipa Norman, R.D. held monthly “Ask the Dietician” sessions where parishioners could personally meet and discuss nutrition/diet one on one. Phillippa also made herself available for ECW events to discuss various topics on nutrition.

**Programming:** “**Knowledge is Empowering**” held February 25, 2023 and led by RNs Marolyn Findlay and Genie Bushell. They went over what to do in an emergency, demonstrated “Hands Only” CPR, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, etc. Educational materials were provided. A second program was held March 11, 2023 on “**Understanding Dementia: Ways to Support, Cope and Celebrate Moments of Joy**” with guest speaker Peggy Cunningham, Executive Director of the Alzheimer and Parkinson Association. It was a successful event with over 50 attendees. Thank you to Carol Paris and ECW for co-sponsoring this event.

**Lenten Walk** (opportunity for fellowship while promoting good health)

Personal notes and calls of support made to those in need or suffering a loss in the last year.

Creation of a Pastoral Care Ministries brochure for parish depicting our various ministries. Many thanks to Barbara McGowan for helping put this together.



# Pastoral Care Committee

## Annual Report 2024 (con't)

Thank you to members: Tony Tulumello, Rick Lorino, Carol Paris, Heather Bennett, Clarence Clarke, Phillippa Norman, Marolyn Findlay, Genie Bushell, Jay Brown, Gayle Twombly, Donna Babb, Cherie Foster and Cindy Johnson for their contributions.

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministry** (Coordinator Russ Kratz)

- Lay Eucharistic Ministers serve on the altar on a rotating basis for all services.
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Russ Kratz, Inge Curcio, Gayle Twombly, Tony Tulumello and Sally Munson) delivered Communion and fellowship to those who were in rehabilitation and nursing facilities or to those confined to their home. (352 Communions were delivered).
- Inge Curcio coordinated Communion/Luncheons held at Indian River Estates for parish members with Father Wes and LEM's in attendance.

### **Caregiver Support Group** (Coordinator: Rick Lorino)

- The Caregiver Support Group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the Old Parish Hall.
- It affords the opportunity to connect with other caregivers, share worries and concerns and practical ways to manage challenges in caregiver relationships.
- It has proven to be a valuable addition to our parish and is open to all. Thank you to Rick for your guidance and to all our faithful attendees... for it is all of you that make this such a gift.

### **Morning Prayer** (Coordinator: Rick Lorino)

- From June through December, when we commenced keeping attendance, 1,030 souls called in to Morning Prayer on the phone. Extrapolating that 7-month figure to 12 months produces an estimated 1,766 in attendance.
- The average daily attendance is 6-10, never below 5, seldom over 8.



# Pastoral Care Committee

## Annual Report 2024 (con't)

### **Faith Flowers** (Coordinator: Cindy Johnson)

- Faith Flowers is dedicated to remembering our fellow parishioners with small floral bouquets created from the altar flowers. The flowers provide a way to remember those members who are ill, in distress, homebound or to simply say “thank you” for your dedicated service to the church. Additionally flowers for an anniversary or birthday are often given out as well.
- Cindy and members of her team gather after the 10 am service to prepare individual bouquets and to deliver to recipients at coffee hour or to their home.
- Faith Flowers distributed over 125 arrangements this year. A special thanks goes to Cindy for her creativity and effort to grow this ministry and to her faithful volunteers: Anita Plummer, Valerie Reich, Al Glatz, Genie Bushell, Carole Pennington, Lisa LaRusso, Linda Beardslee and Mary Rianhard who make Faith Flowers “flourish”! They welcome help especially during the summer months when some helpers go away. Call Cindy if you are interested.
- Cindy says, “I love to see the expression on the faces of the recipients when they receive a bouquet: Pure Joy!”

### **Healing Hearth Meal Ministry** (Coordinator: Cheri Foster)

- The Healing Hearth Ministry was created to provide home-cooked meals for those who are ill, recovering from surgery or have suffered a loss. Cheri reported that her committee supplied meals to 12 parishioners and their families over this past year.
- Cheri also participated in an ECW event on April 15, 2023 where recipes were shared for making meals to deliver especially ideas for gluten free or vegetarian suppers. With the assistance of Barbara McGowan, HEALTHY FOOD with delicious taste A Gathering of Recipes was created and available to reproduce on line.
- If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry or if you would like to be a part of Cheri’s team, please call her.



# Pastoral Care Committee

## Annual Report 2024 (con't)

- Thank you to volunteers: Jan Schneider, Jim Green, Mary Moriarty, Nancy Kelly, Stuart Weismiller, Valerie Daly, Karen McIntyre, Barbara McGowan, Carol Paris, Sally Munson, and especially to Marolyn Findlay who in addition to cooking to help family, found time to help with this ministry. And most of all for Cheri whose gentle leadership has guided this important effort. Thank you!

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry** (Coordinator: Gayle Twombly)

- The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the parish library. They knit and crochet prayer shawls, lap robes along with prayer squares for members of our parish who are in need of solace and peace. Each item is prayed for and blessed before being distributed.
- This past year, they donated 18 Shawls to Hospice, 18 lap robes to Camp Haven, 39 shawls and lap robes to parishioners and friends and 16 baby afghans and some premie hats to the local hospital. We also include prayer squares in our welcome bags and have a basket in the Narthex for all to enjoy.
- Thank you to Gayle for shepherding this beautiful ministry and to your dedicated members: Carol Salvaterra, Judy Fenton, Irene Parris, Elinor Silviera, Sally Mahan, Barbara Houston, Nancy Mazgajewski, and Stephanie Woolard.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the members of our Pastoral Care Ministries Committee for their effort given towards improving the lives of our congregation: Father Wes, Tony Tulumello, Rick Lorino, Carol Paris, Russ Kratz, Gayle Twombly, Cheri Foster, Cindy Johnson, Heather Bennett, Phillippa Norman, Marolyn Findlay, Genie Bushell, Lillian Peterson, Jay Brown and to the 40+ volunteers! It's continues to be a blessing to be a part of this group. Come join us!

Sally Munson, RN

Coordinator



# Communications Ministry

## Annual Report

**Ministry Leader - Barbara McGowan**

The goal of the St. Augustine's Communications Ministry is to support the mission of St. Augustine of Canterbury parish, of growing closer to Christ and one another through worship, prayer, learning and service. We look to achieve this goal by providing our parishioners with the essential information they need, by providing the communication channels necessary to share their faith stories, by raising up our ministries and illuminating God's work at St. Augustine's, to spread His Word around our world.

The communications channels supported by this ministry include: website, livestream church services, online church calendar, Church Center app, Sunday Bulletin/announcements, Canterbury Tales (eNewsletter), Facebook page, interior signage, exterior signage, and exterior banner (for special events, liturgical seasons).

Here is a summary of milestones for 2023:

**Website:** [www.staugustinevero.com](http://www.staugustinevero.com)

In the last year, our website had 2,549 unique visitors that 50% came directly (using our URL) and 50% came via Google, with a small number (229) coming from Facebook. Our visitors were also equally split between using mobile and computer devices. Of our visitors, 91% were new and 9% were returning, with the majority of visits occurring on Sundays.

### **Livestream Church Services**

Using the Livestream system installed during COVID, church services were livestreamed every Sunday through the efforts of our support team: Barbara McGowan, Laura Shields, Deb Kavanagh and Wendy Bushong. In Fall 2022, we transitioned from Vimeo to the free YouTube platform as a cost-saving measure. Starting in July 2023, we experienced a series of technical difficulties with the Livestream system related to the automatic transmission of our video to YouTube, for which several technicians were consulted. Ultimately a work around was developed to bypass the problem. We now maintain a full library of Sunday services on our St. Augustine YouTube channel dating back to November 2022. While we average about 25 viewers each Sunday morning (equally split between our website and Facebook), we gain about 70 viewers on average, by the end of the week, making this effort very worthwhile. Our YouTube channel also offers taped sessions of various St. Augustine adult Christian education courses.





# Communications Ministry

## Annual Report (con't)

Ministry Leader - Barbara McGowan

### Online Church Calendar

Through an integration of Google calendar, our Planning Center church database is able to maintain a live link to the church calendar via our website. Updates are made in Planning Center and automatically reflected on our website and in the Church Center app, increasing our reach in promoting our events.

### Church Center App

2023 marked the launch of the Church Center app, the personal directory component of our Planning Center church database. In the course of one year, 175 parishioners signed up to use this app, benefitting from the new parish directory with pictures, a calendar with up-to-date church events and a link to easy online giving ... all accessed from their cell phone. This transition was supported by volunteers at coffee hour who guided parishioners on the install of this app. Our thanks to Wendy Bushong, Laura and Emma Shields and Deb Kavanagh.

### Sunday Bulletin/Announcements

Sunday Bulletins were produced each week by Dana Johnson using our office copier. Announcements are coordinated by her and Fr. Wes. The number of copies produce vary by the season, but have grown with the increase of attendees at our services.

### Canterbury Tales (eNewsletter)

Based on feedback, the weekly eNews seems to be widely read and appreciated by our parishioners. Over the course of the last year, we have experienced an increase in the number of email contacts from 480 to 561, with a total of 22,661 email "sends." Our weekly eNews has a very favorable "open" rate of 65%, 25% over industry standards.

### Facebook Page

St. Augustine's Facebook page currently has 637 followers, 77% of which are women and a majority of which are 65+ and live in Vero Beach. We use Facebook ads to cost-effectively promote special events and services.



# Communications Ministry

## Annual Report (con't)

Ministry Leader - Barbara McGowan

### Interior Signage

In Fall 2023, a new “slatwall” display was installed in the Parish Hall, updating the look of our community bulletin board and facilitating the display of promotional materials by various ministries. The Canva platform is being used to effectively design posters and other promotional materials for this display.

### Exterior Signage

We continue to add to our inventory of exterior banners, promoting special events and liturgical seasons.

All in all, the Communications ministry grew in several new directions in 2023, as we are always looking to expand our reach and spread the word about this great little church on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.



## Daughters of the King

### St. Michael the Archangel Chapter

Submitted by: Nancy Eagan, President



We are an International Organization who have Daughters through out the world.

We concentrate on Prayer - the blue cards for confidential prayer requests.

Service - in 2023 our service project was Feed the Lamb's and along with your generous contributions we raised \$12K for this local project . This year our Service Project is Family Renew; and Evangelism - we accomplish this by our way of living.

Our ministry has grown over the past year with relocated Daughters and 3 other ladies who are in training.

We meet every 4th Saturday to learn more spiritually and welcome any woman who wishes to know more.



# Altar Guild Annual Report 2024

For year ending December 31, 2023

Ministry Leader: Glenda Altman

The Altar Guild is a ministry which exists to assist the clergy. We prepare the altar for worship, care for and clean up after our Saturday night service, the two services on Sunday and the healing service on Wednesday. We are divided into four groups so our members only serve once every four weeks either before or after the service they attend.

This has been a year of change for the Altar Guild. Mary Strahosky, who was our Director for many years, left Vero Beach and moved to Michigan to live with her son and daughter-in-law. Mary is very much missed. I was asked to take over as Director and was very happy to do so.

We have 19 Members: Glenda Altman; Genie Bushell; Rhonda Cipolla; Nancy Eagan; Valerie Daly; Lisa Grandage; Clare Gwyn; Donna Kerber; Mary Laughton; Rick Lorin; Maureen Luther; Beth Moniz; Lillian Petersen; Kate Schmidt; Tony Tulumello; Beth Weatherstone; Bill Weir; Diana Weir; and Pam Wehrberger.

## **In 2023, the Altar Guild had:**

1 Meeting

215 Eucharist Services;

0 Baptisms

0 Weddings;

1 Funeral

1 Confirmation Service.

Special Events/Projects: Decorate for Easter; Altar of Repose; Mother's Day Flowers; Veil Crosses for Lent; and Decorate for Christmas.

I would like to thank each and every member of the Altar Guild for the great work they did in 2023.

**If you would like to serve in this Ministry, you may contact Father Wes or contact Glenda Altman at 615-977-4109; Email: [altmanglenda@gmail.com](mailto:altmanglenda@gmail.com)**



# St. Augustine of Canterbury ECW Annual Report 2024



**President: Carol Paris**

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Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Nancy Eagan

Treasurer: Gayle Twombly

Advisory Board:

Wendy Beers , Margaret Connell, Karen McIntyre, Karen Monaco, Lisa LaRusso

Number of members: All women of the Church

Number of Meetings Held: 11

2/18 – Parish Quiet Day lead by Brother Rick Lorino, BSG

3/4 – Flea Market: Proceeds to Our Father's Table

3/11 – Hosted "Understanding Dementia" speaker, Peggy Cunningham in coordination with the Pastoral Care Ministry.

3/18 – St. Patrick's Celebration (hosted and arranged entertainment)

4/15 – "Food For Life" presented by Phillippa Norman, MMS, RD/LD

6/17 – "Spring into Summer" Fashion Show & Brunch

7/15 – "Let's do Lunch" at Woody's Bar-B-Q; Heather Rae Bennett, LMT was the speaker.

8/19 – Let's do Lunch" at Vincent's. Janie Gould was the speaker.

9/11 – New Season Holy Eucharist & Luncheon Meeting. A panel of ministry leaders presented an information session pertaining to their ministries followed by a Q & A period.

10/21 – Annual Arts & Craft Show

12/9 – Annual Ladies Christmas Tea

The checkbook balance as of 01/01/2023

\$ 221.79

**Income 2023**

**\$4338.84**



# St. Augustine of Canterbury ECW Annual Report 2024

President: Carol Paris



## Expenses

ECW Event Expenses	\$1153.07
Donations to Church Ministries	\$383.24
Other Outreach Donations and Gifts	\$374.68
Flea Market	\$102.08
Fashion Show	\$289.42
Arts & Crafts Show	\$588.51
Christmas Tea	\$233.99
Office Expense	\$334.02
Reimbursed purchases for St Augustine's Church	\$908.75

**Total Expenses** **\$4367.76**

Checkbook balance on 01/01/2024 \$ 193.87

Respectfully submitted by  
Carol Paris, President



# Garden Angels Annual Report 2024

For year ending December 31, 2023

**Ministry Leader: Mary Strahosky**

**Report by Brian McIntyre**

Members:	Mary Strahosky, Brian McIntyre, Karen McIntyre, Rosie Grant Karen Monaco, Ed Hoff, and Valerie Daly
Schedule:	Every Tuesday, flexible time starting around 9:30am
Special Event::	Plant Sale at the ECW Arts and Crafts Show generated a \$302.00 profit to use for garden projects. The sale plants were thinned/potted from the church grounds.
Weekly Projects:	Water gardens and urns by the church main door, office, and breezeway. Thinning, weeding, planting, watering gardens, and maintaining the bird bath. Replanting the urns at the church entrance to reflect the church seasons. Memorial plants or trees purchased and planted if requested.

First, the Angels want to thank Mary Strahosky for years of planning, leading, and hard work in our fantastic gardens. We send warm wishes up north for Mary's new adventures.

Mary's move and angel's schedules leaves only two year round weekly gardeners. If you can help, stop by any Tuesday. Planting, irrigation, light carpentry, and electrical skills all needed. Hours are flexible.

This year's Garden Angels accomplishments, in addition to the constant ongoing garden chores of planting, weeding, watering, trimming, rearranging, and replanting, plus maintaining hoses, tools and irrigation, include the following extra tasks.

In January the main entrance driveway light and solar post cap lights were replaced. Two irrigation lines were extended to water the entry gardens. The rear irrigation zones stopped working and the best solution was to replace the irrigation controller. It was ordered, installed, and reprogrammed in February as well as installing several new control valve boxes and solenoids.



## Garden Angels Report 2024 (con't)

Just for fun, Karen McIntyre cleaned the Goldberg Hall entrance windows as well as the old church hall kitchen.

In March, plans for replacement of the church roof encouraged replacement of the front and rear pump house roofs which led to removing and totally replacing the rear pump house and replacing the siding and roof on the front pump house, which combined with rainy days and other chores continued until October. Dick Greaves, an electrician, donated his time and knowledge to upgrade a 220 volt-60 amps disconnect box.

In July, angel Valerie Daly, felt a need to clean and paint our propane tank and its protective columns.

The front well pump stopped working in the heat of summer and the 220 volt pump relay had to be rewired and replaced at no cost with parts recycled from an old whole house A/C unit.

In October angels potted excess plants and handled plant sales at the arts & craft fair. The profit of \$302.00 will pay for new irrigation sprinklers. New plumbing in the church led to some broken irrigation pipes in the memorial gardens which were discovered and repaired in November.

We wrapped up the year repairing construction damage by planting red poker ginger in and reshaping of the classroom area garden with bromeliads thinned from the front driveway. About 30 Poinsettias donated by a parishioner, were placed around the main entry and walks for a beautiful Christmas addition to our gardens.



## **Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Servers (Acolytes), Ushers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) Sunday 10 AM Eucharist & Wednesday 10 AM Healing Services Ministry Leader: Marianne A. Rowan: Report 2023**

These ministries consist of year-round and winter parishioners of St. Augustine of Canterbury. Participating parishioners are trained in the parish. They assist the clergy as Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors/Lay Readers, Servers (Acolytes), or Chalice Bearers. Also included are the Ushers for the 10:00 AM Sunday Eucharist.

They serve at four main services: 8 AM and 10 AM on Sundays, 5:30 PM on Saturdays and 10 AM on Wednesdays as well as other special services: i.e. on Ash Wednesday, during Holy week and Easter Week, on Thanksgiving Day, Christmastide, Evensong, Weddings, memorials and funerals.

Several of our young adults who served as acolytes while growing up in the Sunday School program now continue to serve as Acolytes, Lay-Readers, and Chalice Bearers when they are in town.

They serve on a rotating schedule, as much as possible, and provide coverage for each other since some participate in multiple ministries. We've had many parishioners assisting our clergy with Eucharist Services, Evensong and other special services. We have scheduling meetings as well as individual and group coaching sessions.

The last quarter of 2023 saw 6 additional Servers on the altar along with 3 new Lay Readers for the Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Eucharist Services and 4 new Ushers for the Sunday 10 AM Eucharist.

Participants have served as:

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) – The Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist the celebrant with the distribution of communion at the 10:00 AM Sunday Eucharist and the 10:00 AM Wednesday Healing Service. Several of these LEM take communion to our parishioners who cannot attend the service.

Lectors: In the Liturgy of the Word, lectors read the lessons that precede the gospel at all masses, lead the Prayers of the People and lead the reading of the psalm at all services, except the Sunday 10 AM, and other special services when the psalm is either sung or chanted. Lectors are also known as lay-readers.





## **Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Servers (Acolytes), Ushers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) for Sunday 10 AM Eucharist and Wednesday 10 AM Healing Services (con't)**

Chalice Bearers: Chalice Bearers (some are also known as Lay Eucharistic Ministers) administer the consecrated elements at celebrations of the Eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priests and/or deacons to assist the celebrant. Chalice Bearers usually vest for service at the altar.

Servers/Acolytes: Servers/Acolytes light the appropriate candles; participate in the processions and recessions as crucifer and torch bearers, assist the celebrant with setting the altar for communion, receiving the sacraments as well as the collection plates, ringing the bells at the appropriate times and extinguishing the altar candles at the end of the mass.

Ushers: Our Ushers serve as Greeters, assist with seating, distributing the Service Bulletin, collection plates, and guide the congregation to communion. They also assist at the end of the service in the church and Narthex.

All parishioners are encouraged to join one of these wonderful ministries.

**If you would like to serve in these ministries, please see me, Marianne Rowan, or Fr Wes.  
My contact number is: 772.321.1534 or [annierowan@comcast.net](mailto:annierowan@comcast.net)**



## **Ushers and Greeters at 8AM for 2023 Report: By Byron and Inge Curcio**

In 2023 there were nine (9) parishioners that worked on this ministry, and we were able to staff all the 8AM services during the year.

As always, we are seeking new members for this ministry and will provide OTJ for anyone who would like to serve. This includes parishioners who only attend during the winter months.

To volunteer please contact either Inge or Byron Curcio at 772-213-8753 (Home)  
or [ikcurcio@comcast.net](mailto:ikcurcio@comcast.net) or [bjcurcio@comcast.net](mailto:bjcurcio@comcast.net)



# Fellowship Ministry

## Annual Report

### Ministry Leader - Deborah Kavanagh

Annual Meeting – 2024

For Period of January – December 2023

Number of Members 3-10 (varies)

Number of Meetings 3

#### **Mission**

To brainstorm and set in motion new ideas to enhance parish life and growth, thereby setting the annual calendar of events, most of which are run by the various ministries within our church. Any interested parishioner is warmly invited to attend the meetings.

#### **Events**

- New Year's Brunch - Vestry sponsored and done with the help of our great cooks, Tony Tulumello and Brian McIntyre.
- ECW Spa Day
- ECW Quiet Day of reflection and prayer prior to Lent...contact Brother Rick Lorino.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Vestry
- Lenten Potluck Suppers (5)
- New Member receptions, beautifully prepared by Karen & Brian McIntyre
- Common Table - Karen Monaco, Chair. 2 rotations of groups of six to eight parishioners who gather outside the church, giving each person a better chance to know the others.
- Our first Trivia Night with dessert was held in April
- Annual picnic... Vestry run with help of volunteers, May
- Game Night...our first was held in May and deemed a lot of fun by those attending. Will schedule more of these in 2024.
- "Spring into Summer" fashion show and lunch was held in June by the ECW. Carol Paris, President



# Fellowship Ministry

## Annual Report

Ministry Leader - Deborah Kavanagh

- Dinner and a Movie was held in July to a big turnout for “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny” and dinner at The Green Marlin.
- “”Let’s Do Lunch” in July and August, an ECW event where the ladies go to lunch at different restaurants on the Treasure Coast. Contact Carol Paris (772-579-0315). Invite a friend!
- The Men’s Breakfast is held at CJ Cannon’s Once a month. Contact Al Glatz, (973-214-5559).
- The Italian Dinner with Cabaret was held in August with Tony and Holly entertaining after a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and cookies, prepared by our own Rosemary McGlynn.
- Blessing of the Pets - Fr. Wes
- Annual Arts & Crafts Show, an ECW event chaired by Carol Paris, held in October.
- Samaritan Soup Bowl, held in November contact Tony Tulumello.
- Thanksgiving dinner, Carol Paris, Tony Tulumello and many volunteers
- Bishop’s reception, vestry function
- ECW Christmas Tea
- New Year’s Eve day Brunch (because New Year’s Day fell on Sunday).

Thank you to all who assisted with these events including the Hospitality Committee, our Sexton Gary, and the Cleanup Committee member(s)! Please consider joining this committee or any of the many ministries we have at St. Augustine’s.

***If you see a Facebook ad or post for our church, please share it! The best way to increase our St. Augustine family is to invite another family to a service or a special event. Most who come will return because at St. Augustine’s “A warm welcome awaits you!”***



# Music Ministry Annual Report 2024

For year ending December 31, 2023

By: Tom Hall, Director of Music

During 2023, the choir sang at Choral Eucharist every Sunday morning, and on Maundy Thursday, the Great Vigil of Easter, and at 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Before the service on Christmas Eve, we presented a half-hour concert of sacred music for the season. Choristers participated in the Remembrance service, the Maundy Thursday service, the Good Friday service, and the Great Vigil of Easter. Section leaders, in addition to helping the sections learn the choir music, participated individually or as an ensemble in a number of services.

The choir held rehearsals every Thursday from January 1 through June 15, and from August 24 through December 21, with extended rehearsal times during the weeks before Christmas. The choir met for a Sunday morning “warm-up” rehearsal at 9:00 am throughout the entire year. Section leaders met weekly throughout the year for a rehearsal in addition to the regular choir rehearsals.

Besides the choral services, the organist has provided music for the 8:00 Rite I Eucharist and for several other services. Guest instrumentalists were present for Easter and Christmas Eve.

In 2024, we are continuing our program of weekly services and rehearsals, with the possibility of adding more occasional services. Guest instrumentalists have already been engaged for Easter, and we look forward to guest instrumentalists at Christmas, as well.

Special thanks to all our choristers, to those who help prepare and file choir materials, those who keep our vestments in order, and to those who help meet choir members’ various non-musical needs.