



*“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.”*

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## **School Supply Drive**



***Please Donate Today!***

**All School Supplies Donations will benefit Feed The Lambs**

Last year your support assisted about 100 students! Donations support

students, families, teachers and schools in Indian River County. Providing school supplies for these students financially assists families, empowers students to learn by starting school fully prepared, and gives support to teachers.

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

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

Click below to view list: Deadline is Sunday, July 13, 2025.

[St. Augustine of Canterbury 2025 School Supply Drive!](#)

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***Second Sunday After Pentecost***  
**Meet Elijah the Tishbite**

Elijah the prophet appears on the scene after a long stretch of evil rulers in Israel. He takes on King Ahab and Queen Jezebel who are the worst ones yet.

If you are not familiar with Elijah's story, then fasten your seat belt and open your Bible to 1 Kings 17-19 for one action packed wild ride filled with drama that rivals any best-seller. You won't be able to put it down!

- Dana Johnson

## **"What are you doing here, Elijah?"**

Have there been times in your life when you have asked yourself, *"What am I doing here?"* This can happen when we go through a particularly discouraging time and we find ourselves spiraling in reaction to adverse circumstances.

Maybe this was also the case for Elijah the prophet; who at this point in the story (1 Kings 19) had hit the lowest point of his ministry right after his biggest high, and clearly had way too much on his plate. He was dealing with drought and famine, an evil king and queen duo, the consequences of a bet resulting in a supernatural showdown, 450 false prophets, death threats, mass executions, and *a lot* of running. Thankfully, after a forty day trek to a cave, he was able to hear God - even amid other small distractions like wind, earthquake and fire. From there, after some dialogue, he was able to "proceed to the route" as our GPS likes to tell us when we have taken an unnecessary detour, and was able to do what God wanted him to do in the first place before he lost it and had a bit of a spiritual meltdown.

To be fair, we probably all have been there, as despair can elicit that kind of response. Between ordering the slaying of all the prophets of Baal and then running from Jezebel who promised him she would make his life “like the life of one of them” - in other words *kill him*, (1 Kings 19:2) it's easy to see how he becomes suicidal and needs the help of angels to spur him on to the next phase of his journey! With the angel's help, Elijah gets up and soldiers onward forty days and forty nights to a cave - only to have God ask him when he gets there, “*What are you doing here, Elijah?*” (1 Kings 19:9)

Elijah then feels the need to *explain* this to God; “*I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.*” (1 Kings 19:10) In modern day vernacular, we might have said it like this - “*Really, God? How can you ask that? I am all alone and I have failed. It has been a crazy three years, and I can't take any more. Have you not seen what I have been through? I can't do any better than this, and I am DONE.*” We have all given God a laundry list of reasons and excuses to explain how we have gotten to wherever it was that we found ourselves. And yet, here is God asking the prophet “*What are you doing here, Elijah?*”

God's response to us is rarely *ever* what we think it should be in these conditions. Probably Elijah wasn't expecting, “*Go outside, Elijah and I will pass by. Guess if what you see and hear out there on the mountain is actually Me.*” (1 Kings 19:11) So, Elijah witnesses wind, earthquake and fire - pretty dramatic stuff, and here's what's important; it is then said that Lord was not in any of those. After all that, there was a “sheer silence” and “*when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.*” (1 Kings 19:13) Did you catch that? When Elijah heard the *silence*, not all the noise - that is when he heard God speaking. The profound message from God? It was a question, the very same one, now asked for a *second* time in a whisper; “*What are you doing here, Elijah?*”

God will do this sometimes. He won't let us move on until we deal with the one thing that He keeps bringing to our attention. So Elijah tells him *again* the same thing (see above). We, too, feel like we have to tell God *repeatedly* what's going on! However, if we stay with God in times like this, instead of throwing our hands up in frustration, He'll give us a little more.

God then tells Elijah, “*No, you are NOT the only one. I still have 7,000 whose knees have not bowed to Baal.*” (1 Kings 19:18) A gentle rebuke and an encouragement all wrapped up in one, perhaps. We have all gotten a few of those when stuck between a rock and a hard place, or when we believe we are dealing with our problems all alone. So, long story shorter, God gives Elijah some instructions, which Elijah carries out. He anoints a couple of kings and the next prophet, all who will make sure that justice is served. Elisha, the prophet who is Elijah's successor, carries on Elijah's legacy after Elijah is carried up to heaven by a chariot with fiery horses in a whirlwind... but that is another Biblical wild ride for next week!







## Shining Light Garden

Please join us **this Saturday, June 21, 8:30 -10:30 am** at this truly inspiring place where we plant, weed and harvest vegetables for our neighbors in need, distributed via local food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other assistance programs throughout Indian River County. Come surround yourself with God's creation as we help others. Reach out to ministry contact for volunteer opportunities: [Barbara McGowan](#)

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## Join ECW Saturday, June 21 at 11 am in the Parish Hall

We are delighted to invite you to Part 1 of an exciting series titled "Protecting Ourselves and Others", an initiative dedicated to fostering a safe and resilient community. This meaningful gathering is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to safeguard not only themselves but also those around them.

By attending "Protecting Ourselves and Others" you will:

- Gain valuable insights from seasoned professionals.
- Learn actionable steps to positively impact your community.
- Join a network of like-minded individuals working towards a safer future.



**Last chance to sign up in the Narthex is this weekend! *This will be a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) event. ECW will supply drinks and desserts.***  
Questions? Contact: [Pam Wehrberger](#)

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## Caregiver's Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on **June 24** (the fourth Tuesday of each month), **at 2 pm** in the Parish Hall. If you are feeling weighed down by caregiving worries or concerns, connecting with other caregivers is great emotional support. Come share your practical advice on managing challenges in caregiver relationships. **Contact:** [Sally Munson](#)



## ECW Blood Drive

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

**GIVE BLOOD**



**SAVE A LIFE**

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

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

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

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## *Looking to Deepen Your Faith?*



### **Women's Bible Study: Make a Connection!**

**Tuesdays through July 1, 9:30 am - 11 am**

Ladies, please join us for Connections - a weekly Bible Study ministry just for women. As iron sharpens iron, we will learn from each other, grow in our faith, and develop rich friendships as we study the Bible together. This series will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, as written in Galatians 5:22-23, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We will gather on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall from 9:30 - 11:00 May 6 - July 1. Our facilitators will be Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich. We will be using the study guide "Fruit Of The Spirit" (Life Guide Bible Studies) by Hazel Offner. [Please order your study guide here](#)





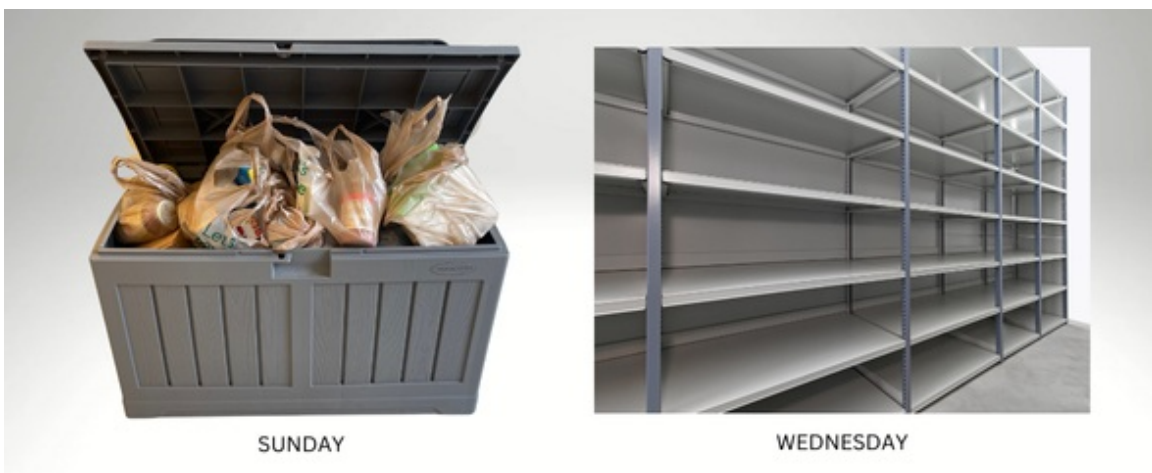
## Sunday School is on Summer Break

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

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

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## *Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities*



## Salvation Army Food Donations in Summer

Thanks so much to all who have been generous and routinely contributing to this ministry, as the three items that we donate every week to the Salvation Army continue to be a lifeline to families in need! However, the

feedback we still receive is that the shelves filled on Monday are empty by Wednesday.



Also, please keep in mind that the need does not go away just because it is summertime. **With many of our parishioners going up north at this time of year, it is crucial for those of us here to continue with our support.** It has been reported that we are the **ONLY** church in town who is doing this on a weekly basis.

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

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### **Interested in volunteering for the Choir?**

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

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### Your June Hospitality Guild Team!

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

Contact: [Carol Paris](#)

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## This Sunday!

*"Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God."*

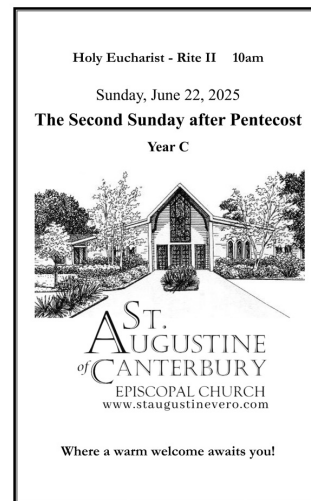
Psalm 43:5-6

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

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

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

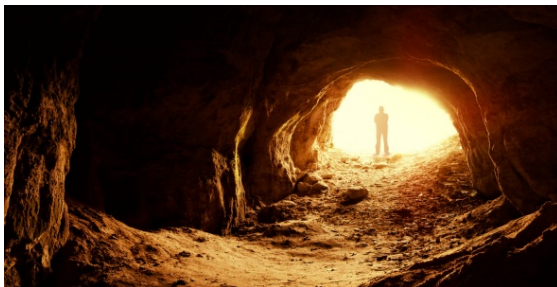
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## ***This Weekend's Readers and Servers will be...***

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**  
**All duties:** Laurie Samuels

**Sunday, 8 am**  
**Lessons/POTP/Server:** Bob Stasonis  
**Ushers:** Steve & Moe Connell  
**Coffee Hour:**  
Byron & Inge Curcio, Donna Kerber



**Sunday, 10 am**  
**Ushers:** Tom & Pam White  
**Lessons:** Nancy Kelly  
**POTP:** Sally Munson  
**Chalice:**  
Heather Bennett, Nancy Kelly  
**Crucifer:** Heather Bennett  
**Torches:** Nancy Kelly, Sally Munson  
**LEM:** Sally Munson  
**Livestream:** Emma Shields  
**Sunday School Assistant:**  
Julia Wiggins  
**Coffee Hour:**  
Dick & Karen Monaco,  
and Barbara Houston

## ***Join us this Week for ...***

### ***Sunday Morning Coffee Hour***

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



### ***Morning Prayer | Daily 8 am, M-F***

Join in on [Daily Morning Prayer](#) services over the telephone. Simply dial (339) 209-4611 before 8 am, Monday through Friday to participate. The

service is easy to follow and is about 20 minutes long. Newcomers, please see the [Online Instructions](#) to set up the Daily Office App. [Launch the Daily Office App>](#)



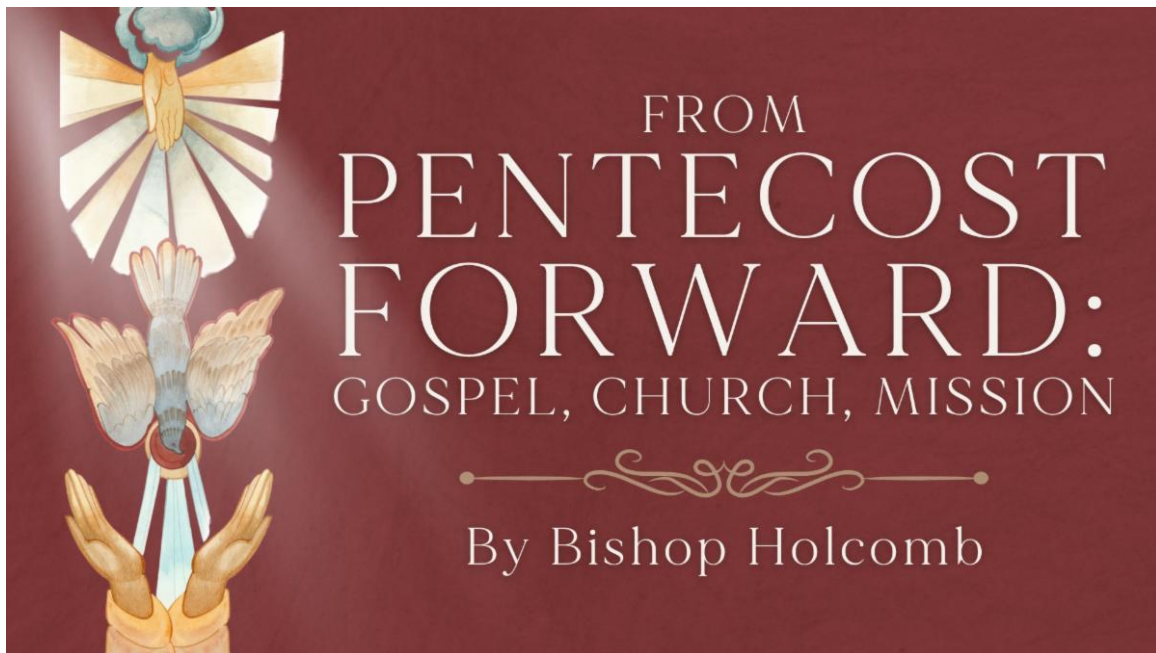
Parish Prayer Group | Mondays at 1:30 pm | Library

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

Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library

## News & Notes



### ***"From Pentecost Forward" - by Bishop Justin Holcomb***

(Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida)

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

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



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# Calendar

## *Mark Your Calendars!*

Fri. June 20 - Third Fridays at the Source, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite  
Sat. June 21 - ECW Luncheon Meeting, 11 am, Parish Hall  
Tues. June 24 - Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall  
Tues. June 24 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library  
Tues. June 24 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall  
Sat. June 28 - Daughters of the King Meeting, 10 am, Library  
Sat. June 28 - ECW Blood Drive, 9 am-2 pm, Church Parking Lot

## *Save the Date:*

Tues. July 1 - **LAST** Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall  
Tues. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library  
Fri. July 4 - **Independence Day, OFFICE CLOSED**  
Tuesday, July 8 - Finance Committee Meeting, 10:30 am  
Tues. July 15 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's  
Fri. July 18 - Third Fridays at the Source, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite  
Sat. July 19 - Parish Potluck & Hymn Sing, 6:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Tues. July 22 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall  
Sat. July 26 - ECW "Let's Do Lunch" 12-2 pm, Sean Ryan's Pub

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

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## *Useful Links*

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

## *Please Keep in Your Prayers*

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

Elinor, Jacinth, Andy, Joanne.

### ***Parish Prayer List Reminder!***

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

### **This Week, We Celebrate**

#### **Birthdays**

23 - Edmund Green

23 - Bill Daly

23 - Irene Parris

24 - Daniel Nelson

#### **Anniversaries**

27 - Dan & Bonnie Taylor

28 - Ken & Julia McPartlin (1969)

### **This Week, We Remember**

#### **Departed**

23 - Diane Calkins (2019)

26 - Alison Grayson (2015)

27 - Edgar Jadwin (2022)

27 - Elizabeth Whitehead (2022)



### **This Week's Altar Flowers.**

Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by Nancy Kelly in loving memory of parents Bob and Pat Christenson, and sister, Patty Christenson. All three had June birthdays.

Altar Flowers are also given by Richard Calkins in loving memory of Diane Calkins.

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

Note: All of the remaining Sundays in June are booked with Altar Flower remembrances.

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