

St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

# Annual Meeting

## January 22, 2023

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

Tom Hall, Director of Music

Barbara Maher, Financial Administrator

Barbara McGowan, Communications Coordinator

Dana Clearwater, Parish Secretary

Gary Attanasio, Sexton

### **The Vestry**

Tony Tulumello, Senior Warden

Steve Connell, Junior Warden

Wayne Elliott, Treasurer

Richard Calkins, Clarence Clarke, Russell Kratz,

Karen McIntyre, Phillippa Norman, Cris Vaccaro



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# Agenda for Annual Meeting 2023

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**Prayer**

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**Finance Report**

**By-Law Change**

**Recognition of outgoing Vestry Members**

Clarence Clarke, Phillippa Norman

**Election of New Vestry Members**

**Vestry Nominations:**

Beth Weatherstone

**Additional Nominations from the floor**

**Vote on New Vestry Members**

**Vestry Appointments**

Karen McIntyre - Senior Warden, Steve Connell - Junior Warden, Wayne Elliot -Treasurer  
Dana Clearwater - Clerk

**Nominations for Delegates to 2023 Diocesan Convention**

Russell Kratz, Marianne Rowan, Chris Vaccaro, Alternate- David Rowan

**Vote on Delegates**

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

**State of the Church address:**

**Concluding Prayer and Adjournment**



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The meeting was opened at 11:30am with prayer by Father Wes, and ended just under an hour later. There were approximately 80 attendees. The meeting commenced immediately with the Junior Warden's report by Steve Connell.

## **Junior Warden report:**

Steve began his report with some "St. Augustine fun facts" such as –

St. Augustine's came into being as a church plant from Trinity (Vero Beach)

We have 16,000 square feet under air-conditioned space.

Eight bathrooms with twelve toilets and three urinals!

The asphalt in the parking lot is deteriorating; the Junior Warden is receiving bids to fix this now. There will also be repainting of the doorframes of the church.

In the past year, Father Wes had hauled away the old fence that Gary had taken down, and painted the sign out front.

## **Treasurer's Report: Steve Connell**

The year-end numbers for the 2021 finances for the church came out much better than was expected. We ended with a surplus of \$56,000 overall. Please see the bar charts and pie charts from the Annual Meeting Financial Report.

Our expenses for the past year were below budget by \$131,000, which was due to:

Not replacing the Assistant Priest or the Secretary position.

Renegotiating the copier lease for a reduced rate.

Placing the Canterbury Tales on-line and greatly reducing printing and mailing costs.

The Investment Fund Account is at 1.8 million, with a gain of \$94,000 for the year.

The Treasurer recognized the newly reformed Finance Committee, headed up by Brian McIntyre, along with Olin Melchionna and Ken McPartland and thanked everyone for their hard work overseeing and making recommendations about the church's investment accounts.

Pledges are our biggest source of income. Our pledges are 97% funded, which is income that we can count on. Personnel is our biggest expense.

The Stewardship campaign begins February 13<sup>th</sup> and ends on February 27<sup>th</sup>. After the campaign, we will be able to fine-tune our revenue expectations.



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Father Wes explained that he made the decision to hold off on the Stewardship Campaign until February because:

More seasonal members are in town at that time

Uncertainty in the church since COVID as well as leadership changes.

The good news is that we have no debt!

We have 1.7 million in building and grounds, 2.3 million in investments, which gives us a total of four million in assets. Father Wes announced that anyone who would like to have specific line items would be able to request those.

Father Wes gave recognition to the outgoing Vestry members: Chuck Covarrubias, Guy McKenzie, and Sharon Rayner.

## **Election of new Vestry members:**

Voting for the three candidates was opened. Father Wes asked if there were nominations from the floor; there were none. All three candidates were voted in unanimously with none opposed. They are: Richard Calkins, Karen McIntyre, and Russell Kratz.

## **Vestry Appointments:**

Tony Tulumello: Senior Warden

Steve Connell: Junior Warden and Interim Treasurer

Dana Clearwater: Clerk of the Vestry

There was also a vote for Delegates for the 2023 Diocesan Convention, which are: Tony Tulumello, Cris Vaccaro, and Marianne Rowan with David Rowan as an alternate. They were voted in unanimously with none opposed.

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

Our Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) is 125 people on average for the three Sunday services held over the weekend. There was only 70 ASA when Father Wes got here, so that is an improvement. A question from the floor was asked if we can determine how many people are watching on-line and if that can translate also as ASA. However, Father Wes replied that there is a lack of clarity how to count the on-line numbers and there needs to be some guid-



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ance and structuring of guidelines from the Diocese on that, as the numbers are difficult to calculate. In 2021 we held 15 funerals and 1 wedding, as well as many Home Communion, thanks to the Pastoral Care Team.

Father Wes gave thanks to the Rector Search Committee, our volunteers and staff.

There is some uncertainty about how to calculate the “state of the church”, as we have had to deal with a lot of changes, including COVID, loss of staff and a Rector leadership change. The effects of that are still lingering. The Stewardship Campaign in February will determine how we move forward, including investments in personnel and also with Outreach. “How do we grow from here?” Father Wes has asked us all to use the spiritual gifts that we have and bring them to bear on the work that we are called to do.

### **Goals:**

#1 Outreach – Increase our Outreach footprint by asking folks to get more involved and doing more hands on work other than just “writing a check”, but to be actively engaged and spending time together.

#2 Youth and Families – The Rector Search Committee and the Vestry mandated this to be a priority – “how do we do this?”

#3 Christian Education – More opportunities for Christian Education is important.

#4 Getting to know one another! We will begin a new nametag ministry that will help us all to know each other’s names. Along with Coffee Hour, there will be plans to create small groups so that we can connect and interact more intimately with one another.

The future in general: Father Wes would like us to continue in the areas that we do well, and also come together in Christian Education and Outreach. We are encouraged to reach out to others and draw them in.

### **Questions:**

“Are there plans to get more LEMs to help out?” Yes, there are 5 or 6 right now. There is a lot of need for Pastoral Care right now to help keep others connected.



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A comment was made to be mindful about nametag magnetic backings and people with Pacemakers. (Note from Dana: Father Wes later suggested that the pacemaker folks can wear their name tags on the other side and not have a problem.)

“Does Morning Prayer” count for a weekly service? Father Wes says yes, it counts as a service. There are about a dozen people now, but the Morning Prayer participants would like to see more people get involved. Marianne Rowan was recognized and thanked for all of her hard work with the Morning Prayer ministry. The readings for Morning Prayer are on the website, and is held 8AM Monday-Friday.

“How many registered parishioners do we have?” Right now, that is not a number that we have, as “membership” now is very fluid and has been redefined as someone who is coming to church services, and is also giving financially.

“How many pledge units do we have?” Steve replied that we have between 275-300 pledging units. The “non-pledge” category has about 100 “units” which can be added to the total of the pledge units.

There was a suggestion made to add pictures to the Parish Directory that we have currently by having parishioners email in pictures of themselves.

There also was a request to restart the Men’s Breakfast that used to be held once a month at CJ Cannon’s.

Rick Lorino recognized and thanked Father Wes for coming to St. Augustine’s.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Father Wes.



# Senior Warden's Message - 2023

## Senior Warden: Tony Tulumello

As I reflected on the past year, one word came to mind that seemed to sum it all up for me and which is "Renewal". After all the turmoil of the past few years the smoke, like incense, seemed to finally settle, and as the year progressed, we gradually returned to a sense of normalcy.

Some Parish highlights of the past year:

In 2022, our new Rector, Fr. Wes's, completed his first "full year" as Rector of St. Augustine's.

In February, Tom Hall was hired, and the music program now has a permanent Director.

In March, the Diocese lifted the mask and distancing mandate, and our ministries and social gatherings were soon back if full force. Some new ministries were added i.e., Faith Flowers, Healing Hearth, and the very successful Thank-You Card Ministry, sending out Hundreds of Thank-you messages to Teachers, Healthcare and Hospice Care Workers.

Fr. Wes introduced several Christian Adult Education Programs, Bible Study- Potluck Suppers, and a Lenten Supper Series. The Outreach Program expanded into more hands-on participation, with two, Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing events, one in April and a second in November. Over 75 parishioners and friends helped to assemble 10,000 meals at each event, to help eliminate hunger in some of the world's most vulnerable locations.

September was the return of our Sunday School Program headed up by Linda and Barton Jones, assisted by Julia Wiggins and Emma Shields.

November brought back the parish Thanksgiving Dinner. We surely had a lot to be thankful for this year!

In December, with our Angel Tree project, parishioners purchased gifts for 62 children, to be distributed to children in The Youth Guidance Academy, Feed the Lambs and Samaritan Center. A group of parishioners then got together and wrapped the gifts sent to Youth Guidance Academy.

The year was ended with another beautiful Remembrance Service, Children's Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Liturgies.

Some Vestry highlights in 2022

- Approved a new Mission Statement crafted by Fr. Wes and Russ Kratz:
- "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."





## Senior Warden's Message 2023 (con't)

### Senior Warden: Tony Tulumello

- Approved and promoted the parishioner's name tag program.
- Set a primary goal for the year- To grow the parish by a min. of 25 people targeting the predominant demographic of 50+ yrs. old residents. To help accomplish this goal, the vestry members were divided into two groups. The Outside Group- those that would work on efforts to attract people to the church, and the Inside Group- those that would welcome and help engage them once they attend.
- The Outside Group worked on renovating the exterior church sign, creating a tri-fold informational brochure, and promoting the church through word of mouth and invitations to church events.
- The Inside Group- Hosted two New Parishioner wine and cheese receptions one in May and a second in November. Recent members received personal invitations to these face-to-face informational receptions.
- Thank You Cards- Five people are selected by the Vestry each month and sent an individualized thank-you card for their contributions of time and talents to the parish.
- Wayne Elliott volunteered to take on the Treasurer responsibilities has restructured and streamlined our reports.
- Several Fellowship events were hosted by the Vestry-The New Year Brunch (Jan), The Annual Picnic (May), and The Parish 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookout (Sept).
- Completed the Mutual Ministry Review (MMR)- two sessions facilitated by Rev. Dr. Robin Reed.
- Reviewed and approved the Budget for 2023.
- Approval of the new Cloud Based Planning System to replace ACS. This System capable of scheduling ministry needs, building use, e-mail reminders to participants, parish directory with photos, track and welcome new commers and can be expanded on with the addition of more modules.
- Decision to assist St. John's Episcopal Church on Pine Island with Hurricane Relief. Outreach Funding of \$ 3,000 was approved and with parishioner matching funds, the total grant was \$8,125.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the parish as Senior Warden this past year. Your feedback and support throughout the year has been greatly appreciated and I look forward to continuing my tenure as a vestry member until 2024.

Tony Tulumello  
Senior Warden



# Junior Warden's Report - 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022

Junior Warden: Steve Connell

Our campus continues to age gracefully (for the most part) and with the fine work of the Garden Angels, we have a beautiful property where we come to worship and enjoy the fellowship of so many friends.

We were fortunate this past year in that the storms which we endured did minimal damage. Who would have thought that we had so many palm fronds and other small limbs blown throughout during the first storm? A great work party day ensued and we were quickly put back to order. And then, when we had a later wind event, we lost a large oak limb in the back parking lot area. Fortunately, there was no damage as this limb was big enough to crush a car! The next weekend we had the volunteers from the Wes Shields Family Forestry Services out with saws, rakes, and strong backs to cut the debris and stack it for removal.

Our major initiative in 2022 was the repair, resealing, and stripping of the asphalt drives and parking areas. This not only provides a beautiful look to our "garden campus", but protects the asphalt from deterioration.

We had many other repairs during the year which are listed below.

This year we will be considering replacing the roof on all our buildings. We have had many recurring leaks and the roof has reached the end of its useful life. Metal roofs have come down in price in the last several years and now are a viable alternative for a longer lasting roof system. We are planning on a dark brown colored standing metal seam system which will blend in well with our aesthetics. The cost is estimated to be in the range of \$200,000 to \$300,000.



# Junior Warden's Report 2023 (con't)

For year ending December 31, 2022

Junior Warden: Steve Connell

## Projects and Initiatives completed in 2022

1. Repaired, sealed, and re striped the asphalt driveways and parking areas.
2. Enhanced the speaker performance in the Sanctuary by first examining the need for a rear speaker, or baffle panels, but then working with a consultant we were able to adjust the microphone feeds to maximize the output quality .
3. Garden Angels completed the installation of gravel shoulders and walkways around the columbarium and added a raised gravel pathway to the side exit door.
4. Repainted the exterior north wall fronting the two parking spaces.
5. Repaired a plumbing back up in the Narthex ladies room.
6. Pumped out the septic tank and cleaned the settling tank filters.
7. Painted the front entrance doors and the entrance doors to the old parish hall.
8. Installed gutters along the north edge of the main roof. Water was sheeting off and ponding outside the exit door next to the sacristy resulting in wet carpeting
9. Replaced several burned-out light bulbs in the sanctuary throughout the year.
10. Repaired roof leaks near the piano and in the choir area.
11. Repaired backed up toilet in new parish hall ladies room.
12. Repaired roof leaks in the church near the robing room door.
13. Repaired a significant roof leak located above the lectern/jury box area. The resultant ceiling damage will be repaired as we replace the roof.
14. Installed new flood light at the main entrance doors
15. Repaired the well and pump for the front irrigation system
16. Repaired the parish hall kitchen air conditioner
17. Repaired the office air conditioner
18. Patched a leak in the main overhead copper water line in the old kitchen
19. Rebuilt both urinals in the narthex men's room which had become stuck open resulting in minor carpet flooding.
20. Replaced the street entrance post light.



# Treasurer's Report - 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022

Treasurer: Steve Connell/Wayne Elliott

After all of the many uncertainties of 2021, we entered 2022 with more clarity of opportunities and a newly established Rector with Fr. Wes. As a result of his 2021 initiatives, and the diligent stewardship of our resources we entered 2022 with an operating cash balance of \$147,004, no debt, and \$1,848,589 in our Vanguard Investment account.

## 2022 Results

Our income was \$620,547 vs a budgeted \$654,250. Included in the projected income was a \$74,000 draw from the Investment account which we were able to defer. So our income from operations was actually \$40,297 greater than budgeted.

Expenses totaled \$687,490 which was \$79,296 more than budgeted. Building and Grounds expenses were the biggest contributors to the variance as we repaired and resealed the drive-ways and parking, as well as addressing roof repairs and air conditioner maintenance.

As a result, our net income from operations reflected a loss of \$66,943. Had we taken the scheduled investment draw, we would have reflected a small surplus of \$7,057. Our ending operating cash balance was \$158,079.

Our investment account year-end balance was \$2,134,065. The Investment committee has prepared a separate report detailing the activity during this very tumultuous year in the financial markets.

## 2023 Plan

Our Financial plan for 2023 is based on continuing the careful stewardship of our assets by expense control and preserving assets to the extent possible. The accompanying pie charts reflect the forecast sources of revenue and the expected expenses. We are basing our forecasts on a fairly conservative estimate of revenue growth, and a historic review of expenses adjusting upward for inflation as appropriate. We are forecasting a small surplus of \$12,494 or just about a breakeven for the year.

We are also very pleased to have Wayne Elliott join as Treasurer. He has been instrumental in bringing a fresh look at our processes since assuming the role last month. His deep experience as a CFO of both large and small companies is providing us with the assurance that the financial controls and record keeping challenges of our growing church will be in good hands.



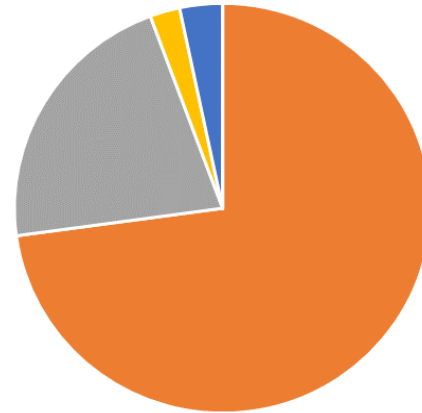
# Treasurer's Report (con't)

## 2023 Budget

### Sources of Revenue

Pledges	\$ 470,000.00	73%
Non Pledge	\$ 138,700.00	21%
Loose Plate	\$ 15,000.00	2%
Other income	\$ 21,420.00	3%
Endowment Draw	\$ 0.00	

Sources of Revenue



### Total Projected Revenue

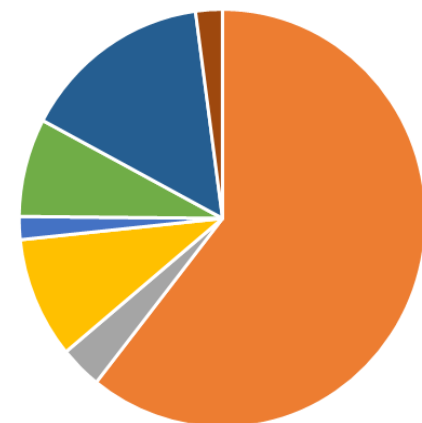
**\$645,120.00** **100%**



### Expenses and Uses

Personnel	\$ 383,809.00	61%
Outreach	\$ 21,000.00	3%
Diocesan Tithe	\$ 59,347.00	9%
Worship	\$ 11,250.00	2%
Administration	\$ 48,100.00	8%
Bldg and Grounds	\$ 95,620.00	15%
Discipleship/Fellowship	\$ 13,500.00	2%

Expenses and Uses



### Total Projected Expenses

**\$ 632,626.00** **100%**



# Finance and Investment Committee

## 2022 Year-end Report

2023 Annual Meeting report – Brian McIntyre, Chairman

As anyone with a 401K or other investment plan knows, 2022 was not a good year for investments. The major index funds are all down for the year; Dow Jones down 8.78%, S&P 500 down 19.44%, and Nasdaq down 33.1%. Unlike a retirement or college fund which has a start and target end date, Saint Augustine's Investment Fund has an infinite life span and invests for the long term. While balances are expected to fluctuate up and down, our funds 10 year annual rate of return of 8.1% meets our overall goal of long term growth. Our investments are primarily equity and bond index funds covering the broad market and our performance compares favorably with the major indexes. Considering that, our adjusted beginning balance on January 1, 2022 of \$2,352,129.81 declined by 9.27% to a year-end balance of \$2,134,065.35. Both stocks and bonds plummeted in value in 2022 although bonds are normally expected to rise as stocks fall, which would stabilize the performance of the investment portfolio.

The committee which holds open meetings most months on the second Tuesday at 10am in the parish library. Established procedures including investment guidelines were reviewed this year and the committee submitted minor suggestions to the Vestry to define, clarify, and update those items in the Financial Committee Charter. The updates were approved at the May 16, 2022 Vestry meeting. The committee has rebalanced investments to meet the guidelines of 75% equity and 25% fixed assets. Although a withdrawal to supplement the parish operating account is budgeted for each summer; income and expenses were balanced this year and a supplement was not required.

The committee added two exchange traded funds (ETF) to the prior two equity and three bond mutual funds to add some diversity. Additional 2023 changes facing the funds are the continuing Federal Reserve's planned moves to control inflation by shrinking its balance sheet, quantitative tightening (QT), and raising interest rates plus the possibility of a recession as the economy slows down. Those moves present a short term challenge to the equities market and the investment fund's performance goals. We can expect inflation, rising short-term interest rates and market volatility to stick around in 2023.

Special thanks to our committee members for their knowledge, commitment, and time; Fr. Wes Shields, Wayne Elliot, Steve Connell, Ken McPartlin, and Olin Melchionna.



# By-Law Amendment 2023

The Vestry is asking approval to change the number of Vestry members from 9 to 7. The reason for this request is that for a number of years now the Vestry has had a hard time getting candidates who are both qualified and excited to serve. Furthermore there have been many members who were unable to complete their terms. Some terms having 3 or 4 people complete the 3 year term. The vestry feels that at this point 7 members can do the work that needs to be done in an efficient and effective manner. As you will see in Article VIII, these amendments will need to be voted on at our annual meeting January 22, 2023.

The following are the by law articles affected by this change.

- We would need to drop the line in Article IV section 1 that reads “At the Annual Meeting, at least one-third of the Vestry shall be elected.”
- Article V section 1. **The change there would simply be to amend “There shall be 9 elected Members of the Vestry”, to say “There shall be 7 elected Members of the Vestry.”**

-Article VIII is simply there to inform you how this change of by-laws is supposed to be enacted.

## Article IV: Meetings of the Members

Section 1. **Annual Meeting.** There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation within 60 days, on or before the 31st day of January of each year. At the Annual Meeting, at least one-third of the Vestry shall be elected. Notice of such meeting shall be given at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

## Article V: The Vestry

Section 1. **Members.** There shall be 9 elected Members of the Vestry. The Rector shall be a non-elected member of the Vestry. At each Annual meeting, one-third of the Vestry shall be elected to serve a term of three years. A Member of the Vestry completing two terms of three years shall not be eligible to serve again on the Vestry until one year has elapsed since such member has served on the Vestry.

## Article VIII: Amendments

These By-Laws, after approval by the Vestry, may be amended by a majority of the electors present and entitled to vote at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting, provided that notice of such meeting and proposed amendments or repeal of the By-Laws has been sent to qualified electors not less than two weeks prior to the meeting. These by-laws and amendments thereto must be approved by the Diocesan Bishop prior to their taking effect.



# Outreach Committee Annual Report

## Chairman: Tony Tulumello

Committee Members: Glenda Altman, Moe Connell, Valerie Daly, Carol Davis, Jackie Davis, Janie Gould, Burke Neely, Sally Munson, Carol Paris, Tony Tulumello, Stuart Weismiller, Fr. Wes

### Outreach Report

The committee met six times and presented grant requests to the Vestry totaling \$ **15,706**, and were approved as follows:

<b>Annual Budget Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.</b>
<b>2022 Grants:</b>	
Diocesan Hurricane Relief *	- 1,500.
El Hogar- student sponsorship	- 2,500.
Feed the Lambs- various programs	- 2,000.
Gifford Youth Center- Summer Prog. Sponsorship	- 1,250.
Haiti Clinic- healthcare services	- 1,600.
Rise Against Hunger *	- 3,500. (+ \$ 3,858 by parishioners)
School Supplies-Youth Guidance/Feed the Lambs Backpacks	- 330.
St. John's Pine Island- Hurricane Relief *	- 3,000. (+ \$ 5,125 by parishioners)
Miscellaneous	- 26.
<b>Total Outreach Grants</b>	<b>\$ 24,689.</b>

Notes:

**Rise Against Hunger** – Is an international hunger relief organization that was introduced to St Augustine's by Barbara McGowan, our Communications Director who was familiar with their work in a previous parish. This is a hands-on organization which comes to your location with all the necessary product, equipment and supervision, to package 10,000 meals in two hours with a minimum of 50 volunteers. The Host location provides for the cost of the product, the labor, and the workspace.





# Outreach Committee Annual Report

Chairman: Tony Tulumello (con't)

The feedback from our first event in April was so positive that a second event was scheduled in November and funded by parishioners. Anyone regardless of age or physical ability can participate. This is also a great opportunity for fellowship and inviting friends, relatives, and people from the community to participate. A definite win-win situation!

**Hurricane Relief-** Two serious hurricanes hit Florida this year. The Diocese issued a request for funds to aid the victims of these storms. St. Augustine contributed \$1,500 to the Diocesan relief fund.

The Vestry also decided to do some research and make a personal connection with a parish that it determined had the greatest need. St. John's on Pine Island was chosen. The vestry decided on a grant of \$ 3,000 and reached out to the Parishioners to for matching funds. The outpouring of generosity was outstanding, and St Augustine was able to send them a total of \$ 8, 125 in aid to their parishioners.

**Samaritan Soup Bowl-** After an absence of two years we were able to host another Samaritan Center Soup Bowl fund-raiser this year. This is a community-wide event, with the host location providing a variety of soups, bread and a 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. St Augustine raised \$500.

**The Angel Tree Project-** Following in the footsteps of the successful Salvation Army run Angel Tree last year, and from a suggestion by Fr. Wes, it was decided to run this gift giving project in-house, giving the gifts to three of our existing outreach organizations namely Youth Guidance, Feed the Lambs, and The Samaritan Center. We received the requests from all three groups totaling 62 children. This also presented an opportunity for sharing fellowship and approximately 15 volunteers gathered on Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and accompanied by music and home-made cookies, wrapped the gifts in time for Christmas!

**Return of the Cookie Walk-** It was amazing to see how abundantly the tables down the center of the Parish Hall were laden with the most amazing Christmas Cookies on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. The endless stream of bakers donated their creations, the sale of which will help support the children of El Hogar. This event along with the sale of Chocolate just before Easter has traditionally help fund a scholarship for El Hogar in Honduras. Many thanks to Burke Neeley and her baking minions who raised \$ 762.



# Outreach Committee Annual Report

## Chairman: Tony Tulumello (con't)

**Meal Ministry-** There is a Meal Preparation Ministry that is a part of Outreach at St. Augustine's. Not too many parishioners are aware of it. If you like to cook and enjoy providing a fresh meal for people in need, here is the ideal ministry for you. We currently have two organizations that we provide Shephard's Pies to on an ongoing basis. Our participation is only once a month at the two following locations. Reimbursement is available if necessary. Volunteers are needed especially when people leave for the summer season.

**1. Hope for Families-** is a homeless family center providing temporary emergency shelter to homeless singles and families. They also provide transitional housing to those families that need additional time to fix problems that caused their homelessness. Resources like employment counseling, case management, budget counseling to help the homelessness are provided. Their children's programs teach self-esteem and provide counseling. ( We provide them with four pans of Shephard's Pie once a month) The group coordinator is Marolyn Findlay.

**2. Camp Haven-** is a nonprofit organization based in Vero Beach, helping male residents of Indian River County recover their lives. Camp Haven provides shelter and stability while resident rebuild their lives with professional counseling, job opportunities, hope and encouragement. (We provide them with two pans of Shephard's Pie) The group coordinator is Karen Monaco.

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

Submitted by,  
Tony Tulumello



# POPS Fund Committee Annual Report

## Chairman: 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, Moe Connell, Valerie Daly, Carol Davis, Jackie Davis, Janie Gould, Burke Neely, Sally Munson, Carol Paris, Tony Tulumello, Stuart Weismiller, Fr. Wes

The committee met six times in 2022 and presented grant requests to the Vestry totaling \$11,797 and were approved as follows:

<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$ 30,419.
<b>Grants:</b>	
Drive for Success *	- 2,500.
Feed the Lambs - building fundraiser sponsorship	- 200.
Feed the Lambs -camp equipment	- 336.
Feed the Lambs - summer camp bus rental	- 3,000.
Fellsmere School- holiday gift books	- 2,566.
Our Fathers Table- alarm system	- 1,195.
Women’s Refuge- carpeting for halls & living areas	- 2,000.
Contributions for 2023 ( Donor)	+ 15,000.
Parish Contributions for 2023	+ 7,000.
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 40,622.

**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



# Fellowship Committee

Chairman - Tony Tulumello

The main function of the Fellowship Committee is to plan social events that will foster increased fellowship among our parishioners, welcome new members, and provide opportunities to invite others to come and learn more about our parish life.

Committee Members: Moe Connell, Tony Tulumello, Carol Paris, Deb Kavanagh, Karen Monaco, Fr Wes

The Committee met four times this year (Feb, Mar, Aug, Nov)

## Schedule of Events in 2022:

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| Jan 2   | New Year Brunch ( in conjunction with the Vestry)                                    |
| Mar. 1  | Pancake Supper (Tuesday before Ash Wednesday)  |
| Mar. 12 | St. Pat's Dinner (in conjunction with the ECW)                                       |
| May 22  | Parish Picnic (in conjunction with the Vestry)                                       |
| Sept. 4 | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookout- Special Event (in conjunction with the Vestry) |
| Oct. 8  | Italian Dinner   |
| Oct. 18 | Movie Night (outside event at the Majestic Theatre & Green Marlin Restaurant)        |
| Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving Dinner  |

Events that take place at the church are open to everyone. Generally, a sign-up is requested simply to determine how many to prepare for. A free-will offering is always greatly appreciated.

## Other Events:

**Men's Breakfast-** The third Tuesday of each month, Meets at CJ Cannon's Restaurant 9:00am

**Common Table Groups** ( Karen Monaco Coordinator) These are informal gatherings off the church campus. The parishioners that wish to participate, are chosen randomly and put into groups of no more than eight people (can be couples or singles) They meet once a month for a period of six months( Aug. – Dec / Jan-May), each couple or individual, takes a turn hosting a venue of choice (i.e., home, restaurant, outdoors, etc.) The purpose of these groups is to get to know as many parishioners as possible socially, especially if it's an individual who generally



# Fellowship Committee

## Chairman - Tony Tulumello (con't)

attends a different service than you do on a regular basis. People are really enjoying these groups and the first one for 2023 has already formed. Give it a try next time around!

**Thanksgiving Dinner** was brought back again in 2022 but done a little differently this time. Instead of many parishioners working their tail off and not getting to enjoy the day, Fr. Wes came up with the idea of purchasing the Turkey already prepared and carved with everyone participating in the meal bringing a side dish or dessert. It worked out magnificently, with approximately 65 parishioners attending. Give it some thought for next year!

**New Clean-up Group established-** Fr. Wes also came up with the idea of establishing a clean-up crew for these in-house events. Instead of the same people who cook the meal, having to do the kitchen clean-up as well, this new clean-up group cleans up after the event and makes the place spic and span again. There is a sign-up list for this, and it is working like a charm! Kudos to you Fr. Wes!

A big note of thanks to all those who work in the kitchen along with me, especially Brian & Karen McIntyre, Karen & Dick Monaco, Philippa & Winston Norman, Moe and Steve Connell, and more recently Jim Green and Ken McPartlin and many others too numerous to mention. We have a great crew and all work so well together! Many thanks to Carol Paris and the hospitality guild for all their hard work all year, and last but not least Mez Brown, who always keeps the kitchen stocked and in order since day one!

A final thank-you goes to our amazing Sexton, Gary. There are not enough words to thank him for all that he does at the church. Almost magically, our requests get done in a flash! He is truly amazing, and such a gift to St. Augustine's!

One last item to mention, we now have our own Gas BBQ Grill, and it has been put to good use several times this past year. No more renting and hauling that old clunker every year for the parish picnic! Thank you to Fr. Wes, and the Vestry for approving that purchase!!!!

Submitted by Tony Tulumello



# Pastoral Care Committee

## Annual Report 2022 (con't)

*“We are one Body, one spirit under our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

This has been a year of growth with the merging of the Health & Wellness Team, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry and the addition of the Caregiver Support Group, Faith Flowers and the Healing Hearth Meal Ministries under the umbrella of Pastoral Care Ministries. Each with it's own unique gift, share the common thread of caring for our parish family physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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

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

Creation of “Ask the Dietician” (the opportunity to personally meet with Phillippa Norman, R.D. once a month to discuss nutrition/diet.)

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

Articles for monthly Canterbury Tales on various topics.

Updated all First Aid Kits and formed Emergency Response Team.

Updated bulletin board and maintained health information table.

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

Program planning for two upcoming events **“Understanding Dementia”** March 11, 2023 and **“Knowledge is Empowering ”** Class on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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)

Met periodically to coordinate visitation efforts

Creation of Lay Eucharistic Ministers to serve on Altar on a rotating basis for all services.



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## Annual Report 2022 (con't)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Russ Kratz, Inge Curcio, Tony Tulumello, Sally Munson) delivered Communion to those who were in hospital, rehabilitation and nursing facilities or to those confined to their homes.

(399 Communions were delivered).

Communion/Luncheons held at Indian River Estates for parish members. Inge Curcio and Russ Kratz coordinated. Thank you.

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

The Caregiver Support Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the Old Parish Hall.

It affords the opportunity to connect with other caregivers, share worries or concerns and practical ways to manage challenges in caregiver relationships.

It has proven to be a valuable new ministry and it is our hope it will continue to thrive. Thank you Rick for your guidance. It has been an honor to serve with you on this effort.

### **Faith Flowers (New)** (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 informally gather after the 10 am service to prepare individual bouquets and deliver to recipients either during coffee hour or to their home.

This new ministry is thriving and has delivered over 80 bouquets from June to December 2022. Thank you Cindy and your volunteers: Genie Bushell, Pam and Tom Wehrberger, Lisa LaRusso, Joanne Jung, Carol Pennington, Mary Rianhard, Linda Beardslee and Al Glatz for all your efforts.

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

Healing Hearth Meal Ministry was started in the end of July to provide home-



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cooked meals for those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or have suffered a loss. Volunteers make and deliver meals as a way of showing care and concern for our fellow parish members. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would benefit from this service, please contact Cheri. Approximately 20 meals have been delivered so far.

Thanks to Cheri and her committee: Jan Schneider, Marolyn Findlay, Mary Moriarty, Nancy Kelly, Stuart Weismiller, Tony Tulumello, Valerie Daly, Karen McIntyre, Jim Green, Marcus Newton and Linda Beardslee.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is active and meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Parish Library from 1-3 pm.

Two of their valued members Rosalind James and Annette Olsson moved this past year and are truly missed for all their contributions throughout the years.

We continue making Prayer Squares which have proven to be very popular. They have been incorporated into the Welcome Bags and included in the Healthy Hearth Meals program. We continue to replenish the basket in the Narthex for those who wish to take one for themselves or pass on to another. They are packaged and blessed.

We not only knit but crochet the prayer shawls and lap robes. This past year we made a sizable donation to the local Hospice Center. We have also provided items to several parishioners and others in need of solace and peace. We love our ministry and welcome new members.

Thank you Gayle for this beautiful ministry and to you and your fellow knitters: Judy Fenton, Irene Parris, Carol Salvaterra, Nancy Mazgajewski, Elinor Silviera, Nell Cook, Deanna Iannotti and Stephanie Woolard.

The Pastoral Care Ministries are truly a ministry of many (over 42) all working towards improving the lives of our congregation. It's been a blessing to be a part of this group. Come join us!

Sally Munson, RN  
Coordinator





# Daughters of the King

## St. Michael the Archangel Chapter

### St. Augustine of Canterbury Church

The mission of our Order is to spread the word of Christ, through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We are an International Order and our Diocese is the largest in the country! We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month where we pray and keep abreast of our projects.

**Prayer** - We pray daily for people in need. There is a locked box in the Narthex with our name on it. Everyone is invited to fill out a blue card and place it in the box. Yours will be added to our daily prayers. This information is shared only with our Chapter.

**Service** - Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of the month

#### **Supporting our Order on Mission Projects**

This year our mission is for the “Feed the Lambs” - a local organization that helps under-privileged children in Indian River County. This is also our Chapter project.

#### **Evangelism**

We wear our Daughters cross at all times to show and share our faith with others. Members of our Chapter attend Assemblies and meetings throughout Florida.

We have four major fund projects - Nancy Kelly is the Fund Chairperson for the Central Florida Diocese

Self-Denial Fund: used for missionaries wherever needed

Endowment Fund: used to support the International Development and National Enrichment programs.

Master’s Fund scholarships: used for continuing religious education – seminaries.

Alpha Fund: used to develop and support Junior Daughter Ministries.

All of these funds are from donations by the Daughters at our meetings. We are not a fund-raising group, but donations to our Service Projects are always welcome.



Again, we are here to pray for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Eagan, President



# St. Augustine of Canterbury ECW Annual Report 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022



**President::** Carol Paris  
**Vice President:** Vacant  
**Secretary:** Nancy Eagan  
**Treasurer:** Gayle Twombly  
**Advisory Board:** Glenda Altman . Margaret Connell . Karen McIntyre . Karen Monaco

Number of members: All women of the Church

Number of Meetings Held: 12

- 1/15 – Hospitality Guild Breakfast
- 3/12 – St. Patrick’s Celebration
- 4/9 – Parish Quiet Day lead by Brother Rick Lorino, BSG
- 5/21 – ECW Meeting: Eucharist in Church followed by lunch and Round Table Discussion.
- 6/18 – “Spring into Summer” Fashion Show & Brunch
- 7/16 – Lunch at Sean Ryan’s Pub
- 8/20 – Lunch at The Castle in Fort Pierce
- 9/11 – New Season Holy Eucharist & Luncheon Meeting with guest speaker, Dr. Karen Adderly Clark
- 10/9 - Hospitality Guild Breakfast
- 10/16 – Annual Arts & Craft Show
- 11/19 – ECW Arts & Crafts Appreciation Breakfast
- 12/10 – Annual Ladies Christmas Tea

The checkbook balance as of 01/01/2021	\$ 691.95
<b>Total Income 2022</b>	<b>\$4811.04</b>



# St. Augustine of Canterbury ECW Annual Report 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022



## Expenses

Hospitality Expense	\$1333.22
Donations to Ministries	\$1496.99
Office Expense	\$280.26
Quiet Day	\$149.72
Fashion Show	\$400.87
St. Patrick Celebration	\$547.72
Arts & Crafts Show	\$452.17
Christmas Tea	\$474.03
Miscellaneous Expense	\$146.22
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5281.20</b>
Checkbook balance on 01/01/2022	\$ 221.79



# Altar Guild Annual Report 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022  
Directress: Mary Strahosky

Number of Members:	17	Special Projects:	Decorate for Easter
Meetings:	2		Altar of Repose
Eucharist Services:	213		Mother's Day Flowers
Baptisms:	0		Veil Crosses for Lent
Weddings:	0		Decorate for Christmas
Funerals:	13		



# Garden Angels Annual Report 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022

**Committee Chair: Mary Strahosky**  
with Report assistance from Brian McIntyre

- Members:** Mary Strahosky, Brian McIntyre, Karen McIntyre, Rosie Grant  
Karen Monaco, Ed Hoff, and Valarie Daly
- Meetings:** Every Tuesday Morning
- Special Event:** Plant Sale at the ECW Arts and Crafts Show. The plants that were sold were thinned from the church grounds.
- Weekly Projects:** Water urns in breezeway  
Water urns by the front door of the church  
Clean bird bath and fill with fresh water  
Thinning gardens - weeding  
Urns at church entrance replanted to reflect church seasons  
Memorial plants or trees purchased and planted if requested.

The year 2022 was busy for the Garden Angels, in addition to the constant on-going garden chores of planting, weeding, watering, trimming, rearranging, and replanting, plus maintaining hoses, tools and irrigation, the garden angels conducted the following extra tasks in 2022.

In January and February the peninsula garden at the exit end of the parking lot was dug up to repair the broken irrigation system. Large bromeliads were moved to the front lawn, new pipes were installed, and the garden was replanted.

In March, a new raised gravel path to stop erosion behind the second columbarium structure was planned and estimated. Eight tons of gravel was delivered. A dozen concrete parking bumpers were moved to form the path border and the gravel was wheelbarrowed back to the columbarium, compacted, and leveled. The gravel was also used to pave an additional path to the air conditioner area plus a new parking area next to and a storage area behind the dumpster.



# Garden Angels Annual Report 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022 (con't)

**Committee Chair: Mary Strahosky**

**with Report assistance from Brian McIntyre**

In April a damaged 1 ½" main irrigation pipe buried in the front lawn was located and repaired. Many sprinkler heads were relocated and-or replaced. Damage to the front well supply pipe was located and repairs scheduled. Mulch was applied between the old church and entry driveway prior to the Bishop's visit. The nine underground front irrigation valve boxes were located and serviced.

In May, extensive work was done to repair the defective north side irrigation system. The project continues.

During June and July a wall was created with more recycled concrete bumpers around the front well pump house which was half buried from erosion. Gravel was moved, sprinkler heads repaired and the area was regraded to prevent further erosion.

In August all the remaining concrete parking bumpers were moved from the rear parking area to serve as garden borders. The storage area was swept and leveled to remove the previous eyesore. Old parking signs were removed from the woods and the posts were cut into sections for tree supports.

In September, new gardens with new irrigation were designed and cost estimates were prepared for the vestry for the renewed front church sign.

In October we potted excess plants and handled plant sales for the arts & craft fair. The plant profit of \$265.00 paid for most of the new front sign gardens and irrigation.

November projects included the irrigation, soil improvement, grading, planting, and mulching of the two new gardens. The rear well pump controller failed and upon inspection a decision was made that the best option would be to purchase and install a new replacement.

New angels; Karen McIntyre, Karen Monaco, Ed Hoff, and Valarie Daly joined with Mary Strahosky, Rosie Grant, and Brian McIntyre along with help from Gary Attanasio and Father Wes to get these tasks done.



## Lectors, Lay Readers, Chalice Bearers & Servers

Committee Chair: Marianne A. Rowan: Report 2023

These ministries consist of permanent and part-time 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, or Chalice Bearers.

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.

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've have scheduling meetings as well as individual and group coaching sessions. We have also had new parishioners join these ministries. With the various changes over the past two years, we still have a reduction in our active number of participants.

Participants have served as:

**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.

**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:** In the absence of acolytes, Servers 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. Once again, we currently have a growing number of **Acolytes** and their report follows.

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)



# Acolyte Report

## Annual Meeting: January 21, 2023

Committee Chair: Marianne A. Rowan

**NUMBER OF MEMBERS:**      **6 Sunday School Participants**  
   **4 Young Adults**  
   **6 Adults who also serve in our Chalice Bearer and Server Ministry**

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD:** As needed for training

The **Acolyte Ministry** is once again beginning to thrive after almost 2 years of Covid restrictions. We continue to add more of our youth from the Sunday School Program. We have 1 young adult who currently serves throughout the year. We have 3 young adults who grew up in our St. Augustine parish family, and continue to serve when they are back in Vero Beach.

We have approximately 6 adults who serve as Acolytes as well as Chalice Bearers and Lay-Readers.

The Acolyte Ministry currently serves the Sunday 10 AM Eucharistic Service.

The Sunday School Acolytes also serve on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

Some of our Acolytes are also beginning to read at the 10 AM Eucharist and are becoming licensed Chalice Bearers through the Diocese.

The Acolyte “duties” include the lighting of the appropriate altar 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 service.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS OR PROJECTS IN 2022:**

#### **FOR THE PARISH**

Christmas Eve – 5:30 Family Service

Christmas Eve – 9 PM Choral Eucharist Service

Christmas Day – 10 AM Eucharist Service

Easter Vigil – Saturday 9:00 PM Choral Eucharist Service

Easter Sunday Eucharist

10 AM Sunday Services

Holy Days or Special Services as requested by the Rector



## Acolyte Report

### Annual Meeting: January 21, 2023 (con't)

Committee Chair: Marianne A. Rowan

#### **FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Our Sunday School acolytes assist in the various outreach programs that our parish participates in.

**If you would like to serve in this ministry, please see me, Marianne Rowan, or Fr Wes.**

**My contact number is: 772.321.1534 or [annierowan@comcast.net](mailto:annierowan@comcast.net)**



## Ushers Report

### Annual Meeting: January 21, 2023

Committee Chair: Marianne A. Rowan

**NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 15**

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD:** As needed for training

The Ushers Ministry currently serves the Sunday 10 AM Eucharistic Service.

There are several Ushers who serve at the Sunday 8 AM Eucharistic Service and Inga Curcio coordinates their service schedule.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS OR PROJECTS IN 2022:**

#### **FOR THE PARISH**

Easter Vigil – Saturday 9:00 PM Choral Eucharist Service

Easter Sunday Eucharist

Christmas Eve – 5:30 Family Service

Christmas Eve – 9 PM Choral Eucharist Service

Christmas Day – 10 AM Eucharist Service

10 AM Sunday Services

Holy Days or Special Services as requested by the Rector

I would like to thank each member of this Ministry for the outstanding work done in 2022. I would also like to thank Howard Daniels for his service as the previous coordinator of this important ministry. **If you would like to serve in this ministry, please see me, Marianne Rowan, or Fr Wes.**

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# Morning Prayer Ministry Report

## Annual Meeting: January 21, 2023

### Coordinator: Marianne A. Rowan

**NUMBER OF MEMBERS:** 6 Morning Prayer Leaders

3 Substitute Leaders

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD:** As needed for revisions & discussions

The **Morning Prayer Ministry** began during the Covid-19 shutdown of the weekly church services.

**Morning Prayer is open to all. You may participate (or listen) by calling in at: 339.209.4611**

We “meet” **Monday through Friday mornings at 8:00 AM** via our call-in phone number including holidays or holy days that fall on a weekday.

Morning Prayer is led by one of our 6 regular leaders. Participants are encouraged to read along for the prayers and canticles of Morning Prayer Rite Two.

The Readings for the Week are uploaded on the church website along with the full Morning Prayer Booklet. This makes it easy for participants to follow along even without their Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

On days when we are commemorating a saint, martyr, or others a short biography is read by the leader or is available for the participants to review on their own.

Everyone is welcome to join on daily Morning Prayer Service.

**If you would like more information or to serve as a leader in this ministry, please reach out to me, Marianne Rowan. My contact number is: 772.321.1534 or [annierowan@comcast.net](mailto:annierowan@comcast.net)**



# Music Ministry Annual Report 2023

For year ending December 31, 2022

By: Tom Hall, Director of Music

During 2022, the choir sang at Choral Eucharist every Sunday morning, and on Maundy Thursday, the great Vigil of Easter, and at 9:00 on Christmas Eve. The choir also sang for several memorial services. In addition, choristers participated in the 5:30 Christmas Eve service, leading the congregation in the singing of Carols, and in the Good Friday service. 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 16, and from August 18 through December 22, with extended rehearsal times during the three weeks before Christmas. The choir met for a Sunday morning “warm-up” rehearsal at 9:00 throughout the entire year. Section leaders continued to meet weekly on Thursday during the choir’s summer recess, and currently meet for a separate rehearsal each week in addition to the choir rehearsals.

Besides the choral services, the organist has provided music for the 8:00 Rite I Eucharist since Easter, 2022, and for several other services, as well.

In 2023, we are continuing our program of weekly services and rehearsals, with the addition 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 have helped prepare and file choir materials, and to those who organize and care for vestments, and to the instrumentalists who have played during services.