



“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.”



St. Augustine's Annual Meeting

All are invited to come to the St. Augustine's Annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 am** in the Sanctuary. Hear reports from ministry leaders; vote for new vestry members. Come rejoice in the wondrous ways God is moving among us!

Annual Vestry Elections

Annual Meeting brings along with it the annual vestry elections. This year, three vestry members, Russ Krantz, Karen McIntyre, and Richard Calkins completed their terms and we are very grateful for the time and energy they contributed in helping lead our church. With these three open positions, come three able candidates: **Valerie Reich, Sheila Robinson and Tony Thomas**. Voting for these candidates will take place during the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 am**.

Meet Your Candidates

Valerie Reich

Valerie was born and raised in the Philadelphia area. She has been married to Jerry for 46 years. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. Together on this journey, they have lived in Colorado, Texas, California, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, Georgia, Germany, Florida, Ohio and Tennessee prior to moving to Vero Beach in 2022. Raised and educated in the Catholic tradition, she came to faith while attending a “Moms In Touch” prayer group. Valerie has been a member of St. Augustine of Canterbury since 2022. She currently serves on Fellowship, Outreach, Faith Flowers, Ushers, and Connections Women’s Bible Study ministries.

Sheila Sandlass Robinson

Sheila and John Robinson joined St. Augustine’s in September 2022, after arriving from Lewes, DE. She grew up on the Jersey shore, and had always picked a home close to family, friends and the beach. Sheila spent 12 years working in DC for an international airline opening up new destinations for American travel, and eventually settled in McLean, Virginia where she raised two children and opened up a family-run business for the next 21 years with her former husband.

A career change took her to dental administration and management for the next 23 years where she witnessed many new and exciting innovations. Her diverse careers taught her not only how to run a successful business, but to provide top-notch customer service. Sheila met husband John in 2014, and started attending an Episcopal church in Milton, DE, where they married in 2016. She subsequently joined The Episcopal Church and later became a Eucharistic minister, reader and usher. Serving with John, who was an acolyte and usher was always special for her.

Tony Thomas

Tony has been married to his wife Kate 46 years. They have two married children and are looking forward to being first-time grandparents in April. They have been snowbirds for a while but made the plunge to become full-time Vero Beach residents last year. They have been members of St. Augustine’s for four years.

Tony is a lifelong Episcopalian and has always been active in the parishes where they have lived throughout his corporate career: Christ Church in Short Hills, NJ; St. Michael and All Angels in Dallas, TX and All Saints in New Albany, OH. He has held many positions along the way including acolyte, usher, chalice bearer, lay reader, vestry member, senior warden, search committee, buildings and ground committee, fundraising and communications chair for capital projects.

Upcoming Events

THIS SATURDAY!

Let's Get 2025 Off to a Healthy Start!

Join us in welcoming Lori Long, Personal Trainer-Coach and Life Style Educator on **Saturday, January 18, 10 am -12 noon** in the Parish Hall

when she will present tips on simple changes to help improve your health and wellness. Enjoy a healthy brunch and participate in a group chair exercise demonstration. All are invited to this Episcopal Church Women and Health and Wellness Team-sponsored event. Please sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact: [Sally Munson](#), RN, Coord. of Health and Wellness Team.



Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

Calendar

New ECW Board

The newly elected Episcopal Church Women Board of Directors who were commissioned with blessings by Fr. Wes last Sunday are (left to right): Pam Wehrberger (Treasurer), Sophia Isaac (Secretary), Marilyn Black Dussault (President) and Lisa LaRusso (Vice President).

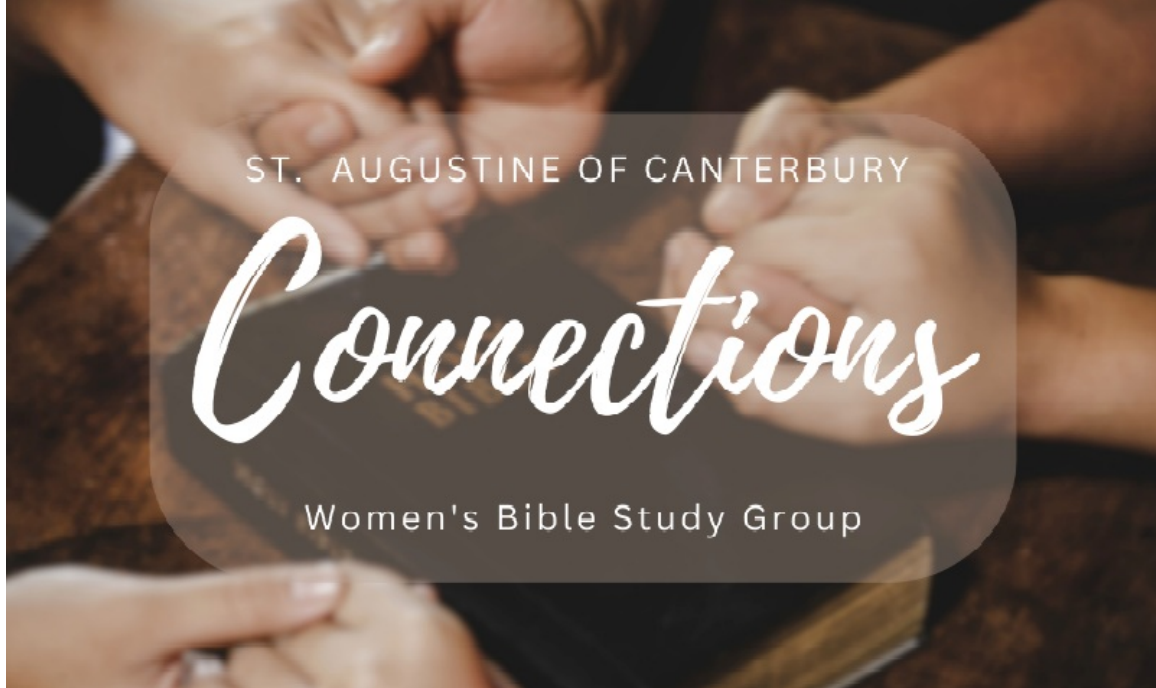


Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

Sunday Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Ed meets on **Sunday mornings at 9 am** in the Library! Bible study will resume on **January 19** with a two-session series (**1/19 and 1/26**) on the Creeds. Come be part of this thought-provoking discussion. Questions? Contact: [Fr. Wes Shields](#)





Women's Bible Study Starts New Series in January

Connections is a women's Bible study ministry serving women of all ages. We learn from each other, grow in our faith, and develop rich friendships as we study the Bible together in small discussion groups facilitated by a leader. Starting **January 7**, we will meet for 12 weeks on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am** in the Parish Hall to study the Gospel of Matthew. Our facilitators will be Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich. [Purchase your study guide using this link](#)

"A wonderful way to study Scripture with women who share our beliefs. The leaders, Val and Anita, are enthusiastic and well-versed. It is such a blessing to our great parish and hopefully will continue." Marilyn Black Dussault

Let's talk about the Bible! Did you know that the Bible has sold more copies than any other book and has been translated into more than 1,500 languages. Completed nearly 2,000 years ago, the Bible has stood the test of time. Jesus says about it, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35) His statement has proven true. The Bible is just as applicable today as it was then.

Come Join Us! No sign-up necessary - there is a seat at the table ready just for you! **Contact:** [Valerie Reich](#)
[Order Study Guide>](#)

This Week in Sunday School ...

We will be learning about the story of Jacob's Ladder. In this story, Jacob is on a journey and stops to rest for the night. While he sleeps, he has a dream where he sees a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it. God speaks to Jacob in the dream, reassuring him of His presence and promising to bless him and his descendants.



This story teaches us about God's faithfulness, His guidance, and how He is always with us, even when we face difficult or uncertain times. We will also learn how Jacob's experience helped strengthen his relationship with God and how we, too, can trust in God's promises.

Join us! We meet **Sundays** (no class the first Sunday of each month), **at 10 am** in the far classroom in the Old Parish Hall. Come along with your friends and make new ones too! **Ages K-8 welcome** – we can't wait to see you there! Parishioners, if you have kids, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone that might be interested in Sunday School, please contact ministry leader [Michelle Guancione](#).



Daughters of the King

The St. Michael the Archangel Chapter of the Daughters of the King and would love to get to know you better and for you to know us better. Please join us on **Wednesday, February 5, 4-6 pm** in the Parish Hall for a Wine and Cheese gathering for fun and fellowship and a great presentation on "The Blessings of Humility" by our president, Nancy Kelly. Sign up in the Narthex. Contact [Marilyn Black Dussault](#)



Outreach

Salvation Army Food Pantry

Food donations have been inspiring. Let's keep the momentum going! Food contributions for the Salvation Army may be placed in the collection box in the Parish Hall. **We only accept three items: pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter (at their request).** Thank you for your generosity in helping to serve local Vero residents in need.



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

FOOD COLLECTION

Please donate:

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter

Try On a New Service Hat!

All of these opportunities to serve can be fulfilled on a flexible schedule and carry no

ongoing commitment. See which one fits you the best!



KING OF THE HILL TOURNAMENT

St. Augustine Serves will be helping out at the King of the Hill Tennis Tournament on **Thursdays from 5-7 pm** to benefit Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy. We are looking for helpers on the following Thursdays: **Feb. 6, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20**. This activity involves working as ticket-takers (seated), ushering attendees and engaging with the youth. Five people are needed each week; consider bringing a friend!

These events are being held at The Boulevard Tennis Club (1620 Blvd Village Ln., Vero Beach - Right off Indian River Boulevard). We will need one person to work from 4-6 pm to help with the setup, and four people to work 5-7 pm during the event. All are invited to stay to watch the tennis tournament. If you are interested in helping out, please contact: [Barbara McGowan](#) with the date(s) you are available.

3RD FRIDAYS AT THE SOURCE

The Outreach Ministry is now serving dinner on a monthly basis at The Source, which involves menu-planning, shopping, cooking in the parish kitchen and serving the evening meal onsite. Our next service date is **Friday, January 17**. Please contact: [Tony Tulumello](#) if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

SHINING LIGHT GARDEN

Come for a morning of planting, weeding and/or harvesting vegetables at Shining Light Garden on **Saturday, January 25, 8:30-10:30 am**. The food that is harvested goes to our neighbors in need throughout Indian River County. **Contact:** [Barbara McGowan](#)



HOSPITALITY GUILD MINISTRY

Become part of the "Warm Welcome that awaits you" at St. Augustine's! The Hospitality Guild invites you to consider joining one of their four teams that will rotate monthly in the upcoming year. The teams provide set-up and service to special events, potluck gatherings, Lenten suppers and Celebrations of Life. No cooking, shopping or serving at Sunday Coffee Hours is involved, as these operate as separate ministries. Snowbirds are welcome as the busy season is from October until May. Team members make lasting friendships while providing a vital service for our parish community. Please consider joining us! **Contact:** [Carol Paris](#)

CLEAN UP CREW

St. Augustine's continues to provide fellowship opportunities into the new year. We are organizing a Cleanup Crew for these events. Please consider offering your talent and serve with us on this team. Sign up is in the Narthex. **Duties:** Attend one training on kitchen/hall clean up: **February 18 at 4 pm** (not required, but helpful); Clean up kitchen and hall after events: New Year's Brunch, Shrove Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinners, St. Patrick's Day, Italian Festival, Thanksgiving Day, other events that may occur; Providing a vital

service for our parish community. Please consider joining us! **Questions?**
Contact: [Beth Weatherstone](#)

ALTAR GUILD | SATURDAY SERVICE

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteer(s) for the Saturday night service. It entails clearing the Altar after the Saturday night service and setting it up for the Sunday 8 am service. It is a four-week rotation, you would only do it one Saturday every four weeks. **Contact:** [Mary Strahosky](#)

BAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Calling all Bakers! Cookies are needed for various ministries on an ongoing basis. Come "Bake" a Difference! Join our half-baked ministry! Consider being on a contact list for occasional cookies. **Contact:** [Tony Tulumello](#)

SEWING WORKSHOP MENTOR

Youth Guidance is looking for a volunteer sewing mentor with some sewing machine experience. The workshop is held on **Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 pm.**
Contact: [Jen Moore](#), Youth Guidance volunteer coordinator.

This Sunday!

"Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

JOHN 2:10

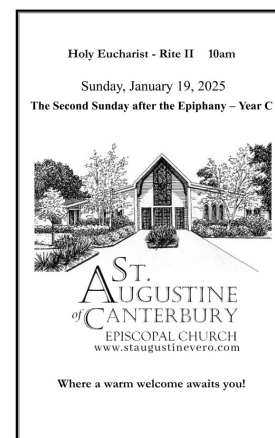
Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**, either in person or at home via [Livestream](#). 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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Sunday Morning Fellowship

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

Readers and Servers

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

Saturday, 5:30 pm
All duties: Jane Ferguson

Sunday, 8 am
All Duties: Cris Vaccaro
Ushers: Linda Beardslee,
Valorie Stevenson

Sunday, 10 am
Ushers: Karen & Brian McIntyre
and Pam Wehrberger
Lessons: Ken McPartlin
POTP: Julie McPartlin
Chalice: Chip & Stuart Weismiller
Crucifer: Heather Bennett
Torches: Chip & Stuart Weismiller
LEM: Heather Bennett

Livestream: Emma Shields
Sunday School Assistant Julia Wiggins
Coffee Hour: Belma Kerrigan, Carole
Pennington, Janet Langan, Mary Moriarty



Join us this Week for ...

Morning Prayer | Daily 8 am

Join in on [Daily Morning Prayer](#) services over the telephone. Simply dial (339) 209-4611 before 8 am, Monday through Friday to participate. The service is easy to follow and is about 20 minutes long. Newcomers, please see the [Online Instructions](#) to set up the Daily Office App. [Launch the Daily Office App>](#)



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

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

Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

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

News & Notes

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King

While the civil rights leader would have turned 96 on Jan. 15, the official federal holiday

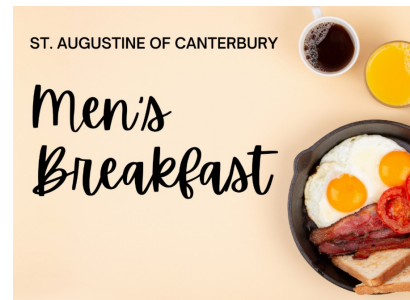
commemorating King is on the third Monday in January, which this year is Jan. 20, and coincides with Inauguration Day. King was the key leader in the nonviolent equality movement for Black Americans in the 1950s and 1960s. Based in part on the impact of the 1963 March on Washington and King's "I have a dream" speech, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act and a year later the Voting Rights Act. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, during a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, to support city sanitation workers who were striking for better pay and working conditions. He is honored in The Episcopal Church's Lesser Feasts and Fasts calendar on April 4, and maybe best known for these words:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Men's Breakfast

Come to a St. Augustine of Canterbury Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9 am** or any third Tuesday, at CJ Cannons ([3414 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach](#)). **Ministry contact:** [Al Glatz](#)



Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Tues., Jan. 21, 28 - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am, Parish Hall

Sat., Jan. 18 - "Let's Get 2025 off to a Healthy Start," 11 am, Parish Hall

Tues., Jan. 21 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Sat., Jan. 25 - Daughters of the King meeting, 10 am, Library

Sun., Jan. 26 - Annual Meeting, 11 am, Sanctuary
(Health & Wellness is postponed until February)

Tues., Jan. 28 - Caregivers Support Group Parish Hall

Wed., Feb. 5 - Daughters of the King Wine and Cheese and presentation on "The Blessings of Humility," 4-6 pm, Parish Hall

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

CALENDAR

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 Matthew, Evelyn, Kathleen, Glenda, Erton, Betty, Dennis, Karen, Darlene, Jo Ann, the Stark Family, Luis, Annetta, Jay, Laurita, 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

- 19 - Ruth Horton
- 21 - Rhonda Cipolla
- 22 - Sandy Hall
- 23 - Diana Weir
- 24 - Rose Helm
- 25 - Don Helm

Anniversaries

- 19 - Frank & Leslea McCabe
- 23 - Tom & Sandy Hall (2018)
- 24 - Howard & Maggie Daniels (1959)
- 25 - Don & Janet Langan

This Week, We Remember

Departed

- 19 - Richard Davis (2022)
- 24 - George Bodine (2023)



Altar Flowers

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 contact [Dana Johnson](#) at the Parish Office at 772-770-3494.



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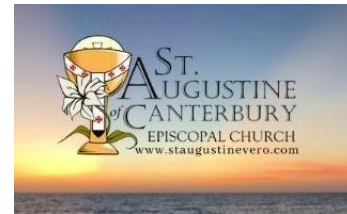
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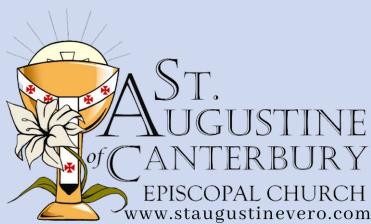
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