



“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. Please read the Annual Report which includes important information from your ministry leaders; a lot of work has gone into this. Come ready to vote for new vestry members and rejoice in the wondrous ways God is moving among us! [Download Annual Report](#)



Annual Vestry Elections

Annual Meeting brings along with it the annual vestry elections. This year, three vestry members, Russell Kratz, 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.



Fire Relief Funding

Many of you have witnessed on TV the terrible devastation caused by fires in

the Los Angeles area. In looking for ways that St. Augustine's could help, our vestry has chosen to collect funds for St. Mark's Church, an Episcopal church in Altadena, CA. A message on their website describes their catastrophic loss: "Saint Mark's in Altadena lost our beautiful church and entire school campus in the Eaton Fire. Our community is devastated, and our hearts go out to all those suffering unimaginable losses and devastation. We are committed to supporting the immediate needs of everyone in our Saint Mark's community impacted by this tragedy."

If you would like to make a donation, make your checks out to St. Augustine's Church and in the memo line put "Fire Relief." If you would like to donate cash, just mark the envelope for "Fire Relief." If you would prefer an online donation, let the office know and we will arrange for that. To learn more about this church community in need, you can [visit their website](#). Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

YOU are the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Come learn what's happening in the ECW and how your participation is needed to continue to grow and enable us to empower women in faith and service. Our next meeting is **Saturday, February 15, 11 am - 1 pm** in the Parish Hall. Food and fun will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact: [Pam Wehrberger](#)



Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

[Calendar](#)



ECW AND HEALTH & WELLNESS

Got 2025 Off to a Healthy Start!

Last Saturday parishioner Lori Long teamed up with the Health and Wellness ministry and ECW to present tips and techniques for making a healthy start in the new year. A personal

trainer/coach and life style educator, Lori gave participants valuable tips for making simple changes to help improve health and wellness. After a delicious brunch that came in a rainbow of colors and was packed full with vitamins and nutrients, participants engaged in some good fun with the group chair exercise. Many thanks to Lori, ECW, and Sally Munson and her team for putting together such a valuable program! If you are interested in learning more about exercise, you can contact Lori by email: la2755@aol.com.



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



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Connections

Women's Bible Study Group

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](#)

"Connections is a wonderful group of women. We all learn from each other, the Word of God. I have a better understanding of the Bible."
Karen McIntyre

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray: "Give us this day our daily bread" - thus relying on God to meet our needs each and every day as we spend time with Him both in prayer and in His Word. Some of the benefits of daily Bible study are: spiritual growth; it strengthens our faith and directs our steps. We experience God's faithfulness as we learn His promises. We see growth in our prayer life (as we learn to pray scripture) and we bear much fruit (as we abide in Him).

Come Join Us Anytime! No sign-up necessary - there is always 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 and Rachel. Jacob, after leaving his home, travels to a well where he meets Rachel, a beautiful woman who is the daughter of his uncle Laban. Jacob falls in love with her at first sight and agrees to work for seven years to earn the right to marry her. However, Laban deceives Jacob by giving him his older daughter, Leah, instead of Rachel.

Jacob then works another seven years to marry Rachel, the woman he truly

loves. This story teaches us about patience, love, and the importance of keeping promises. We will also learn how God was with Jacob throughout his struggles and how He can guide us through life's challenges.

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!

THIS SATURDAY!

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](#)



KING OF THE HILL TOURNAMENT

The King of the Hill Tournament has been cancelled for today, January 23 due to weather. All volunteers have been notified.

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, February 21**. Please contact: [Tony Tulumello](#) if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

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](#)

This Sunday!

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27-31a

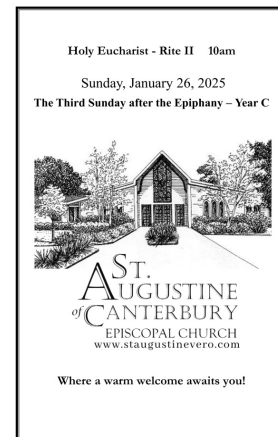
Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Third 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.

[Worship Schedule>](#)

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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: Beth Weatherstone

Sunday, 8 am

All Duties: Kate Schmidt
Ushers: Linda Beardslee, Ralph Chilton
Coffee Hour: Inge & Byron Curcio

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Valerie & Jerry Reich,
Richard Calkins & Deb Kavanagh
Lessons: Marianne Rowan
POTP: David Rowan
Chalice: Marianne & David Rowan
Crucifer: David Rowan
Torches: Marianne Rowan, Sally Munson
LEM: Sally Munson

Livestream: Emma Shields

Sunday School Assistant Julia Wiggins

Coffee Hour: Dick & Karen Monaco,
Barbara Houston, Donna Copeland, and
Tom Elwood.



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

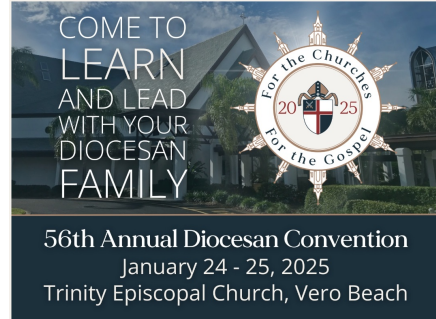
Bible Study with Fr. Wes | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library

News & Notes

Diocesan Convention

Please keep this weekend's Diocesan Convention in your prayers, and especially Fr. Wes, and Marianne Rowan, David Rowan and Cris Vaccaro who will be representing St. Augustine's as delegates. The convention will

convene on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25 at Trinity Episcopal Church and School in Vero Beach for educational sessions, Holy Eucharist, convention business, food and fellowship. It is a "time of learning and leading together; for the churches, for the Gospel." You may follow some of the activities from the diocesan website: CFDiocese.org/2025DioCon.



Caregiver's Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on **January 28** (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



Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

- Tues., Jan. 21 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
- Sat., Jan. 25 - St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am
- 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 - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am, Parish Hall
- Tues., Jan. 28 - Caregivers Support Group Parish Hall

Save the Date

- Tues., Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
- Wed., Feb. 5 - Daughters of the King Wine and Cheese and presentation on "The Blessings of Humility," 4-6 pm, Parish Hall
- Thurs., Feb. 6, 13, 20 - St. Augustine Serves at King of the Hill Tournament
- Sat., Feb. 9 - Annual Stewardship Campaign Kickoff, all services
- Sat., Feb. 15 - ECW Eucharist and Luncheon, 11 am, Parish Hall
- Tues., Feb. 18 - Clean Up Crew Training Session, 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 Jill, Elaine, 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

30 - Nick Morris
Terry Seymour
31 - Pat Pyle
01 - The Rev. David Hanson

Anniversaries

25 - Don & Janet Langan

This Week, We Remember

Departed

27 - Stewart Dunn (2023)
28 - Joe Orio (2021)
28 - Mary Kreul
31 - Raymond Paulson (2020)



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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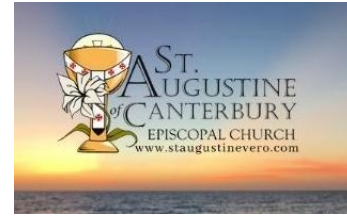
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