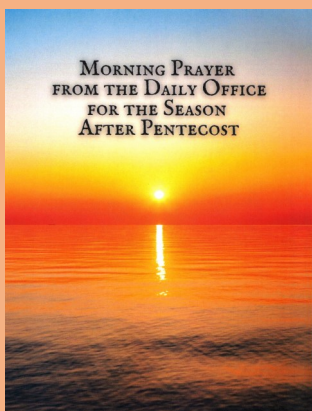




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to follow and is about
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We may not be able
to meet face-to-face
safely, but we can
pray together as one,
every day of the
week. ***Please join us!***



Thank You to my Parish Family

from Pastor Denise

My last Sunday with all of you is September 12, 2021. I do not like saying good bye. I prefer to say Shalom. It has been a blessing for me to have served God here at St. Augustine's. My ministry and my life has been enriched by each of you.

You have welcomed me into your lives and homes and for that I truly thank you.

I look at retirement with some sadness and what will my life look like after retirement. My daughters reminded me the last 32 years the they have had to share me with the Church. This year we can attend church as a family. This reminder does bring joy to my heart.

Thank you for all your love, support and generosity over the last 6 years!

A Message from our new Rector, Father Wes

Over the last couple of weeks I have been able to meet with many of you and I am thankful for that opportunity. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the near future and many more as others return from up north. I have stated in writing and in our small group meetings that getting to know you is my highest priority. There are so many questions that I cannot answer because I don't know you all well enough. I will however address some of the questions that came up in our small group conversations.

One question that was asked in various forms was about my priorities moving forward. As I said, my first priority is spending time with you all. Second is finding a new choir master and organist. I am pleased to say that Judith Taylor has agreed to stay on through November if needed. That will give us a little breathing room to conduct a search. The Vestry met and decided on a package that we feel we can offer at this time. We will be moving forward with the search in the near future. My third priority is to

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learn how you worship, work on staffing, finances, and programming. In other words, everything else.

I was also asked about a variety of ministries that have gone on in the past, but are currently on hold. In general my take on these ministries is that if there are people with a passion and desire to do ministry, then I will try to support them. I don't want a church filled with people doing jobs because somebody has to do them. I want a church filled with people doing ministry that they feel called to because God has led them in that direction. That doesn't mean that it will be easy, all ministry has its challenges, but following our calling is rewarding. If there are ministries that no one feels a passion for, then it might be time to let them go. These are all a part of our ongoing conversations.

One of my hopes for every congregation that I have been a part of is that the laity will find a way to serve others. That could be through pastoral care, through outreach, prayer, teaching, or a host of other possibilities. The point is that I want people to recognize that we have received gifts from God and we have the opportunity to use those gifts in God's service. You will continue to hear me beat that drum as you will continue to have me asking you to serve. I hope we can all find something we are passionate about and put that passion to work for God's glory.



St. Augustine's Order of the Daughters of the King Saint Michael the Archangel Chapter

Welcome back from summer hiatus!

The Daughters pray daily for people who have requested prayer. The blue prayer cards are located on the table on the left side of the Narthex. You can complete them and put them in the locked prayer box. You can complete the confidential requests and place them in the locked DOK box. Nancy Kelly is in charge of the prayer list. You may also contact her at 772-559-3271. Once you submit a request, it is added to our existing list. It is very important that you keep us informed of any changes, including praise reports, so that the list may be continually updated.

The Daughters meet every fourth Saturday of the month, at 10 AM in the Goldberg Parish Hall. Our mission is to serve God, with prayer, (our main focus), service and evangelism. We are currently discussing Fall Assembly and nominations for our Diocesan project for the year; arranging speakers for upcoming meetings; and various projects and ways we may be of service to our parish. We invite any interested ladies of the parish to join us at our meetings. The continued success of our DOK chapter is important to our parish, and we would love to see you there! Come and see what you are missing!



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Greetings! Well, here we are in September! It seems like we just blinked, and July and August were over. The ECW had a very successful luncheon at Mr. Manatee's in July. 30 women attended giving renewed meaning to our often-used phrase "fun, fellowship & food"! In August we said good-bye to our beloved Choir Director and Organist, Jason with a bittersweet celebration and we were sad to see Ronda leave us but happy for her as she starts a new chapter in her life with her family. I am sad to say we must get the tissues out again on September 12th when we say so long to Pastor Denise. However, she can be sure to know that she will be on our guest speaker list for the future! After all, W. Palm Beach is not like moving to Japan! Now, for the happy news.... We welcomed our new Rector, Fr. Wes Shields, and his family. May the Lord bestow many blessings on this new beginning for all of us.

Just a reminder.... the **ECW (Episcopal Church Women)** includes all women who attend our church. Please check out our upcoming events below and join us.

Please join us to start our **new ECW season on Saturday, September 11** for Holy Eucharist at noon followed by a luncheon meeting in the Goldberg Parish Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex or call/text 772-579-0315 to make a reservation on or before September 8.

Save the dates:

Saturday, October 16 - **Arts & Crafts Show**. Our invitations to our crafters and vendors have been sent and received with joy from many already! If you wish to display your talent, product, or have an important message, pick up a form in the office or call/text 772-579-0315 to have one sent to you. Spread the word!

Saturday, November 20 – ECW meeting; details TBA

Saturday, December – Advent Family Supper following 5:30 service, details to follow

Thank you to all who volunteer to help with the **Hospitality Guild** and Sunday 10 am service coffee hour hosting. We still need more volunteers to cover all but the first and third Sunday of each month.

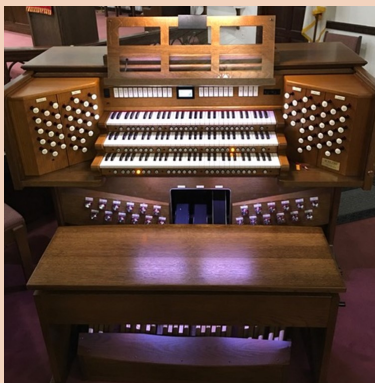
Please call or text me at 772-579-0315 or speak with me in the Goldberg Hall during the coffee hour on Sundays.

Check out the newly organized and constantly updated **bulletin boards** in the Goldberg Parish Hall. You'll be sure to find some interesting information there.

Please check out the information on the **Health & Wellness** bulletin board Sally Munson and her team are here to offer some wonderful services, advice, and TLC. Contact Sally for more information at 201-247-0784.

Wishing you God's blessings, Carol Paris, ECW President

THE NEW ORGAN IS HERE!



What an exciting time for our Parish!

Our brand new Rodgers Infinity 361 series hybrid digital organ arrived on August 17, just two days after our first weekend with our new Rector, Father Wes! The installation took place through August 20th and the organ was first heard on August 22nd at the 10am service played by Judith Taylor. Judith will be with us up to the end of November and we have begun to search for our new Music Director

who will be privileged to play this beautiful instrument. Special thanks goes out to all those whose extremely generous contributions will ensure that the rich musical tradition that we have enjoyed here at St. Augustine's will continue for many years to come.



Outreach

The next committee meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 15th @11:00 in Goldberg Hall.

Please give to the P.O.P.S. Fund

St. Augustine's is so blessed to have the POPS Fund, established by an anonymous donor. This Fund helps support *Local Outreach Organizations* with much needed equipment, repairs, and capital expenditures, often in an emergency status, and are necessary in carrying out their charitable missions.

We greatly appreciate any donation you can afford to give. An envelope is provided in this month's newsletter for this purpose, or your check can be sent directly to the Parish Office. Please be sure to write "POPS Fund" on the check.

Christian Education

Christian Education Wing Prayer Group

The Christian Ed wing prayer group will meet Mondays starting August 30th at 1:30pm in the Christian Ed wing (Old Parish Hall space). This will be a time of silent prayer for 20 minutes asking God to guide and bless us in our endeavors. We will then have a few minutes of sharing any new insights you have received. We will be praying for all our Christian Education programs, but we will focus on youth. Everyone is welcome!

Quiet Bags for Kids



There are now children's bulletins and quiet bags for the kids on the table in the Narthex. The bulletins include word search, coloring, and games and the bags have crayons and quiet toys for the kids during the service.



Stuff's gettin' fixed!

Gary's Corner

Our sexton has been hard at work sprucing up our old parish hall with a fresh coat of paint, starting with the kitchen. He has also recently pressure washed the sidewalks leading into the church and the office. New air conditioning filters are being replaced throughout the whole building under the guidance of Guy McKenzie. Father Wes and his children hauled away the pieces of an old dilapidated fence which Gary had torn down earlier this year. The parish hall door has also been fixed so that it closes properly.



A note from Dana, Receptionist

Thanks to everyone for all of your support as we go through this time of great change and transition! As most folks know, I am wearing many hats these days and I ask for everyone's understanding and patience as I work my way through all of the daily tasks that present themselves during the course of any given day. I will respond as quickly as I can to all requests. Please feel free to call the office with any questions or concerns and I will respond the best I can. Thanks for your patience as we all move forward!



New COVID Safety Protocols

In light of the new Diocesan guidelines and in the interest of keeping everyone safe especially during this latest spike, please remember that masks are now required indoors at church regardless of vaccination status. At the time of this writing, positive cases are at an all time high in Indian River County since March 2020. Please use hand sanitizer and please do not leave used tissues in the pews. Thank you so much for your cooperation!



Please continue to join us for Coffee Hour after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Parish Hall!



NEWS FROM HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Welcome to Father Wes, Laura, Emma, Cody and Tucker
and to new beginnings for St. Augustine!

The Health and Wellness Team met this summer in an effort to begin planning for this coming year.

It's our hope to resume our once a month blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday beginning in September (provided that COVID doesn't warrant limiting our "in person" gatherings).

We are participating in the October 16th Family Festival event sponsored by the ECW.

Continue to provide monthly health and wellness offerings in Canterbury Tales.

Several new ideas are in the planning stage and we look forward to sharing them with you in the coming months.

In closing, we would like to thank Pastor Denise for her guidance in helping to plan and develop our ministry. We are so grateful to have had her expertise, presence and grace. You will be missed.

Sally Munson, RN, Coordinator

Rick Lorino, Board Certified Chaplain

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Phillippa Norman, Dietician

Clarence Clarke, Vestry

Tony Tulumello, Vestry

Genie Bushell, RN

Heather Rae Bennett, LMT

Yvonne Tso, Spiritual Director

Jacinth Brown, RN

Carol Paris, ECW President



September is Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month

Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month is recognized each year in September and is a perfect time to encourage women to learn more about cancers of the cervix, vagina, vulva, ovaries and uterine including early detection and prevention. Every year in the United States about 89,000 women are diagnosed with and more than 29,000 die from a gynecological cancer.

The Foundation for Women Cancer understands the importance of bringing awareness to all gynecological cancers. Their Mission Statement for ovarian cancer is, "To cure ovarian cancer, advocate for patients, and support survivors."

If you would like to further your educational information about gynecological cancer here are some suggestions:

1. Speak with your Gynecologist Physician regarding available screening.
2. Go to the website for National Cervical Cancer Coalition.
3. You can also go to the website for The Foundation for Women Cancer.
4. The color for gynecological cancer is teal green for the month of September.

If you have any questions you may contact Sally Munson Coordinator of the Health and Wellness Committee by calling the Church Office 772-770-3494. You can also contact the American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345.



Just a reminder that it is still hurricane season! Gather supplies and store in a water resistant container in the event of a storm. Emergency Information for Indian River County suggests the following items to assemble for a Disaster Supply Kit:

- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight(s)
- Extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Manually operated can opener
- Disinfectant
- Household bleach
- Cash and credit card
- Personal identification
- Extra set of car keys
- Matches or lighter in a water proof container
- Whistle or flare to signal for help
- Map of your local area
- Water (1 gallon/person/day)
- Seven day supply of non perishable food items
- Two week supply of medications
- Mosquito repellent
- Fire extinguisher
- Two coolers (one for food, one for ice)
- Tarps
- Clean up supplies
- Plastic trash bags
- Toilet paper, paper towels, moist towelettes
- Infant necessities
- Pet Supplies and records

If you evacuate you should take:

- Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags or air mattresses
- Extra clothing, shoes, eyeglasses, etc.
- Folding chairs, lawn chairs, cots
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Facemasks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and vaccination record
- Quiet games, books, cards, etc.
- Important papers (check book, insurance policies, valuables).
- Cash (banks may be closed)
- Ice
- Full tank of gas

If going to a pet-friendly shelter take:

- Leash and collar with name tag and owner's contact information
- Crate including toys
- Pet's vaccination records and current rabies vaccination tag
- Medications and written instructions for feeding and administering meds
- Kitty litter and an appropriate container.

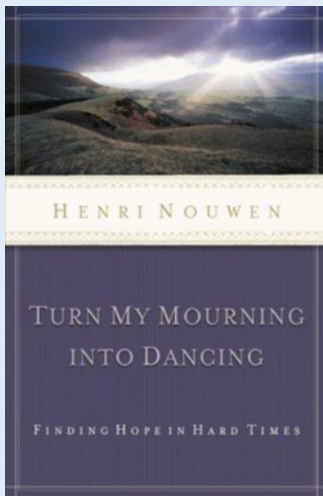
Sally Munson, RN, Coordinator, Health & Wellness Team



The Spiritual Direction Corner...Turning Mourning into Dancing – Henri Nouwen

By Yvonne Tso, spiritual director/companion and member of the Health & Wellness Team

This month I want to introduce you to a renowned spiritual teacher (and spiritual director) – Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996). This Catholic priest wrote many books on spirituality and even taught at Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard. Yet he felt most at home as pastor at L'Arche, a community that welcomes people with disabilities (such as Down syndrome).



The title of one of Nouwen's books came across my email recently – Turn my Mourning Into Dancing – Finding Hope in Hard Times. It echoes a verse from Psalms – "You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy" (Psalm 30:11). I was like, "Really???? God can turn my grief into joy??? I have to check this out."

I found Nouwen's words so helpful and yes, hopeful. I think I underlined 90% of the book! Surely like most people, I keep fear of serious illness, suffering, and death at arm's length, yet those are events we all will need to deal with at some point. This book insists that in times of trouble, despair, pain, grief, whatever bad might befall us, God meets us there. And God lifts us up to join God in God's dance of life. The key is to be willing to meet God "face-to-face," to be open to God's presence and God's particular words to you as an individual. This often requires solitude, a type of retreat, even if only for a few minutes or so. Some people have found that spiritual direction/companionship can facilitate listening for God's voice in one's unique life. Sometimes you can be open to God on a walk or in prayer in the middle of the night. However it works for you, I encourage you to find time to meet with God one-on-one. It is there that you will find what you need for each challenging moment – whether it be compassion, strength, hope, or most importantly, (per Nouwen) feeling beloved.

For questions about Spiritual Direction or a referral for an appointment with a trained spiritual director, contact Yvonne Tso at 772-643-2538.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

01 – Inez Morelli	12 – Douglas Bowman	22 – Roy Moriarty
02 – Dereck Prince	14 – Edgar Jadwin	23 – Rosetta Grant
02 – David Askren	14 – Becca Wehrberger	23 – Janice Minner
04 – Serina Kratz	14 – Ann Venuto	23 – Judy Marine
04 – Meghan Berggren	15 – Linn Kezer	24 – Al Vidiri
05 – William Shield	16 – Sharon Goldberg	24 – Dana Clearwater
06 – Kate Schmidt	18 – Marianne Rowan	25 – Karen Monaco
07 – Larry Minner	18 – Faith Schreiner	26 – Pastor Gomez
08 – Mo Connell	20 – Linda Beardslee	27 – Hal Bugbee
09 – Karen Bodine	21 – Bill Beardslee	28 – Debbie Fletcher
10 – Diane Shirley	21 – Donna Iannotti	29 – Cheyenne Bennett
12 – Betsy Perrott	21 – Arabelle Willenbrock	29 – Lilly Willenbrock
12 – Jonathan Moody		

Happy Anniversary!

02 – Terry & Joe Lurgio
06 – Rody & Tommye Johnson
08 – Marcelo & Julie DosSantos
11 – Tom & Pam Wehrberger
13 – Bill & Sandra Hawksworth
13 – Richard & Ruth Horton
16 – Robert & Sigrid Jordan
22 – Serina & Russell Kratz

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Wednesday	Healing Service		10:00 am
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	Rite II	5:30 pm
Sunday	Holy Eucharist	Rite I	8:00 am
Sunday	Choral Eucharist	Rite II	10:00 am

