



## **ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ELECTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

Agenda  
&  
Reports from Ministries on their Activities  
2015-2016

# **Agenda for the Holy Eucharist and Annual Parish Meeting**

*The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II – The First Sunday of Advent*

*Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting- November 29, 2015*

*Welcome*

*Explanation of Voting Process and Procedure*

*Presentation of Candidates*

*Nominations from the Floor*

*Voting*

*Standing Committees of St. Augustine's Vestry-*

- Education
- Property

*General Activities-*

- 2016 Diocesan Convention

*St. Augustine's Children, Youth & Families Center-*

- The Senior Program
- After School Homework Clinic
- Summer Camp

*St. Augustine's Vestry Sub-Committees-*

- Church Luncheon
- Annual International Bazaar
- Family Picnic
- Church Bus
- Church Webpage
- St. Augustine's Week

*Ministries-*

- Parish Council
- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- Chancel Choir
- Gospel Choir
- Children's Ministry & Spiritual Formation
- Cultural Heritage
- Episcopal Church Women
- Man in the Mirror
- The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- Health Guild
- Lectors
- Mothers' Union
- Welcoming
- Royalz Family



***Fundraising Groups-***

- 56 Club
- Giving Hands
- Special Projects
- Willing Hands

***Audit Report 2015-2016***

***Financial Statement of Activities***

**Holy Eucharist and Annual Parish Meeting**

8:30am Registration begins

9:30am Silent Procession, including the Wardens and Vestry

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Lighting of the First Candle

Opening Hymn

Collect for Purity

The Service of the Word

- Collect for the Day
- Lessons
- Reading of Bishop Provenzano's Pastoral Letter and Time of Meditation
- The Treasurer's Report
- Questions & Answers

Prayers of the People

The Peace

The Offertory

The Holy Eucharist

The Blessing

The Notices

Closing Hymn and Procession of the Altar Party (*The Choir remains in place*)

Song of Meditation

The Results of the Election

Adjournment of the Annual Parish Meeting

The Blessing



## The Recessional

### St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

**Fr. Womack:** Let us pray.

All: Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Brooklyn, NY at St. Augustine's Church, for the renewal and mission of your Church.

Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

I now call our Annual Meeting for 2017, Lectionary Year A, to order. We will now hear the Minutes of last Parish Meeting- November 29, 2015

Thank you, Dr. Wedderburn.

The Apostle Paul says: "You know what time it is..."

"You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near."

Romans 13:11

What is the time if not to be fully awake and live the truth of what we believe: that our salvation is nearer, even now.

The actual text of verse eleven begins: "Besides this, you know what time it is..." To what is the Apostle referring when he says, "Besides this," you might ask? The preceding verses say this:

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall



not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Today's annual meeting will be a reminder of long journey which St. Augustine's has travelled in the past year and of where we might be called to travel over the next year. It is a story based upon love: of God and of each other. Please remember that in all of our deliberations and reports, in our voting and in our debates, in our disagreement and in our joy.

Our wardens and treasurer will report of our spiritual and financial activities and status. I will talk about my first 45 days as your rector: what I have seen and experienced and what I am coming to discern as important in how we are to follow the leading of our God, in hopes that we will have a clearer understanding of what time it truly is.

We will now invite Mr. Braithwaite forward to lead us through the following:

- Explanation of the Electoral and Voting Processes
- Presentation of Candidates for Elected Offices
- Nominations from the Floor
- Voting

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We now invite Dr. Castro to present the report on our Spirituality and Formation

## **Spirituality & Formation**

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for you.” (1Thessalonians 3:12)

St. Augustine's continues to be a vibrant and exciting worshipping community, which seeks to live into our mission, “To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” As a dynamic community we have made several innovations, but we have had to evaluate and respond to the needs of the members.

We have continued the Mass on Wednesday mornings and the Seniors Program which is well attended and vibrant.

We again participated in Diocesan Confirmation services at which we presented persons for confirmation. We thank Ms. Kennisha Douglas and the mentors for preparing these candidates.

The leadership of the Sunday School and the ongoing spiritual formation of our children and teens has continued to develop and we are grateful to Ms. Georgette Gooden, her team for the leadership Children's Ministry and Spiritual Formation.



The “Vessels of Praise” Dance Ministry under the leadership of Ms. Kisha Mullin and the choreographers have given our youth further opportunities to give praise through dance.

We thank all those who participate in these ministries for our children and youth.

The St. Augustine’s Music Ministry has seen significant growth and development over the past year. Under the leadership of our Minister of Music, Mr. Kurleigh Lowe, we have seen increased membership and commitment to the ministry. These include:

- *Voices of Hope (Children’s Choir)*
- *The Chancel Choir*
- *The Gospel Choir*
- *The Men’s Chorus*

Pan A Praise continued its music ministry to the congregation of St. Augustine's and the community at large. The offertory selection on the fourth Sunday of the month was a regular showcase of the talents of the church's resident steel pan band. PAP also played at the annual bazaar, Police and Firefighter Sunday and at the initial service for our new rector, Father Lawrence Womack. A Spring concert with the St Marks steel pan band and the Revival week concert yielded a total \$5000 donation back to St. Augustine's.

Some of the 2016 performances to the community at large include:

- International day at St Luke's Episcopal, Bronx
- NYPD National Night Out
- Financial Aid Awareness day at Hostos Community College
- Retirement party at Glen Terrace

Although our roots are in gospel and religious music, our repertoire includes pop, R&B, big band and West Indian music. The main band, juniors and the new learners group continue to entertain and inspire.

Later this year on December 18, we can look forward to a very special Christmas Concert entitled “The Glory of Christmas” which is a collaboration of the choirs, Vessels of Praise and the Pan-A-Praise Steel Orchestra.

Since our last Annual Parish Meeting, we have had 200 Saturday and Sunday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with some 46,000 in attendance. Our 133 weekday services, which included our Wednesday services (which averaged right around 100 attendees per service) and funerals, weddings, memorials, reached some 30,000 individuals. All total, some 48,000 souls received the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood at this altar. Much of this is through the tireless and dedicated work of Bishop Daniel Allotey. We added nine (9) New members, twenty (20) baptized. Fifteen (15) were confirmed and three (3) couples were married.



We are grateful to those who helped to make pastoral visits to our sick and shut-in members to whom we were referred. I thank the Lay Eucharistic Visitors who assisted the clergy by taking the Blessed Sacrament to these persons immediately following the Eucharist of the day.

Please help us thank Rev. Dr. Father Allen George and Bishop Daniel Allotey accompanied by Ms. Joan Henry for making Pastoral visits. Further thanks go out to the Lay Eucharistic Visitors under the leadership of Ms. Joy Fletcher who is the leader of the LEMs.

September 11-18, 2016 we celebrated our 18th St. Augustine's Week- the theme taken from Matthew 5:16 being ***“Let Your Light so Shine before all people, that they may see your good works...”***. The Preachers were: The Rev. Cn. Petero Sabune, The Rev.Cn. Dr. Glenworth Miles, Minister Judy Linton, Bishop Allotey, the Rev'd. Fr. Lawrence Womack.

For the fourth time, we held our Homecoming Service, and it was a most joyous affair with all members worshipping together in one service! Our thanks to Ms. Coleen Bascombe for coordinating this, and to the other members of the St. Augustine's Week Team.

During St. Augustine's week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming the 7<sup>th</sup> Rector of St. Augustine's, the Rev'd. Fr. Lawrence Womack and his family at homecoming.

We said a final farewell to sixteen (21) of our brothers and sisters, 16 of whom were members of St. Augustine's. **Please stand as we remember them:**

Alfred H. Carrington	Lennox Stephen Eddy
Cameron A. Speede	Maurd Viola Richards
Cuthbert Chance	Michael David King
Elsie Delores Brown	Phylliscita Ismay Samuel
Ettie May Scott	Raymond Murchison D'Arceuil
Gemmel Otancia Cunningham	Sheila Millicent King
George Isidore	Verna Norma Stuart
Inez Aladice	Vibart Emerson Mingo
Jean Augusta Moses	Walterine Stephanie Carrington
Josephine Danns	Wilfred Christopher Hunte
Joycelyn Patricia Morrison-Bruton	

**Rector: Rest eternal grant them O Lord**

People: And let light perpetual shine upon them.



## **Please be seated.**

In this section, we wish to express our gratitude to those who assist in making our spiritual journey meaningful and fulfilling especially in the context of worship: ..... and the Decorating Committee for beautifully and creatively enhancing our worship space, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, the Altar Guild, the Ushers, the Welcoming Committee, the Acolytes, the Choirs, the staff and of course, the congregation.

## **Mission and Ministry**

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.”- 1Thessalonians 3:12

Serving Christ does not only mean worshipping, it also **means caring for persons** whether they are members of the church or not. This caring has taken us into communities near and far.

We should note that many events seem self-serving, but they offer an opportunity for social engagement and interaction, especially for our youth and seniors.

Several ministries continued to host special celebrations and events. Our thanks go to the Episcopal Church Women-United Thank Offering; and to Ms. Birdie Blake-Reid who presented our offering at the 2016 Diocesan Convention.

The Health Guild-St. Luke’s Day and will be hosting for the first time, Red Ribbon Sunday on December 4, 2016 in commemoration of World AIDS Day; -The Education Committee-Education Sunday and Boasting Day;

The Rector’s Guild-Energy Rally; the Mothers’ Union and the Episcopal Church Women-Women’s Day and baptism welcome gifts.

The Cultural Heritage Group hosted several events to enhance our cultural growth.

The Royalz Family has hosted several well attended events.

At our Luncheon this year, we awarded nine scholarships of \$1,250 each to our young people. Many thanks to the Planning Team and the coordinators, Ms. Hyacinth Goring and Ms. Lenore Brereton for co-chairing the luncheon.

Again our thanks go to the Parish Council for managing the church’s calendar, for coordinating the distribution of the Harvest baskets to several individuals and families, and for hosting our annual New Year’s Celebration. We offer our thanks to Madeline Ford- Chair of the Parish Council, and to the leaders of all the church organizations.

Thanks to Ms. Patricia Reddock for coordinating our 17th observance of Police, Firefighters & EMS Sunday.





We hosted an al fresco style café on the inside of the church. The Pan-a-Praise Steel Orchestra provided entertainment.

The Vessels of Praise also ministered in dance throughout Brooklyn and Bronx, in churches, Long Term Care facilities and in concerts. We wish to commend and thank them for their presentation during Choir Sunday in collaboration with the Pan-A-Praise Steel Orchestra. Many thanks to them.

We are extremely grateful to Ms. Yvette Wood for yet another successful Family Picnic. This year's picnic was a tremendous success with over.....persons participating requiring the use of .....buses.

Many thanks also to Mr. Ormond Braithwaite and his team for hosting a most enjoyable and financially rewarding International Bazaar. The year-long Bazaar Activities held by the various countries and which culminated on Bazaar Day produced a record profit for the second year. These were presented on International Sunday, the day following the Bazaar. The country that was honored was Grenada, Carriacou & Petite Martinique.

We have several programs which encourage and promote good health practices. We thank the Health Guild, under the leadership of Mrs. Cecelia Curtis.

We continue to support the underprivileged in the community with clothing drive in which clothing is collected and distributed to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Thanks to the members of the church that spearhead this effort; led by the Welcoming Committee.

We continued our support to brothers and sisters in Cape Coast, Ghana, and we were blessed to have the retired bishop of Cape Coast, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey be our Bishop in Residence during our transition

In response to the appeal by the Diocese of Long Island we collected worked to make our church more welcoming.

The St. Augustine's Children, Youth and Families Center, Inc., in addition to continuing the Homework clinic and the Senior Fine Arts Program, hosted its third annual Summer day Camp which was a tremendous success. We had.....children participating, and it should be noted that we charged the lowest rate in the community.

Our thanks to Fr. Allen George, Director, Ms. Cheryl Vaughn, Ms. Nichole Gardner and Ms. Cecelia Curtis who coordinate the two programs of this 501 9 (c) (3).

Fr. Lawrence: Thank you, Dr. Castro. We now invite Ms. Leacock and Mr. Sisnett to make the presentation on our Management and Finance.

## **Management and Finance**

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6: 21*



The foundation of St. Augustine's financial world is to trust in Jesus Christ as our provider. Our treasure is all around us, look around at this house of worship, we are truly blessed to have this house. Our hearts are here. Vestry leaders and administrators are called to use their gifts to provide for the orderly functioning of the church. The year 2016 began without a rector but we were blessed to have the spiritual guidance of The Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Allotey, as Bishop in Residence, with us.

The Management and Finance team of the vestry were given the charge of managing the finances of this church. It was our responsibility to see that the finances were handled in a professional manner and safeguard the financial foundation of this church. This responsibility even though an awesome one was not taken lightly. Our responsibilities include the weekly offering, processing and depositing of the monies to the bank in a timely manner, and the management of the property. Thank you to the counting teams for their diligence in tallying the monies received on a weekly basis.

We were responsible for ensuring that our bills were paid in a timely manner and the payroll was processed for our staff. Thank you to the office staff Ms. Myrtle Bayne-Vaughan and Ms. Joan Mitchell. Our buildings and other physical assets are adequately protected and maintained. Many thanks to Mr. Corey Montague and Mr. Patrick Meredith for their diligence in overseeing the care of the property. Professional service providers such as electricians and plumbers are hired only after due diligence and then closely monitored. Thank you to our Treasurer, Mr. James Sisnett and Asst. Treasurer, Mr. Errol Pryce.

## **Property Report**

We had to replace a new sewer line in the Patterson basement at a cost of \$5000.00. Security lights were installed in the rector's garden and new high grade motion lights were installed by the dumpster on the East 43<sup>rd</sup> street side of the property. We replaced broken fixtures in the Patterson and Noel Hall bathrooms and the count room. New lighting fixtures were installed in the church office basement. Wi-Fi was installed in the church in September, the cost was \$600.00.

We had to remove the gas stove in the Patterson hall as per the fire department because we did not have a fixed pipe fire extinguisher system. At a later date, an electric stove will be purchased. New flooring was installed in Bishop Allotey's kitchen after it was discovered that it was deteriorating. The repair cost was \$500.00. We discovered that the chimes were not working and they were rewired and one (1) horn was replaced. The three remaining horns are being ordered. The chimes however are working with the one horn.

## **Finance**

New security bags with locks were purchased to collect and transport currency, they will provide maximum security for our offering. A weekly in house financial report is given to Treasurer Mr.



James Sisnett to apprise him of all financial matters. Our Diocesan pledge is up to date and as of October we paid \$37,500.00.

### **2016 Diocesan Convention**

We participated in the 2016 Diocesan Convention at which time the following persons were elected or appointed to Diocesan offices:

- ❖ Kennishsa Douglas was elected to Diocesan Council.

Your UTO offering this year was \$ 1986.07 and was presented at convention by Ms. Birdie Blake-Reid.

### **Fundraising**

The church's fundraising efforts this year were impressive. We did not get a great response to the 52 Week savings program but many thanks to the persons who did participate again this year. Parishioners were asked to give for this Lenten season by bringing back Lenten folders and you responded, by giving \$2000.00. Many thanks to all who participated. The Bazaar this year realized a net profit of \$33,000.00. A special thank you to Mr. Ormond Brathwaite coordinator of the Bazaar and to all the nations who participated.

The family picnic was organized again this year by Ms. Yvette Wood and we went to Mountain Creek Water Park in Vernon NJ. Even though this is not considered a fundraiser for the church a profit of \$1,147.22 was made. Thank you to Ms. Wood for bringing us all together for a fun filled day.

The Annual Spring Luncheon at Floral Terrace was an exciting success and was chaired by Ms. Hyacinth Goring and Ms. Lenore Brereton. The net profit from that venue was \$31,000.00. Congratulations to the luncheon team for a job well done. We did not have our annual church cruise this year but we hope that we will be able to do so in the future.

The Pan-a-praise Spring concert made a profit of \$4000.00.

A concerted effort by much of the organizations raised the sum of \$25,000.00 this year. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you to Ms. Madeline Forde for coordinating the Parish Council.

St. Augustine's Week this year was the start of preparing for the arrival of our new rector The Revd. Fr. Lawrence M. Womack whose first service was on September 18 Homecoming Sunday. The theme for this year was taken from Matthew 5: 16, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*". This year's chairperson was Ms. Coleen Bascom. Thank you to the team for 2016. The Pan-a-praise concerts profit was \$1000.00.

Many thanks to Dr. Evelyn Castro, who has served so well as warden.



I thank Mr. Ormond O. Braithwate and the members of the Nominating and Election Committee, and those who helped with the preparation of this report: the Chairpersons from each ministry, and the Parish Staff.

Special thanks go to Ms. Madeline Ford for providing material for the Mission & Ministry section for this report, and to Mr. James Sisnett and Ms. Cheryl Leacock for preparing the Management & Finance section, and Mr. Noel Roberts for working closely with us to edit the reports for publication and presentation.

We wish to thank our Technical Assistant Mr. Wishart Alleyne and our Communications Consultant Mr. Noel Roberts, both of whom never say “no” and are always ready and willing when it comes to working to the Church- THANK YOU!

Finally, we thank you for your support, and we wish for you and yours every blessing for Advent and a Holy Christmas.

Father Womack continues:

Taking a point of personal privilege, I have asked Bishop Allotey to share with you, some of his thoughts.

Fr. Womack resumes:

I have had the opportunity to conduct one-on-one meetings with each of the current wardens and vestry members, as well as the members of the staff and several of the ministries and individuals. In and through each of these conversations has run a deep and abiding love for and commitment to our parish. Some are committed to its financial well-being, others to its spiritual, still others to its maintenance and upkeep and smooth functioning as well as the nurture and care for its youngest and oldest.

Consistently, though, concern was expressed that it is time to focus on our children and youth - whether it is through Sunday School, youth group, acolytes, girl scouts and boy scouts, the work of our afterschool program, young adult ministry and worship. A focus on these ministries, as well as increased energy in support of our seniors will help another area in which it is time for us to move more fully into. Our Presiding Bishop has called it the “Jesus Movement,” and for us to be involved in more “outward and visible” signs of our care for the larger community.

I'd like to take this time to thank this out-going vestry/search committee, along with the “Communications Team” that put together the profile (Each person is thanked, by name). Some of these vestrypersons will be continuing the good work they began during the search, but one is cycling off and I wanted to especially thank, Mrs. Joan Henry for her service and for putting up with me on our pastoral care visits.



During the search, I spoke to our vestry of the sacramental nature of our lives as followers of Christ. When we live sacramental lives, each and everything that we do is sign of the inward grace that is given by Christ and Christ, only. I think that it just might be that God is calling us to become known as the Sacramental Church, in that what we do always points back to our connection with Christ. For example, our travel ministry - i.e. our cruises - should have a uniquely spiritual focus that is a part of how we advertise and recruit folks to travel with us. This is not to say that we will only appeal to Christians/Anglican-Episcopalians, but that we will pay attention to the spiritual well-being of those that travel with us - offering opportunities for meditation/contemplation practices/classes, discussions of spiritual discernment, conflict resolution.

Youth and Young Adult activities focus on the spiritual aspect of leadership development along with the practical realities of etiquette and time management. Expanding our offerings for adults that couple the practicalities of rule of life and faithful workplace conduct, relationship conduct, etc.

In order to be able to do this, we will need to talk more about who we are as Anglican/Episcopalian and will need to pay closer attention to how we treat one another. Sometimes, when we are passionate and focused on the project/goal ahead we forget about how we treat the people with whom we are called to be in ministry. It is time that we pay attention to **how** we get to the goal of a “successful” event/service and not just the success itself. In other words, if the carnage of disrespect and anger or hurt is part of the final report, regardless of how well the event was planned and executed, we have missed the point and do not really know what time it is.

That is not to say that we should be fake and not speak our mind nor hope each other accountable, but that we should be striving to treat each other with care, as evidence of our love for Christ. If we are all doing our best for St. Augustine’s and for the sake of the glory of God, then how we treat each other **while** we are doing that work is of the utmost importance. Our legacy/reputation should not be that we burn people out or make them to feel “less than” as they try to “work out” their salvation here, at St. Augustine’s.

The sacramental work will always come back to how we treat each other, the evaluation of our success will include how long it takes folks to recover after they have led an event or served on vestry or served on the altar. We will be looking for ways to lead and follow that will help us to live in the times that require us to be more aware of the way that our salvation is tied up with each other - both within and without the parish. The time is right and ripe for our sacramental statement made known in how we work in excellence of action and treatment of one another and of who we serve. Let it be known that, at St. Augustine’s, our time is spent in how we give ourselves to one another and to God in the work of salvation and service.

Respectfully Submitted

Evelyn Castro-D’Arceuil  
Cheryl Leacock  
Wardens- St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church



(The Rev'd) Lawrence Womack  
7th Rector

DIOCESE CHARGE  
HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY  
WHAT WILL ST. AUGUSTINE'S DO?

Monthly, quarterly giving food to shelters in the area	Sample bags- Personal items - <b>Rector's Guild/ Bazaar Group</b>
Soup kitchen, pantry- <b>Lent</b>	Provide clothing
Provide feeding – <b>All church</b>	Revive youth ministry to have the youth more involved in idea making - <b>Scouts</b>
Weekly, monthly pantry	Clothing-donations <b>Health Guild</b>
Bring cans of food-choose a day-distribution to the community	Clothing drive in the summer – <b>Welcoming Ministry</b>
Soup Kitchen	Donations of unwanted clothing
Soup Kitchen	Clothing drive
Adopt a shelter – <b>Mother's Union Ministry</b>	Have social services information available- <b>Health Guild/ Boy Scouts</b>
Harvest Dinner and Easter – 2 events a year	Donate old but good clothing
Soup Kitchen once per month	Clothing drive
Food Pantry-Bring in can foods-non-perishable items	Engage people in community <b>Communications Group</b>
Deliver to Shelter <b>Willing Hands</b>	

**APPENDIX A**



MISSION AND MINISTRY:

WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE OUR CHURCH MORE WELCOMING?

KEEP MEMBERS INVOLVED, ENGAGED AND WORSHIPING?

Bring in friend's day - <b>Choir</b>	Dress down Sunday- <b>ECW</b>
Welcome cards for strangers: Invite them to coffee hour – <b>Usher's Welcoming Ministry</b>	Provide information of ministries in our church – Communication Ministry
Find ways to engage young people around college age <b>Vessels of Praise</b>	Have mentors: outreach to them at least once a month to keep them involved and informed at the church - <b>Rise</b>
Outreach to our community – <b>Communications Group</b>	Reestablish Youth council ?
Package for new visitors - <b>Sunday School</b> (Toys for Kids)	Welcoming ushers and working together to greet visitors - <b>Done</b>
Outreach to the community. Informing them what we do – <b>Communication Group</b>	Clearly communicate that all are welcomed. Distribute flyers on weekly services and activities to the community – <b>Communication Group</b>
Alter person needs to be recruited	Creating and building systems to make visitors welcomed and encourage them to join the church
Welcome other people, not just friends – <b>*** Welcoming Committee/ Royalz Family</b>	Continue bible study - <b>Done</b>
Say hello as we walk to our seats – <b>Put in bulletin</b>	Advertise Sunday School – <b>Communication Group</b>
Speak to new members and tell them about the ministries in the church – <b>Welcoming Coffee Hour</b>	Have the Pan-A-Praise play an interlude of music as people begin to arrive at the church <b>Pending</b>
Get young people back, the older folds need to stop looking down on them <b>Education Book Distribution</b>	

APPENDIX B



# MINISTRY REPORTS

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Mission:** To prepare and actively manage the church's Calendar of Events and to provide support for the missions of Council members, consistent with the structure of the calendar, so that the core mission of the Parish of St. Augustine's is preserved and effectively accomplished.

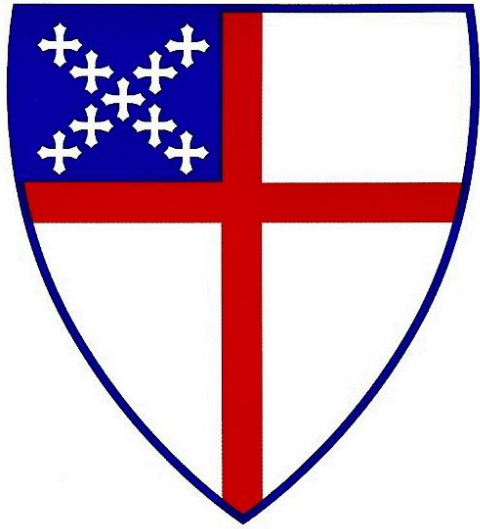
### ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016:

- ❖ Council developed and managed the Parish's Calendar for the year 2016.
- ❖ The Council holds monthly meetings in which we strive to strengthen and maintain communication and leadership among the various ministries.
- ❖ The Council continues to organize the collection of non-perishable food through the generous donations of church parishioners to distribute to those in need. We successfully distributed food to 56 families for Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Hosted a New Year's Celebration in the Noel Hall in which we raised \$1,428. \$1,000 donated to the church building fund.

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# ALTAR



## ACOLYTE GUILD

**Mission:** To serve God in the church by preparing and assisting the clergy in leading the celebration of all services.

As the year draws to a close, the Acolyte Guild is growing in size. We have added four new members to our ranks and continue to seek new members to join us in committed service in this part of God's vineyard. We have provided diligent service to the various worship services throughout the year.

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## ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY

**Mission:** It is the Altar Guild's responsibility for the preparation of the Altar before each service, and to make sure adequate sacristy facilities are provided.

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## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MINISTRY

**Mission:** To dedicate our lives to serve God in His Church, assisting the Clergy in the administration of the Blessed Sacrament and taking the Holy Eucharist to the sick and shut-in.

Our members continue to live out the LEM mission statement: We are present during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist assisting the clergy. Since the last APM, we performed seventy-five visits to our Parish's sick and shut-in members and arranged for the clergy to visit them on their birthday as well as administering the Last Rites as needed. We participated in the funeral services for St Augustine's Parish members as well as for others held at the church. Our presence at the celebration of Holy Baptism is another way that we continue to serve God in His Church.

We participated in various church events and activities that enrich our parish life and worship, this included visiting and praying with bereaved family members; participating in Lenten activities especially weekly commemoration of the Stations of the Cross and Holy Week services; taking an active role in St Augustine's Week events and also Police and Safety Officers' Sunday. We were present for the ceremony of the blessing of the cross and newly completed façade by Bishop Provenzano in September.

This past year was significant for us as we were honored to participate in the celebrations that sent off our former Rector to a happy retirement!

Bishop Allotey, the Bishop in Residence, ably facilitated our ½-day retreat in May.

Looking ahead, we endeavor to continue ministering to St. Augustine's Parish and remain "*confident that he which hath begun a good work in all of us will perform "it" until the day of Jesus Christ* (Philippians 1:6, paraphrased)

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Mission:** To spread the word of God and to spiritually minister to the members of the church, and the community through songs of praise and worship.

Activities for 2015/2016:

### **2015**

- ❖ December 20 Christmas Concert

### **2016**

- ❖ March 20 Palm Sunday Concert
- ❖ June 26 Choir Day (Close Out Celebration)

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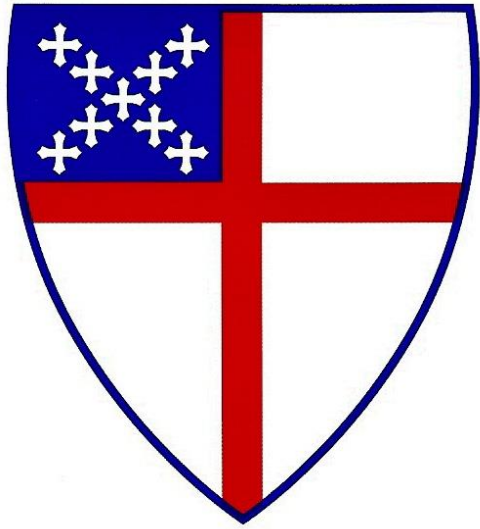
## RECTOR'S GUILD MINISTRY

**MISSION:** To support the Rector/Priest-in-Charge and to undertake at least one yearly social or cultural fund-raising event.

Summer Energy Rally In-Gathering/Breakfast	\$2, 628.00
Play – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse	\$989.00
Fun trip, Connecticut	\$90.00
Winter Energy Rally In-Gathering/Breakfast	\$1,791.00

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# MISSION



## **BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**

**Mission:** To discipline men unto a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through the lifelong disciplines of daily prayer, regular study, and committed service.

April 16, 2016	Trip to see the play, The Fly in New Jersey	\$115.98
June 6, 2016	Annual Corporate Communion & Prayer Breakfast	\$2,057.11

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718-495-2107





## CULTURAL HERITAGE MINISTRY

**Mission:** To enhance the cultural and social growth of the Church Family and to provide service to the community.

### Activities for the Past Year:

The Cultural Heritage Ministry has sponsored and/or collaborated with others on the following events, 2016:

January 18 Distributed copies of the Biography and Word Puzzles, re: Celebration, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday.

February Black History Month Celebration, we produced the following Guest Speakers, focusing on the theme, “Whatever you do...do it for God’s Glory”, 1Corinthians 10:31.

07 SHEILA S. BOSTON, Esq., Partner, Kaye Scholer, LLP, 250 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019, delivered a resounding message to the church at the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

21 CHANEL EDWARDS, Visionary & Community Leader, delivered, yet a captivating message at the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

July 23 International Bazaar - Provided a variety of games and refreshments – Snow Cone, Popcorn, Hamburgers, and Hot Dogs

October 28 Family Night/Movie Night, featuring, “The War Room”.

Roz Anthony, President



## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) MINISTRY**

**Mission:** The purpose of the Episcopal Church Women shall be to work and witness joyfully for Christ, seek to spread the gospel using all means available to us, encourage the varied ministries and help strengthen the life of our church.

ECW activities since the last annual parish meeting were:

- March 13, 2016- Women's Day Celebration – We partnered with the Mother's Union to co-host International Women's Day and had a motivational speaker in the name of Deborah Coleman George.
- May 8, 2016 – We held a Mother's Day Gifts Sale & Raffle – sold chocolates, plants, cups, and raffled several baskets of pampering products.
- May 28, 2016 – We hosted comedy show, "Guilt Trip" held at Brooklyn College starring comedian Oliver Samuels.
- September 11, 2016 – We hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grandparent's Day Service & Luncheon with entertainment provided by grandmother Tamar Harroo accompanied by guitarist Lloyd Boodoo.
- October 16, 2016 - UTO Sunday – ECW members were speakers for the day and we provided information and collected offerings.
- We continue to provide gifts to the newly baptized.

Our intention is to continue to seek opportunities to partner with the various ministries of the church, where appropriate, to build relationships and help strengthen the life of our church and community.

Contact: Marilyn Stanislaus, President –  
(917) 886-3088



## EDUCATION MINISTRY

**Mission:** To support educational endeavors throughout the parish of St. Augustine's and the community.

This year we welcomed four new members, some of them are former scholarship recipients.

We hosted the Boasting Day in June and recognized almost 100 students for their efforts and scholarship.

We hosted Education Sunday in September at both services the speaker was Dr. Terrance Blackman, Dean of Science, Health and Technology at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York. Dr. Blackman is on the National Council of Mathematics and hails from Guyana.

The Scholarship Committee awarded \$1,250 in scholarship money to eight students for undergraduate and graduate studies through the generosity of the St. Augustine's congregation at the Annual Spring Luncheon.

We continue to promote education and encourage students to apply for the Prep for Prep Program and other scholarship opportunities.

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## HEALTH GUILD MINISTRY

**Mission:** To promote the health and well-being of all church members as well as the surrounding community. To let all who serve in the Ministry be dedicated and have an interest in the health and well-being of all members, as well as members of the surrounding community.

The Guild has been involved in several activities during the year. We have continued to provide breakfast with the help of health members, and the members of the congregation after the 8 o'clock service on Sunday mornings (which we refer to as the *free will breakfast*) and after the 10 o'clock service on Wednesday mornings.

Weekly visits continue to be made to members who are hospitalized, and shut-in members who can no longer come to church. Provision of food is also given to shut-in members and seniors are also given food and supplements.

Weekly health screening continues on Wednesdays, and the clothing drive on Saturdays is also ongoing.

Young mothers are counseled especially those who attend the orientation before the children are christened and are given care packages.

The Guild hosted their Annual Health Fair where members of the community were counseled and given pamphlets and also had their blood pressure taken. We also participated in the Annual International Bazaar and provided educational and counseling to the community and again provided blood pressure screening. Over 200 screenings were done between the two events.

St. Luke's Day was celebrated as usual in October of 2015 and most of the members came out to celebrate and Guild members sponsored the Coffee Hour after the 11 o'clock service.

Monthly meetings continue to be held on the 4th Saturday in each month and Corporate Communion on the 4th Sunday of each month with the exception of July and August. However, the work of the Guild continues in spite of this.

Members of the congregation who work in any area of health are encouraged to join the Guild and share their experiences and talents.

Contact: Cecelia Curtis, President



## **MOTHERS' UNION**

### **CHRISTIAN CARE FOR FAMILIES**

**Mission:** To strengthen, preserve, and promote, the wellbeing of Christian family life in our parish, community and worldwide.

The Mothers' Union branch at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church has been very active in the year 2016. We have been working in the community and within our church family to support those in need. Additionally, to show our support for other Mothers' Union branches, we have attended several anniversary and dedication services

#### Outreach and Fundraising Activities:

1. Pancake sale - hosted on Sunday before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday) sale held following both services.
2. Fish Fry - hosted following Good Friday service.
3. Mentoring for Confirmation - several members mentored confirmation candidates. Veils were provided to the female candidates.
4. Baptism - Care packages for the newly baptized were distributed and families were encouraged to join the St. Augustine's church family.
5. Book Grant - a book grant of \$500 was given to the child or grandchild of a member of the Mother's' Union; or a member of their family who will be attending college.
6. Homeless Shelter Outreach - we prepared meals and care packages for the families in residence at a shelter for battered women and children.
7. Women's Day Service - The Mothers' Union and the Episcopal Church Women collaborated and held a joint service celebrating Women's Day.
8. United Nations Conference- Three members attended the United Nations Conference to support Ann Marie Vickers and Beverly Jullien, Chief Executive Office of Mothers' Union Worldwide who made a presentation at the conference on behalf of women.
9. International Outreach - Several members travelled to Guyana, South America to support All Saints Anglican Church in the celebration of their 90<sup>th</sup> year of Mother's' Union Ministry.
10. 140th Anniversary Celebration - We, along with our sister churches in New York and New Jersey, hosted a Tea Party in celebration of Mary Sumner's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was a success.
11. Anniversary and Enrollment Service - Celebrated our anniversary and enrollment service on November 13<sup>th</sup> this year.

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## SENIOR PROGRAM

**Mission:** To promote activities and resources which are useful, practical and vital to help maintain a vibrant quality of life for our seniors.

### Activities:

Health Guild members continue to provide blood pressure screening and counsel the seniors on ways to control and deal with issues when asked.

Medgar Evers students continue to provide lectures on Hypertension, Sleep Apnea, diet and exercise and medication safety.

Representatives from the Department of Aging continued lectures on elder abuse and crime protection, and for the first time a nutritionist lectured on healthy lifestyle.

Representatives from Human Resources Administration provided information on how to apply for food stamps, home care, and other services.

On April 28, 2016 the seniors visited the Brooklyn Museum and transportation was provided by Assemblyman Kevin Parker.

Brooklyn Arts Council continued sessions of ball room dancing and painting. Two concerts were held, one on June 22, 2016 by Serebra African Rhythm Tap Dancers and June 29, 2016 by Darra Carr's Irish Step Dancers who performed for the seniors.

Councilman Jumanee Williams sponsored a music concert in the park and a Christmas Party at Tropical Paradise for all seniors and some of our seniors attended.

The seniors continue to celebrate their birthdays during the weekly group meetings. Luncheons were held to celebrate the following holidays: Pre-thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and the closing of the program for the summer.

Finally, thanks to all those who gave their time, talents and made donations towards the program, it was greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support.

Contact: Cecelia Curtis



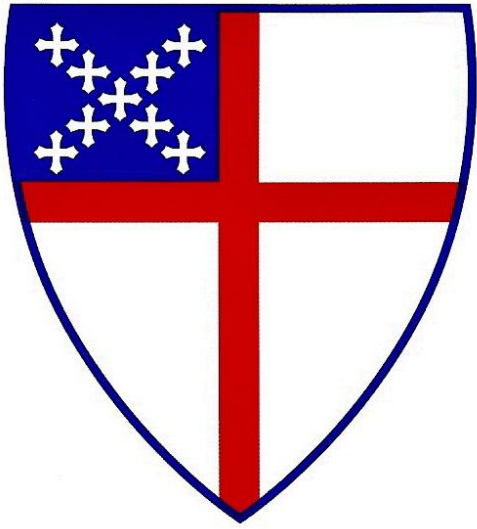
## WELCOMING MINISTRY

**Mission:** To welcome all first time visitors and friends.

To welcome all first time visitors and friends into St. Augustine's faith community with open arms.

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# FUNDRAISING





## 56 CLUB

**Mission:** To raise funds for the church building fund.

**Activities:**

October 10, 2015	Sight & Sound – Joseph	\$6,270	
November 28, 2015	Shopping in Pennsylvania	\$1,000	
December 2015	Raffle	\$569	
April 4, 2016	Prayer Breakfast	\$2,039	
September 10, 2016	Shopping – Arundel Mills, PA	\$1000	
		Total:	\$10,878

Contact: Hyacinth Goring



## INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR COMMITTEE

**Mission:** To encourage the sharing of our cultural diversity in a street bazaar through music, foods, games and social activities.

The Annual International Bazaar was held on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016. It was a remarkable day, flanked by great weather, wonderful entertainment, enjoyable music, delectable foods and plenty games and prizes. All this led to great fellowship among our brothers and sisters in the community.

Avenue D was alit with the cultural presentation by our featured country – Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique. They presented a celebration of their heritage depicting the rich traditions and customs that were passed through generations and which were influenced by their African and European ancestors. It began with string band music followed by dancing the flag, and dancing of the cake. Then it continued with the libation which is wetting of the ground (paying homage to the ancestors), followed by the big drum dance.

The drums are symbolic and are made from small wooden rum kegs painted red, with a drum surface made of goatskin. The presentation concluded with a Shotknee jump-up, a mass indicative of the tri-islands' strong French ancestry.

The decoration of the tent was beautifully done. The team worked diligently to bring out the best of the three island nationhood. That too was a great reminder of the rich history and symbolic nature of the three islands. Plenty of national foods were on hand and a 29inch television set was raffled off.

The overall financial report of the bazaar is as follows:

Gross Receipts:	\$36,153.00
Less Expenses:	\$ 3,170.89
Net Profit:	\$32,982.11

Thanks to all the contributing countries, their leaders, their supporters and all who supported the bazaar in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ormond O. Brathwaite, Coordinator

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## WILLING HANDS MINISTRY

**Mission:** To coordinate and sponsor fundraising events with proceeds going to carry out the objectives of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

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| ➤ Sight and Sound      | \$5,874.88 |
| ➤ Pre-Valentine Mingle | \$1,832.00 |
| ➤ Bus Ride             | \$2,741.76 |
| ➤ Fall Jam             | \$927      |

Cheryl Leacock, President  
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## **SPECIAL PROJECTS MINISTRY**

**Mission:** To fulfill the requests given to our organization to raise funds on behalf of the church as the rector deems necessary. The group plans functions and events that will generate funds to meet our goal and at the same time bring our brothers and sisters together.

### **History:**

The birth of the Special Project Ministry came out of the borrowing of a nativity set which was usually used by the church at Christmas time. On acquiring the set permanently, the Rector, Fr. Howard Williams appointed the group to work as the outreach ministry, as well any special project.

Special Project Ministry's task is one of the fundraising organizations which specialize in outreach mission as well as engaging in any special project for the church. Currently, the group consists of eight active members and now we are seeking another six to replace those we have lost through different circumstances.

Interested parties can speak to the president. Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month or as needed. Dues are \$20 for the year.

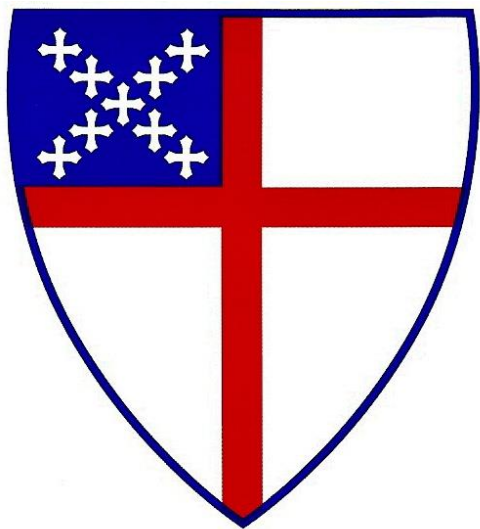
### **Highlights of the year:**

- April 16, 2016, Trip to Salem, Pennsylvania. The event generated a profit of \$1,759.00
- September 21, 2016, the annual dinner dance, Extravaganza, was cancelled because of numerous problems

### **OFFICERS:**

Hyacinth Shepherd, President





# YOUTH



## BOY SCOUTS

### Pack & Troop 261 - Home of the Soaring Eagles

**Mission:** To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

- ❖ October 2015 - Apple-picking trip to Eastmont Orchards, NJ
- ❖ November 2015 - The boys collected food and help feed the community at a food pantry.
- ❖ February - D'Andre Andres-Chester started the final leg of his journey to the rank of Eagle by holding the first of two symposia on the "Misuse and Abuse of Over the Counter (OTC) drugs. The first was held at St. Vincent Ferrer RC church.
- ❖ March - Attended a Health seminar hosted by Lions club at St. Francis School for the Deaf and help prepare Easter baskets for the children in that community.
- ❖ April - D'Andre hosted his second symposium on OTC here at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Guest speakers included police officers of the 67<sup>th</sup> precinct, wardens from Ryker's Island, MD from Kings County Hospital, and a retired teacher from a drug abuse prevention program.
- ❖ **On May 24, 2016 D'Andre Andres-Chester became our 29<sup>th</sup> Eagle.** We continue to set the record for the most African-American Eagles in Brooklyn. ***Congratulations D'Andre!***
- ❖ May – Weekend camping trip to Camp Alpine in NJ was a success.
- ❖ June - the unit, along with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, planted a vegetable garden. During the summer, Bro. Gillette and Cory took care of watering and caring for the garden.
- ❖ July - with the financial help of the Brotherhood four boys and three leaders were able to attend one-week camp at Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp in upstate NY. The boys experienced many new adventures, e.g. archery, shotgun shooting, environmental science, and wilderness survival. **Thank you, Brotherhood.**
- ❖ September - Kickoff recruitment seminar at Camp Alpine "Alpine Stakeout"
- ❖ October - Apple and pumpkin picking and the following week both boys and girls scouts harvested the garden and had a cooking class making collard greens, callaloo, pumpkin soup and apple sauce. Parents and scouts enjoyed the feast.
- ❖ October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Boys Scouts of America hosted a coastal clean-up at Floyd Bennett field. Despite the rain the scouts turned out in numbers (400 boys) and collected tons of trash from the water's edge.

Pack and Troop 261 continues to operate. However, membership has declined and we are doing everything to recruit more children in the community. This will include our first Bike Rodeo in November (Tilden Park) and other exciting activities.

Respectfully submitted: Lynda Williams- Canaii -BSA-NY Unit 261



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

**Mission:** To provide a rich Christian foundation from infancy through young adulthood consistent with the teachings of the Episcopal Church and responsive to the needs of our children and young adults.

The 2015-2016 year was another special one as we got to do what we love the best, INTERACT WITH CHILDREN whom we not only taught about the bible, but they too were able to teach us as only children could. It was another year of crafting, drawing, painting, doing puzzles, decorating gingerbread men, dressing the Christmas Tree, watching movies, being silly, there was some tears (as we missed mommies), dancing, singing, talking, dyeing Easter eggs, being cheesy, phones being confiscated, arguing (Oh my little girls can sure argue), learning, inspiring, sighing, hugging, saying good-byes as we will certainly be missing each other over the next few months. Our theme this year was taken from 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whatever you do... do it for God's Glory" and we did just that.

On behalf of myself, teachers & their assistants I want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's spiritual journey which in essence - we are an extension of your family! Thanks to my teachers who go through the lesson plans from *Living the Good News* to make sure we follow guidelines and protocol but more important add their creativity to ensure a fun class for all.

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### Child of God



For, we're all children of one God.  
We're all the children of one God,  
We're all children of the one God,  
That nobody can deny.







## **DANCE MINISTRY ST. AUGUSTINE'S VESSEL OF PRAISE**

**Mission:** To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgical dance.

June - Father's Day show collected a free will offering of \$235

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