Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

5011 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33901
Tel: 239-936-1000 ~ Email: office@sainthilarys.org
Interim Rector: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Lazo
Parish Administrator: Alicia Gibbons

NEWSLETTER – November 2, 2026



Making Christ Known through Love and Service

Sunday services: 8 AM Rite I
10 AM Rite II Livestreamed on Facebook

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Margaret Lane (2027)
Junior Warden: George Coogan (2026)
Treasurer and Vestry member: Jim Walter (2026)
Clerk and Vestry member: Margi Ehle (2027)
Vestry members: Ro Mathews (2027), Nancy Terrell (2026), Bill Merchant (2027), Kerry Girardin (2028), Caroline Seefchak (2028), Donna Smith (2028), Lori Sears (2028)

Sunday Liturgy: November 8th, 2026
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm: 78:1-7
Epistle:1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13





Prayer For the Election of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book Of Common Prayer – Page 818

THURSDAY IN PERSON HEALING SERVICE

The Healing Service has returned to St. Hilary's, now during the lunch hour! Every **Thursday, at 12:15 p.m.,** please join us right here in the church or on Facebook for Holy Eucharist with healing prayers and anointing of the sick for those who desire it

Don't miss the wonderful event this FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, when we honor our vets for their sacrifice.
Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

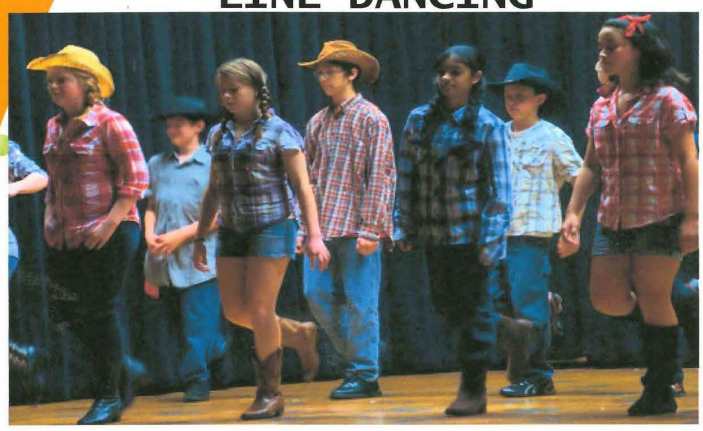


Our next Line Dance class is scheduled for November 11th , in Browning Hall



Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

SAINT HILARY'S LINE DANCING



DATES

In 2026:	***In 2027:***
September 16	**January 20**
October 28	**March 10**
November 11	**April 14**
December 9	**May 12**
	June 16

No February Line Dance
All events will be on WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Cost: $10 /person per night
Please call the parish office at 239-936-1000 to RSVP
So that we know where to hold the event

St. Hilary's Church, 5011 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33901

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day



Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

The HELPING HANDS MINISTRY of
ST. HILARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5011 McGREGOR BLVD.
FT. MYERS, FL 33901
INVITE YOU TO:



BINGO



CASH AND PRIZES

11-13-2026 at **6:30** p.m.

BROWNING HALL BEHIND CHURCH

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

** MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD**



Gathering for newcomers and returning members at the Rectory

Wednesday, November 18th



RSVP to frandrew@sainthilarys.org or register here:

2026 - 2027
SAINT HILARY'S CONCERT SERIES

October 18, 2026, 4:00 pm

Fort Myers Mastersingers Concert
Luminara: *The Heart's Horizon*

TICKETS:
https://ftmmastersingers.ticketspice.com/luminara-the-hearts-horizon-oct



November 18, 2026, 7:00 pm

FSW State College Choir and Guitar Ensemble: *What We Carry*

TICKETS:
No tickets needed; free to the public

Concert Series ARTS at FSW

December 13, 2026, 4:00 pm

North Fort Myers High Choral Concert

TICKETS:
No tickets needed; free to the public

December 27, 2026, 3:00 pm

Organ Recital:
Emily Christman

TICKETS:
No tickets needed; free to the public



January 12, 2027, 7:30 pm

Fort Myers Philharmonic:
An Evening with Wolfgang

TICKETS:
https://www.fmphil.org/events-2/

Fort Myers PHILHARMONIC

April 6, 2027, 4:00 pm

North Fort Myers High Choral Concert

TICKETS:
No tickets needed; free to the public

Candlelight Concerts
at Saint Hilary's

Candlelight Concerts bring a live, multi-sensory musical experience under the gentle glow of candlelight.

December 18, 2026

6:30 pm – *Christmas Classics*
8:45 pm – *Christmas Classics*

January 29, 2027

6:30 pm – *Queen vs. Abba*
8:45 pm – *Beatles Tribute*

February 26, 2027

6:30 pm – *Queen vs. Abba*
8:45 pm – *Beatles Tribute*

TICKETS:
https://candlelightexperience.com/



Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

All concerts held in the sanctuary of
Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church
5011 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL, 33901

Times of concerts vary and are listed on the schedule

The venue is ADA accessible and has ADA-compliant restrooms

Ticket prices vary by concert and are set by the artists. Some concerts are free to the public. Check the artists' websites, listed on the schedule.

Concert Dates

October 18, 2026	4:00 pm
November 18, 2026	7:00 pm
December 13, 2026	4:00 pm
December 18, 2026	6:30pm and 8:45 pm
December 27, 2026	3:00 pm
January 12, 2027	7:30 pm
January 29, 2027	6:30 pm and 8:45 pm
February 26, 2027	6:30 pm and 8:45 pm
April 6, 2027	4:00 pm

Saint Hilary's Concert Series

2026 ~ 2027

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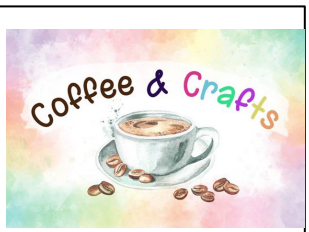


Weekly happenings:



Children's Church : Sunday Children's Church has resumed and VOLUNTEERS ARE still NEEDED. If you are available to help, please contact the parish office. Teacher training takes place Sunday, November 8th in Browning Hall after the 10 am service





Prayer Shawl Ministry &Crafts, Coffee and Conversation will meet in the Music Wing, starting with *Prayer Shawl Ministry* at 10 am, followed by *Crafts, Coffee and Conversation* at 10:30 am every Monday except Holidays or the 2nd Monday of each month.
If you have questions, please get in touch with Nancy Terrell at *nanterre2@aol.com* or Ray LaGrange at raylagrange52@gmail.com

YOSH (grades 6th-12th)

All are invited to join YOSH (Youth Of Saint Hilary's) for Bible lessons, fun activities, service opportunities, new skills learning and building friendships. YOSH meets every Sunday after the last Sunday service for 45-60 mins. (except on the 3rd Potluck Sunday). We will be meeting in Browning Hall thru September then move to the renovated YOSH Room in the Ed Wing.



The Exercise Class is meeting every Monday and Thursday at 8:30am at St. Hilary's in the Music Wing

No Reservations needed.



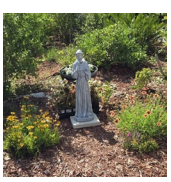
Curious about the Daughters of the King?

If prayer brings you joy and a sense of purpose, we invite you to consider joining the Daughters of the King®—a sacred sisterhood of Christian women devoted to deepening their relationship with God through prayer, service, and community.

Together, we walk a shared path of faith, supporting one another as we grow closer to Jesus and seek to make His love known in the world. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you will find a warm welcome in this prayerful and loving circle.

To learn more or to register your interest in the Daughters of the King, email Betsey Lunsford – President (betseyehm@gmail.com).





GOSH (Gardeners of Saint Hilary's) meets every Monday NOW at 7:30 am weather permitting

The Episcopal Church Women

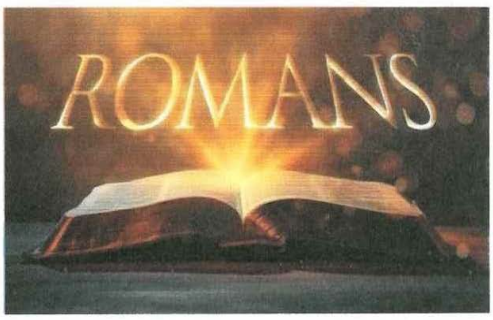
ECW meeting - . The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) meets every month on the 2nd Monday. If you would like to join, please contact Kelly MacDonald Tel.239-440-2630



MAG (Men Action Guild) - The MAG meetings take place the second Sunday of every month .The meeting will take place in The Cannon Pavillion . If would like more information or join a meeting, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jim Stenger at stengerj86@gmail.com

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group

Invites you to a study of the book of



All are invited to share in the learning, the Fellowship, and coffee!

Also available on Zoom!

Where: The Music Wing

When: Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 A.M.

Study begins on Sept.22 through Dec. 8, 2026

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 22nd
During coffee hour
in Browning Hall



ADVENT SERIES

Potluck and programming
every Wednesday in December.
Join us in Browning Hall at 5 pm



Blessing of the Nativities

Sunday, November 29th
In Browning Hall after
the 10 am service.





THE MCGREGOR LOCAL FARMERS' MARKET

5011 McGREGOR BLVD
AT SAINT HILARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LOCAL FARMERS & HANDCRAFTED VENDORS

EVERY SATURDAY | 9 AM – 1 PM

NOW WELCOMING NEW VENDORS
FOR THE FALL SEASON!

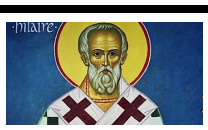
CONTACT 239-450-6060
FOR APPLICATIONS

The shopping starts soon!



ECW Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 5!

Save the date:



Saint Hilary feast day
event Wednesday,
January 13, 2027

Save the date:
ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL
Friday,
February 19, 2027

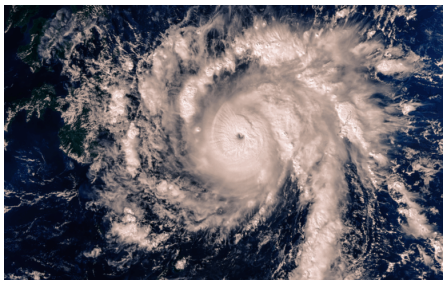






To bring a dish to share, the sign-up sheet is located in Browning Hall, or call the parish office.





Hurricane season starts June 1 and lasts until November 30

Start preparing now,
and stay informed



DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

General

- ☐ Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- ☐ A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights
  Do not use candles
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio
  Battery operated or hand cranked
- ☐ Cash
  Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- ☐ Cell phone chargers
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
  County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- ☐ Triangular bandages
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towellettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Tube of petroleum jelly
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medicine
- ☐ Antacid
- ☐ Laxative
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Q-tips

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
  Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water
  1 gallon per person per day
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Utensils

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Banking information
- ☐ Credit card numbers
- ☐ Copies of social security cards
- ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- ☐ Other personal documents
- ☐ Set of car, house, and office keys
- ☐ Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- ☐ Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- ☐ Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/microchip information
- ☐ A carrier or cage
- ☐ Muzzle and leash
- ☐ Water and food bowls
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Supplies for your service animal

Find more disaster preparedness tips at FloridaDisaster.org

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- ☐ Cash and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- ☐ Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



Emergency Supply List

FEMA
www.ready.gov

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Water and non-perishable food for several days
- ☐ Extra cell phone battery or charger
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps

FEMA's Ready Campaign educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including those from natural hazards and man-made disasters. Ready asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and appropriate responses. Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive several days if an emergency occurs. This list of emergency supply kit items is only a starting point. It is important that individuals review this list and consider the unique needs of their family, including pets, for items to include. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.

Ready. FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, DC 20472

Join us every third Sunday of the month in Browning Hall after the 10 am service to Celebrate Birthdays.
This is a potluck.
Cake will be provided.





Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles

If you would like to remember a loved one, contact the parish office at 239-936-1000 or email office@sainthilarys.org by Wednesday prior to the desired Sunday.
The cost for Altar Flowers is $50
The Sanctuary Candle is $20

For Events, visit our website by scanning the QR Code.
Place your phone camera over the QR code to scan

Thank you for being a part of Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers, FL.
Donations to support our church and our various ministries can be made by scanning the QR Code





Calendar of events

week of November 2, 2026

Monday, November 2
8:30am-9:30am Exercise Class (MW)
9:30am – Staff Meeting
10:00am – Helping Hands Mtg (CR)
10:00am – Prayer Shawl Ministry (MW)
10:30am – Crafts, Coffee and Conversation (MW)
6:30pm – Cub Scouts Pack 117 (S & EW)
7:00pm – Boy Scouts Pack 117 (BH)

Tuesday, November 3 – ELECTION DAY
Office Closed
9:30am – Tuesday Bible Study: *Romans*(MW)
6:30pm-7:30pm SIS (MW)
7:30pm- 8:30 pm WISE (MW)

Wednesday, November 4

Thursday , November 5
8:30am-9:30am– Exercise Class (MW)
9:00am – Veterans Day dinner prep (BH)
10:00am – Angela's Class (MW)
12:15pm – In Person Healing Service (S and FB)
2:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal (MW)

Friday, November 6
12:oopm – Veterans Day Dinner prep (BH)
5:00pm – **VETERANS DAY DINNER (BH)**

Saturday, November 7
9:00am– 12 noon -Farmers Market (Front lawn)
9:00am – Altar Guild (S)

Sunday, November 8
8:00am – Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00am –Holy Eucharist Rite II– Livestreamed on FB
11:15am–noon- Coffee Hour
11:15am – Teacher Training (BH)
11:15am – MAG Meeting (CP)
11:30am – YOSH/Children's Church (BH)
6:30pm–Food Addict in Recovery Meeting (MW)

•BH- Browning Hall
•MW-Music Wing
•EW- Educational Wing
•CR- Browning Hall Conference Room
•CP – Cannon Pavillion
•S – Sanctuary
•Colum – Columbarium



Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers is seeking a part-time organist to support worship and enrich the congregation's musical life. The ideal candidate will be a skilled musician with experience accompanying congregational singing, collaborating with clergy and choir members, and a passion for supporting worship through music. Reliability, flexibility, and a collaborative spirit are highly valued.

For a full job description or to express interest, please contact Lester Erich at lestererich@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat 2026

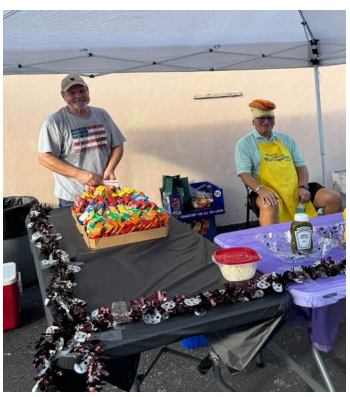












Youth Diocesan Events



Did you know:
Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church is an active faith community.
There is a ministry for everyone!
For more information, call the parish office at 239-936-1000 or email us at office@sainthilarys.org

CHOIR / MUSIC MINISTRY

Saint Hilary's is home to one of the area's only pipe organs. We are pleased to offer a wide selection of traditional music every week at our Sunday morning Rite II service, as well as on Feast days and at special celebrations. It's always a treat when brass players join our choir for Easter and Christmas Lessons and Carols services!

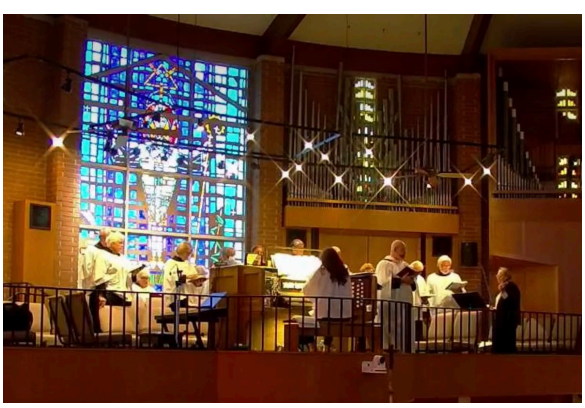
Our sanctuary hosts multiple concerts each year in support of our local musical arts community and our music wing provides a rehearsal space for the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers' Intermezzo choir and the City of Palms Youth Choir.

We invite you to join us as we *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4)*













Check us out on:
Facebook
Instagram

Thank you for being a part of Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers, FL. Donations to support our ministries can be made by clicking on the link below:
https://onrealm.org/sainthilarys/give/now