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Parish Administrator: Alicia Gibbons
NEWSLETTER – August 31, 2026



Making Christ Known through Love and Service

Sunday services: 9 AM – Alternating between Rite I and 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: September 6, 2026
The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm: 149

Epistle: Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20





To the Beloved People of St. Hilary's:

Christin and I are so joyfully looking forward to our ministry among you starting in mid-September. We're finishing all our packing and goodbyes here in Tampa and next week we'll travel to Northern Ireland to help lead a discipleship retreat. (Above is a wind-blown picture from the Irish coast last summer—we'll try to bring some of that lovely cool air back with us!) Once we get back, we'll move to Fort Myers.

I gladly agreed to serving as Interim Rector in part because I understand how important this season is as we all prepare for St. Hilary's next Rector. I feel honored to have the opportunity to shepherd this wonderful church through this transition.

Please be assured I have no plans on coming in to make all kinds of changes—I'm looking forward to finding ways to support the many wonderful things that are already going on here. I want to learn more about the history of this parish and its relationships with clergy and lay leaders. I'm hoping to encourage current and emerging leaders to use their gifts as God guides them. And I'll work on furthering our mutually supportive relationship with our Diocesan leadership. This is a significant job and I hope you'll pray for me regularly, as we continue praying for you.

I've already reached out to Den. Bobbie, Margaret and the Vestry, and Alicia and the staff, to start getting their input. I hope that eventually you'll all share with me what you love about St. Hilary's, as well as any suggestions you have that might help the parish continue to flourish. Please know I'll always be very glad to hear from you. If you'd like to be in touch before we move, Alicia and Margaret can arrange that.

God bless you all as we finish up the summer and move into a new season in the life of this amazing parish!

Very kindly yours,

Fr. Andrew



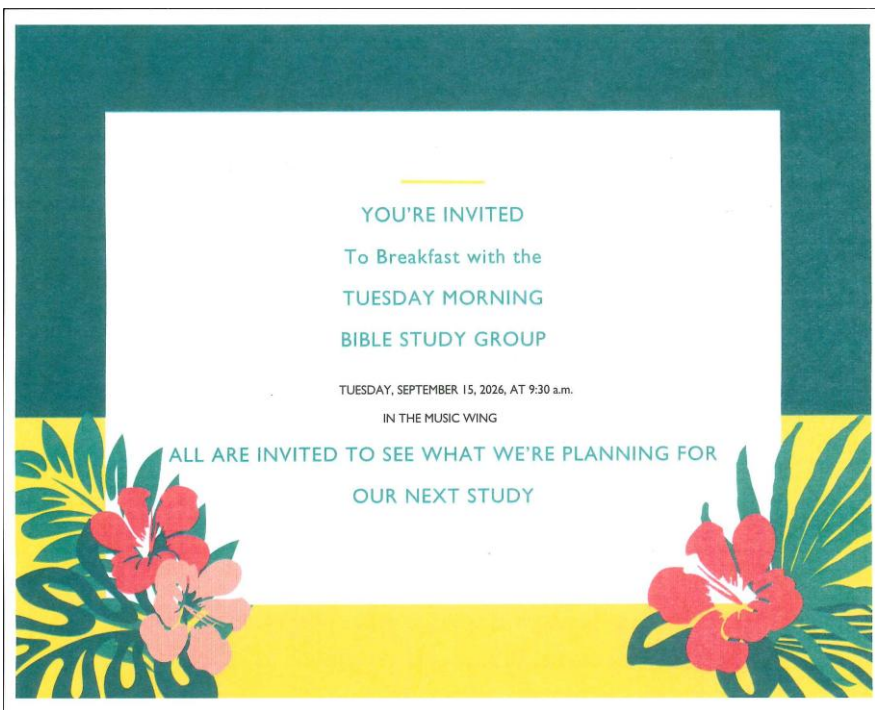
Prayer For the Election of a Rector

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

Currently and until September 6th, 2026
We will offer **ONE** Sunday service
at **9 AM**, alternating between Rite I and Rite II
Next Service: September 6, 2026 Rite I

**TWO SERVICES: 8 AM Rite I and
10 AM Rite II
RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Join us as Fr. Andrew Lazo
celebrates both services**



Weekly happenings:



Children's Church – our Sunday Children's Church is on a break during summer and will resume in September. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** If you are available to help, please contact the parish office



CRAFTS, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
There are no meetings during summer. We will resume in October

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 **HELPING HANDS** Ministry of
ST. HILARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5011 MCGREGOR BLVD.

FT. MYERS, FL 33901

INVITE YOU TO:



BINGO



CASH AND PRIZES

9-11-2026 at 6:30 p.m.

BROWNING HALL BEHIND CHURCH

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

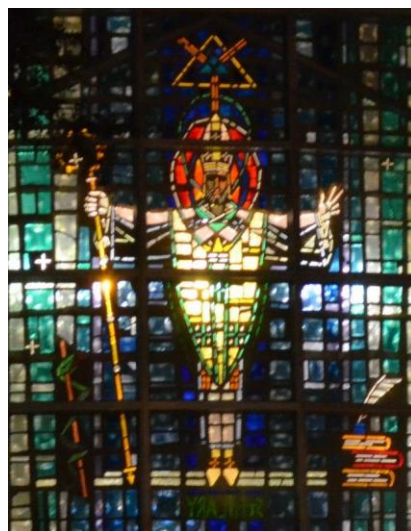
** MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD **



NEW!

LINE DANCE CLASSES

Schedule will be announced soon!



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

No Reservations needed.



Daughters of the King - The Daughters of the King meet every 4th Sunday of the month. For more information contact Stephanie at

913-284-8349.



Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles

are available. Cost for Altar Flowers are \$50; Candles are \$20. If you would like to remember a loved one, contact the office at 239-936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday.



GOSH (Gardeners of Saint Hilary's)

meet every Monday from 7pm to 8 pm



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 THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS DURING SUMMER





MYSTERY AT UPTON HOUSE By ROBERT J. LeBLANC

Join us for Dinner and a Show

October 2 & 3 @6:00 pm

October 4 @4:00 pm

Tickets are \$30 per person.

Setting: An English country house
in the 1930's – 1940's

~Menu~

Caesar Salad & Rolls

Roast Chicken

Baked Potato

Green Beans

Dessert

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER BOTH SERVICES
IN BROWNING HALL.



For More Information:
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CASH AND PRIZES

10-16-2026

at 6:30 p.m.

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Veterans' Day Dinner

Friday, November 6,
2026



Browning Hall



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!



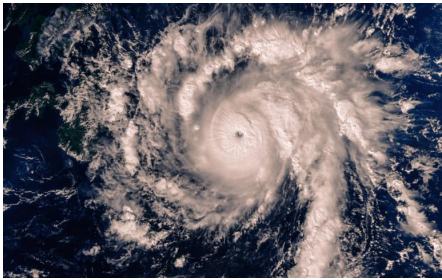
ECW Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 5!

Save the date:

**ANNUAL SHRIMP
BOIL**

Friday,
February 19, 2027





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 towelettes

☐ 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, papertowels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Ready

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed. ®



Emergency Supply List



FEMA

www.ready.gov

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



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

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.



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:
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*Thank
You!!*
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Calendar of events week of August 31, 2026

Monday, August 31

8:30am-9:30am Exercise Class (MW)
9:30am – Staff Meeting
3:00pm – 4 pm: Angela's Class (MW)
6:30pm – Cub Scouts Pack 117 (S & EW)
7:00pm – Boy Scouts Pack 117 (BH)

Tuesday, September 1

9:30am – Tuesday Bible Study (MW)
6:30pm-7:30pm SIS (MW)
7:30 pm- 8:30 pm WISE (MW)

Wednesday , September 2

Thursday , September 3

8:30am-9:30am– Exercise Class (MW)

Friday, September 4

Parish Office Closed during summer

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am– 12 noon -Farmers Market (Front lawn)
9:00 am – Altar Guild

Sunday, September 6 – Food Collection

9 am –Holy Eucharist Rite II– Livestreamed on FB
10:00 am–noon- Coffee Hour
10:15am – Vestry Meeting
6:30 pm–Food Addict in Recovery Meeting (MW)

- BH- Browning Hall
- MW-Music Wing
- EW- Educational Wing
- CR- Browning Hall Conference Room
- 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.

Youth Diocesan Events

EYCoSWFL

upcoming events

AUG 2026 - MAY 2027

AUG 22	ACOLYTE FESTIVAL @ The Cathedral, St. Pete 10AM-2PM	AUG 28	BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP Tampa Bay Rays, 7:15pm Start Time
SEPT 05	YOUTH WORKERS MEET-UP @ DaySpring, 9AM-2PM	SEP 25-27	NEW BEGINNINGS #79 Middle School Retreat
OCT 9-10	DIO CON, LOCK-IN Punta Gorda	NOV 6-8	HAPPENING #92 High School Retreat
FEB 5-7	YOUTH WORKERS SABBATH RETREAT @ DaySpring	FEB 26-28	NEW BEGINNINGS #80 Middle School Retreat
APR 2-3	HAPPENING #93 High School Retreat	APR 23-25	WATER AND THE WORD A Diocesan Conference for all ages

Morgan Brownlee
Diocesan Missioner for Youth & Young Adult Ministries
mbrownlee@episcopalswfl.org

www.eycofswfl.org





58th Annual Diocesan Convention

Friday, October 9 and Saturday October 10, 2026

Port Charlotte Harbor Convention Center

Register Here:

<https://www.conventionswfl.org/>



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

This month we will showcase our **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>