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Parish Administrator: Alicia Gibbons
NEWSLETTER – August 3, 2026



Making Christ Known through Love and Service

Sunday services: 9 AM – Alternating between Rite I and Rite II
livestreamed on Facebook
Thursday Healing Service: 10 AM 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: August 9, 2026
The Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4; 12-28
Psalms: 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Epistle: Romans 10: 5-15
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33



WELCOME Father Andrew Lazo – Saint Hilary’s new INTERIM RECTOR

From Margaret Lane, Senior Warden

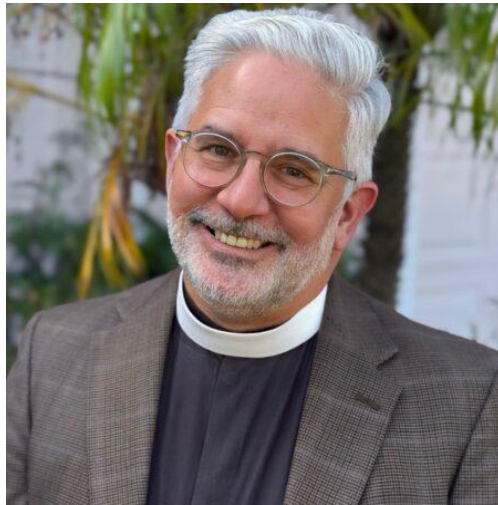
Saint Hilary’s is blessed to have Fr. Andrew Lazo, who will be our Interim Rector, starting in September. He is an internationally known C.S. Lewis scholar. I’ve included links below so you may see some of his sermons on YouTube. Fr Andrew was ordained in the Diocese of Texas in 2023. He is currently the Associate Rector at St. John’s Episcopal Church of Tampa. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary and Northwind Theological Seminary. Andrew and his wife Christin are looking forward to meeting all of us in September.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyZ9vvJly6g> Growing in Faith by Giving Thanks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVQ4liFSfgg> What is My ONE Thing?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xojkThroTps> The Hope of Reliable, Rational Faith

Fr. Andrew’s website : *andrewlazo.com*



Dearest People of St. Hilary’s,

I am so grateful that God has led me to Fort Myers to serve as your Interim Rector. From the moment I heard about this wonderful parish, I have been so impressed with what God is doing in and through you in your community that I’ve been eager to come and take part. My wife Christin and I both look forward to joining with you to make Christ known through love and service (and of course we can’t wait to meet and start getting to know you all!). As you do the good and crucial work of discerning who will serve as your next rector, I look forward to working with Deacon Bobbie and the outstanding parish leaders to shepherd us all through this season of opportunity and blessing and into the next one, with great hope and faith for the future. We’ll see you very soon! Kindly and with every blessing,

Fr. Andrew Lazo



A Prayer For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven
and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family.
Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless,
and restore the penitent.
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and
bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy
Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Book of Common Prayer – Page 817

Currently and until September 6th, 2026
We will offer **ONE** Sunday service
at **9 AM**, alternating between Rite I and Rite II
Next Service: August 9 2026 Rite I
**The parish office summer hours are
Monday through Thursday from 9 am
to 3 pm, until September 4th **

Don't miss our
YOSH (Youth Of Saint Hilary's)
MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, August 7th in
Browning Hall
At 6 pm
Pizza and popcorn available.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 16
during the 9 am

Service followed by an ice
cream social in Browning Hall
Bring a dish to share for our Potluck
During Coffee Hour.

Weekly happenings:



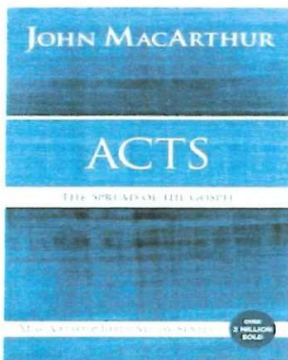
Children's Church – our Sunday Children's Church is on a break during summer and will resume in September. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** If you are available to help, please contact the parish office



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

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group

Invites you to a study of the book of



You will enjoy the fellowship,
coffee, and learning!

Also available on Zoom

Where: The Music Wing

When: Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00

Study begins June 2, 2026-September 1, 2026

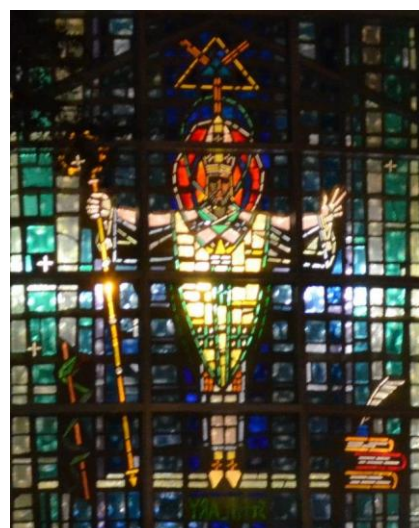
Please join us!

YOSH Bible Study

Experience your own relationship with scripture amongst your youthful peers!

Join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 9 am service in Browning Hall at Coffee Hour for a 45-minute guided reading event with discussion and take-home materials included (These free classes are to last no longer than 11:15 pm)

- No reservation required.



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.



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

Green Farmer's Market - Visit the Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9am-1pm on the Front Lawn.





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



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.





The ECW - EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
ST. HILARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5011 MCGREGOR BLVD.
FT. MYERS, FL 33901



INVITE YOU TO:



BINGO

CASH AND PRIZES

8-14-2026 at 6:00p.m.
BROWNING HALL BEHIND CHURCH

**** MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD****



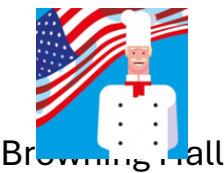
Mark your calendars:

***ECW Murder Mystery
Dinner Show***

Show will be held in Browning Hall on October 2nd and 3rd at 5 pm and Sunday Oct 4th at 2 pm



Veterans' Day Dinner
Friday, November 6, 2026

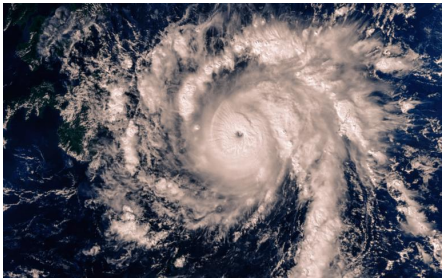


Browning Hall

The shopping starts soon!



ECW Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 5!



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](https://www.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

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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over the QR code to Scan.*



*Thank
You!!*
😊

Calendar of events week of August 3, 2026

Monday, August 3

8:30am-9:30am Exercise Class (MW)
9:30am – Staff Meeting
10:30am – Helping Hands Mtg (CR)
3:00pm – 4 pm: Angela's Class (MW)

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday , August 5

Thursday , August 6

8:30am-9:30am– Exercise Class (MW)

Friday, August 7

6:00pm – YOSH Movie Night (BH)
Parish Office Closed during summer

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9

9 am –Holy Eucharist Rite I– Livestreamed on FB
10:00 am–noon- Coffee Hour – August Bday
Celebrations
10:15am – YOSH Bible Study (BH)
2:00pm – Mastersingers (MW)
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

EYCoFswfl

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

DIOCESAN

ACOLYTE Festival

AUG | 22nd | 2026

10 AM - 2 PM

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter

Acolyte Festival

Register (press Ctrl and click) [HERE](#)

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>