

As much as "more from St. Augustine's" has ballyhooed the milestones of this community, sometimes we all need a look back to appreciate where we've been.

Thus on the occasion of this, our 50th issue, we have strung together "the first draft" of our church's recent history. It probably begins in December of '04.

TIMELINE 2005

Dec. 04	Parish Survey cites many needs
Jan. 05	Mary Clowers & Joyce Corn elected Seder fills Parish Hall Mutual Min. Review: dissatisfactions New carpet & chairs in chancel Canon Durning confers with Vestry
Avg Wkly Att: 44	
Jun 05	Fr. Crawford agrees to sabbatical Fr. Jaster is supply priest www.staugstpete.org starts Bldg inspector OKs facility Breakfasts all summer! Bishop meets with Vestry Ford Hall gets a re-do
Avg. Wkly Att: 32	
Aug. 05	Your Place opens St. George Parish sends us \$4500 We give YP \$2000 of it Sunday School room re-done
2005	For 9 days we scavenge HC Church Study Group: Exploring the Way Sanctuary painted, then repainted Diocese gives \$25T for pension fund Bishop & Vestry Meet again Celebrate and Boast Day for fun
Sept. 05	New yellow Church Directory Fr Crawford returns, chooses to leave We send \$\$ & supplies for Katrina Students & teachers get blessed Parish Hall painted; doors get red Disciple Bible Study for 9 Storage pod returned Si Simmons celebrates 110! We co-host Muslim Break Fast Cutliff granddaughter baptized
Avg. Wkly Att: 41	
Nov. 05	Fr. Crawford farewell reception Fish dinner for 75
Dec. 05	Fr. Whitlock arrives as Supply Priest Hazel Hunter passes away Big Holiday Concert draws \$900 We give \$300 to T-Bay Young Singers

Next Week: Timeline 2006.

In Early Meeting Vestry Gets Major Homework Assignments

In his last meeting with the Vestry until August, **Fr. Robin** noted that the ambitious plans and grant proposals have engendered new jobs and new challenges for our renewing church.

Meeting a week earlier than usual, the elected body of 12 acted to create a new Capital Improvement Fund that was instigated by two major recent gifts: a \$5000 gift from St. Thomas Church on Snell Isle and a \$6000 anonymous gift last week. This new account, the Vestry pledged, will not be tapped for routine expenses.

They also created a better parish committee structure. Beginning with a new 25-item "jobs to be done" list that embraced tasks -- from neighborhood visitations to overhauling financial reporting -- new committees were formed, fewer in number but more specific in scope. Then the 25 critical tasks were assigned to the committee chairs, reducing overlap and declaring some fresh accountabilities.

It was acknowledged that some tasks cannot be accomplished by volunteers, so Fr. Robin proposed and the Vestry approved the creation of a temporary contract position to "get our house in order." Funds budgeted this year for a clerical position will be diverted to a 10 hours per week effort to create an improved administrative infrastructure. **Judy Krug** was contracted to fill that temporary position.

Also approved were the purchases of a new riding mower and a new vacuum cleaner. **Lewis Clowers** will also get estimates to extend our sprinklers to water all our property from 26th Avenue to the church building.

Summer Sunday School Starts Today

Surely everyone's noticed how delightful it is that youngsters have returned to our church. That means that our plans for Christian Formation experiences for children have taken on a new urgency.

You will note today that the children are ushered out for their special activities just after our service's beginning (prior to the first scripture reading). Their lesson will be focused each Sunday on a Bible passage from that day's service.

Their instructional activities, led this summer by college student **Auriel James** (now a sophomore at South Carolina State Univ., Orangeburg), will always include snacks and something to take home. Then, cued by the sound system that broadcasts our service over to Ford Hall, the children will return to our Mass in time to receive a blessing at Communion.

This newsletter is for members and friends of one courageous Episcopal Church in south St. Petersburg, FL. "... more* from St. Augustine's" is about candor, recognition, spiritual attitude, nixing hearsay and, yes, unashamed cheer leading. Members Judy and Tom Krug are the project's co-editors. Some 65 parishioners are essential to the effort. We think of this weekly as the first draft of our recent history. Every issue is available each Sunday after the service and also online at www.staugstpete.org, our web site for church-shoppers.

Holy Church Has Become More Holey So Now It Wholly Needs Caulking

Next Saturday, June 17th is a day that is expected to transform St. Augustine's.

An announced "Caulking Day" next weekend is expected to upgrade appearances, stop an infestation of ants, deter the spread of critters and reduce air conditioning bills.

Both women and men are being recruited to putty window panes, shoot caulking guns into crevices and smear spackling into nail holes. "We replaced the roof. Now we're going to plug every other hole in this facility!" Okay, Junior Warden **Joyce Corn** didn't exactly say that, but she might have.

Just a short Saturday morning, from 9:30 till Noon. Join in the fun!

**Parish Summer Schedule
June 11th, 18th, 25th and July
2nd, at 9 am, at St. Augustine's:
Fr. Jack Hyde celebrating**

**July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
at 9 am, at St. Augustine's:
Fr. Lee Jaster celebrating**

My Letter to You, After One Year

This is the 50th issue of our newsletter: telling the story and capturing a taste of the community life of an extraordinary parish. (That's you and me.)

For a full year now, Tom and I have been publishing *...more* from St. Augustine's*. This has been our ministry at St. A's, a kind of love letter to all of you who make this parish a vibrant example of God's love and grace.

So much has transpired during the past 12 months! Has this newsletter reflected those changes? Has it identified all of you who have painted, mowed, cleaned, cooked, taught, counted, chaired and voted? And those of you who sang, prayed, studied and questioned?

Do you feel "in the know?" Your newsletter should give you news, make life at St. A's more transparent; and it should remove any suspicion of surreptitious decision making. Has it done that for you?

As Tom has written at the bottom of each issue, "...some 65 members are essential to the effort." And that's absolutely true. But there is another *essential* to this newsletter, and that's Tom himself.

You Gotta Be Curious ...

You might think that this would be a "light week" of work at St. Aug's after our off-site Sunday (Mass on the Beach). But **Bobby Allen**, **Lewis Clowers** and **Nate Jones** still mowed and edged lawns.... **Lewis** also completed two **rest room repairs**, saving hundreds in lieu of calling a plumber -- and he repaired a vacuum cleaner that was slated for replacement.... He also repaired the lawn mower, again.... **Auriel James** and a friend spent hours sorting through files and old furnishings getting ready to create new **Sunday School** experiences for our youngsters.... **Joyce** and **James Corn**, **Greg Ashford** and **Tom Krug** tore into **Ford Hall's back storage room**, trashing water damaged carpet and clearing the way for ceiling and floor repairs.... With **hurricane season** upon us again, **Bishop Lipscomb** has made it clear that **our church is not to be considered a hurricane shelter**; in fact, when winds exceed 40 mph, all **church services will be cancelled**. There are 8-page *Surviving the Storm* guides available in the parish hall.... Be sure to welcome **Fr. Jack Hyde** and his wife **Kathie**, each returning for another month of summer supply work.... For the next 8 weeks, while **Fr. Whitlock** is away, if you need clergy assistance for any reason, call **Mary Clowers** (864-3568) or **Joyce Corn** (540-0655).... Note some **attitude changes** on our church's web site: there's now more emphasis on what others need than on what St. Augustine's is now.... More than 70 of us were a **Sea of Red** last Sunday at Ft. DeSoto Park, celebrating in our new Pentecost-red t-shirts; a nice whole-group photo of all our smiling selves is already up on our "web site for church shoppers" at www.staugstpete.org.

You should know that this publication is very much a shared effort, a partnership of skills, ideas and a "nose for news." But if an article is crisp and to the point, Tom wrote it. If the headline piques your curiosity or makes you smile, credit him.

Now we're beginning a second year. Keep on making news.

It's a joy to write about this parish.

Judy Krug

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