



The Call



May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight o Lord our strength and our redeemer.

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The Very Reverend Father Garry Edwards



Please welcome The Very Reverend Father Garry Edwards, Dean of Southeast Florida of the Diocese of Central Florida, Rector at St. Sebastian's By The Sea Episcopal Church located in Melbourne Beach, Florida in the Diocese of Central Florida. Dean Garry was ordained transitional Deacon on January 30, 2017 and subsequently ordained Priest and installed Rector on August 13, 2017. Father Garry completed a year at Codrington College Seminary in the Island of Barbados before moving on to The General Theological Seminary of New York City where he received a Masters in Divinity and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction on May 17, 2017.

He is married with two adult daughters and when not busy with family and church, he enjoys cricket, football and playing golf. He was formerly a member of St. Alban's Anglican/Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, NY for seventeen years which he served in many positions to include Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chief Acolyte, Warden and Youth Director. He also served as a Board Member of the Long Island Episcopal Charities, part of the Long Island Episcopal Diocese.

Prior to migrating to the United States in 1977, Father Garry attended All Saints Anglican Church in the parish of Saint Peter, Barbados where he served as a Sunday School teacher, Acolyte and Youth Leader. In 1984 Father Garry graduated from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York with a BA in Public Communications and Marketing. In his working career he was prominent in the mortgage industry serving many positions from Senior Mortgage Consultant to President of his own business, specializing in educating low to moderate income borrowers in the value of Home Ownership. He conducted many home buying seminars for first time buyers.

He is looking forward to his new spiritual journey at St. Mark's Huntersville, NC in the Diocese of North Carolina as its new Rector.



RALLY DAY REVISED

Rally Day will take place on
Sunday September 12th following the
9:30 service.
This year will look a little different than
years past.



Rally Day will include a **Buildings and Grounds
work day** as we prepare for the
Bishop's visit the following weekend.
We will serve **hot dogs** (instead of our traditional potluck)

Stewardship will be ready to hand out packets and information on our
Stewardship Campaign.



Finding the Lost Sheep

³ And Jesus spoke this parable unto them,
saying,⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred
sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave
the ninety-nine in the pasture, and go after the
one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when
he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders,
rejoicing. — Luke 15:3-5

We turn the page on a year of stress and change for the
parishioners of our church. This fall, our stewardship
program will not be seeking just financial pledges, we will be
seeking you. In some way, each of us experiences the
isolation and fear of that lost sheep. So, it is reassuring to
recall that Jesus loves the lost. This year, St. Mark's will
search for you and, like the good shepherd, rejoice in calling
you home.

Look for more information on Rally Day, September 12th.

Morning Prayer
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30am

Join via zoom link below
(passcode 654321)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5214797294?
pwd=WHNacnBUR3R4Z0xkZHIjakhwbStuQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5214797294?pwd=WHNacnBUR3R4Z0xkZHIjakhwbStuQT09)

You can access the service order with the
link below

<https://conta.cc/2vRUtpl>



**We are back to
Stage 3**

We can have unlimited
attendance as well as
communion in both kinds .

Masks are required until Meck. County falls
below 7.5%

Join us at 9:30am on Sunday Mornings

Sign up to attend so we have a head count.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054-
ca4a7238-worship](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054-ca4a7238-worship)

Or: Via live stream through

Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>



**Bishop's Visit
and
Confirmation**

**Mark your calendars for
Sunday September 19th at 9:30am**

Bishop Sam will be with us on this day.

Our youth that were to be confirmed in 2020 will be able to officially make their confirmation.
A Reception will be hosted by Hospitality in the Rafters Following the Service.

Please pray for our 2021 confirmands

John "Riley" Milholland

Savannah Self

Bella Grace Rhinehardt

Shannon Hunt



REGATHERING AND REBUILDING FOR THE PROGRAMMING YEAR

As we approach the beginning of the church programming year
we are working on getting our kids and youth programs back up and running.

What a wonderful time to try something new.

If you would like to help with Children's Chapel or Kids/Youth Sunday School
contact Sarah Milholland sarahmilholland@stmarksnc.org

Christian Formation for Kids and Youth will begin on

Sunday, September 26th

At 10:30am following the 9:30 service.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL



Children's Chapel is Back!

Children should meet the Children's Chaplain
in the court yard prior to the 9:30 service.

If any adults would like to serve as a chaplain
once a month or less we would love to have
you.

Training is provided

Please contact Sarah Milholland with questions
or additional information
sarahmilholland@stmarksnc.org

**You do not need to have kids in this age
group to help with this ministry.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kids and Youth



Children and Youth Christian Formation will
resume on Sunday **September 26th** at 10:30am
following the 9:30 service.

**We would love to have a few more teachers for
all age groups.**

If you have a love of teaching for any age or
would like to try a rotation please let us know.

Please contact Sarah Milholland with any questions
or for additional information
sarahmilholland@stmarksnc.org

FLYIN' LIONS IN SEPTEMBER



Our weekly lunches are on hold until we have enough students to begin a 3rd class



**Our next Tuesday Table will take place
on Tuesday September 28th @ 6:30pm**

Look for more information in the coming weeks



**Baked Goods will be available for purchase with pick up on the following Fridays:
September 3rd and 24th**

You can order through <https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/43a794>



**We have many catering opportunities coming up and would love to have
volunteers helping serve, plate food and or wash dishes.**

If you would like to serve with Flyin' Lions

Please let us know.

flyinlion@stmarksnc.org

<http://www.flyinlionministries.com>

Linda Amidei -Administrative Coordinator

Sue Bartlett - Lead Culinary Instructor



August W.I.N.E.
(Women in Need of Entertainment)
Mark your calendars for Monday,
September 20th at 6:30pm
We will have WINE in
The Rafters

*Bring your beverage of choice
(adult beverages and non adult beverages)
or a dish to share.*

*This event is for ALL women.
If you don't have time for either just bring
yourself.*

*We are seeking members to take turns serving
as the "Hostess" while WINE is in the Rafters
Hosting involves:*

*Setting up
&
Cleaning Up*

*The same as if we were back in members
homes*

Contact Allison Rhinehardt with questions
Or to serve as hostess for a month.
allibrett@gmail.com



Coffee Hour Update

After many years of dedication
our beloved Marsha Phillips
has decided to retire from her role as
coffee hour coordinator.

We would like to thank Marsha for her
long commitment to making sure we had
an opportunity to gather.

If anyone would like to be involved in a
"coffee hour team" please contact
Sarah Milholland
@ sarahmilholland@stmarksnc.org



Thirstday Thursday
is Scheduled to take
place on
Thursday
September 9th
at 6:30pm

We plan to meet IN PERSON
Boardwalk Billy's
9005 J.M. Keynes Dr, at 6:30
No RSVP necessary but texts welcome
to David Fahey
david.fahey@carolina.rr.com
or text to
704-562-7587



Birthdays

Fiona Brown - 9/1
 Deborah Allen – 9/2
 Scott Brett - 9/2
 Judy Finn – 9/5
 Sarah Thompson - 9/6
 Jennifer Klebaur – 9/7
 Kayla Michel – 9/7
 Mandy Self-Sparrow - 9/7
 Andrew Blythe - 9/12
 Mary Kendrick - 9/12
 Ian Doolittle – 9/13
 Owen Mach – 9/13
 Avery Gambill - 9/14
 John Milholland - 9/15
 Julia Weeks – 9/15
 Donna Osborne - 9/19
 Delia Roberts - 9/19
 Eric Savage – 9/21
 Taylor Swogger – 9/21
 Libby James - 9/24
 Maggie Fahey - 9/27
 Kennedie Hewalt – 9/27

Anniversaries

Don & Debbie Siegel - 9/1
 Martin & Donna Osborne - 9/6
 Homer & Jan Sanford – 9/13

Prayers for continued healing:

Saunders Black
 Martha Ann Springer
 Richard & Mary Beth Masline
 Jim & Patricia Woolley
 Marion Johannsson & Betsy
 Elaine Reilly
 Mary Lou Blevins & her mom
 Milt Sullivan
 Paul & Michelle Cravetz

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Scott Hundertmark – 9/3
Lacy Hamilton – 9/10
Ian & Liesel Doolittle – 9/17
Brent & Amy Sparks – 9/24



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2021 Budget

July YTD Actual

Current Pledged Income	\$296,642.00	\$206,333.37
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All other anticipated income		
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Non- Pledge Offerings	\$13,168.00	\$7,659.25
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Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$73,120.00	\$56,000.00
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Sales Tax Refunds	\$1,600.00	\$ 4,497.00
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Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360	\$18,852.01
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Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$417,890.00	\$293,341.63
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2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
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Staff	\$294,731.00	\$93,588.85
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Diocesan Support	\$42,900	\$24,983.63
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Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$43,688	\$28,312.14
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Office Admin & Other	\$46,328	\$18,178.92
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Youth & Christian Formation	\$4,500	\$188.09
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Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$10,200	\$2,847.57
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Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$3,235.00	\$1,056.35
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Worship & Music	\$2,765.00	\$1,158.00
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4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$11,865.68	
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Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses	\$460,213.14	\$170,313.55
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Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	(\$42,323.14)	\$123,028.08
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