



School Supply Drive



The Branches
"Where All Are Welcome"
"I am the Vine, you are the branches..."
John 15:5



**Blessing of the Backpacks
and Hot Dog Festival**

Sunday, August 29 at 5 PM

Bring your backpack, your school supplies and your friends for a special back-to-school blessing!

ALL Are Welcome!

The Branches is located in The Village Shoppes of Rio Grande (at the intersection of Vermont Avenue and 2nd Street – behind The Family Dollar Store)

With a special dedication for teachers, school nurses, food service staff, bus drivers, custodians, counselors, and all others who work with children.

We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for children at local schools. With your help, no child will go to school empty-handed this year!

Your donation of pencils, erasers, notebooks, folders, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens, glue sticks and backpacks are welcome!

Monetary donations are also accepted (*checks payable to: St. Mary's Episcopal Church* with "Backpack" in the memo line).

Drop off locations and times are listed below for your convenience, or you can call 886-5960 with a message to arrange for someone to pick up your donation.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">St. Mary's Episcopal Church 9425 3rd Avenue - Stone Harbor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday thru Friday 9 a.m. - noon</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">St. Barnabas Episcopal Church 13 W. Bates Avenue - Villas</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Monday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">The Branches at the intersection of N. 2nd and Vermont Ave. in the Village Shoppes - Rio Grande</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday <i>or</i> Saturday <u>only</u> 10 a.m. - noon <i>(while you are there, stop in for a cup of coffee and conversation)</i></p> |

