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St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. NORM.....



November always brings many things to mind. It is the final month of our hurricane season with so many breathing a sigh of relief as the storms begin to come to an end. It also reminds us that Halloween has just finished, the remaining candy is being consumed or brought to coffee hour at the church and the Saints of God are remembered as we celebrate All Soul's Day.

It also marks the beginning of our very busy holiday season. Thanksgiving preparations are being made. Many of us will host family members over the holidays.

The wonderful smells of the season will fill our kitchens. Gift buying will pick up in a flurry of activity as we prepare for Christmas. There is so much before us that we may lose sight of some of the real special times the season has to offer.

I am also reminded that on Sunday, November 11th, we celebrate Veteran's Day. A special time set aside for those in our family who served their country with pride. Many will think of family members still in uniform around the world maintaining peace while others sleep. Sacrifices of life and limb have been a part of veterans for years. While we remember the Saints of God this year, let us not forget those saints who gave us the world that we enjoy and appreciate. Take time in this busy season to pause and thank a Vet for the service they provided and the sacrifice they and their family have made. Stop when you see someone selling poppies in front of Publix or other public places as a way to raise funds for our Vets.

Maybe we can take time to focus on the real reason we need to be thankful. We enjoy so much prosperity on the labors of others. We set time aside to thank God for our families and friends as we break bread at the table of plenty. Let us not forget those who continue to make all this possible.

I pray that your holiday season will be filled with wonderful memories and special moments. God wants us to celebrate what we have and to share from our abundance with those who have little or nothing. May we be a church family who leads the way in supporting others in our community and help make it a special season for them also. I know God will bless you in special ways when you do.

Fr. Norman +

NOVEMBER Birthdays		NOVEMBER Anniversaries	
Sharon Albee	1	George & Nancy Shedler	2
Larry Thomas	2	David & Sharon Bean	8
Frank Torow	2	Alan & Patricia Baisley	23
Anna Manzella	4	Don & Mary Armentrout	25
Betty Torow	5		
Jean Wright	7		
Frank Sanzo	9		
Cindy Winters	9		
Kelly Dixon	10		
Bernice Montefusco	11		
Bruce Maurice	15		
Darlene Kennedy	27		
Ken Iverson	28		

Treasure Sale held on October 25 & 26th was a big success!
 THANK YOU to all the Volunteers who donated their time!
 It was greatly appreciated!!

Pat Cleary, ECW President



COFFEE HOUR

I am excited to see the recent renovations that have been happening in the Russell Bldg. How blessed we are to have a parish hall for all of us to enjoy different activities.

I am reaching out to everyone to help host one Sunday coffee hour. As our attendance continues to increase fellowship is vital. Coffee hour is a time to reconnect with our church family. It is also an opportunity to make a positive first impression on newcomers and visitors.

Many hands make light work. After all the saying goes, *“You never get a second chance to make a first impression”*.

Blessings, Rebecca Anders

THE SOURCE

I appreciate the opportunity to share my recent experience ministering at *The Source*. Four or five Sundays a year St. Elizabeth’s prepares and serves the clients of The Source brunch. I was going to help the homeless population as you may have already guessed, I came away with a fuller appreciation of what it means to serve. The gifts I experienced with fellow parishioners were many. It was enlightening, hearing stories about people’s lives, where they were from, how they landed in Vero Beach. *The Source* was helping them grow, improve and move forward with their lives. I came away with a deep understanding that no one is truly lost.

Blessings, Rebecca Anders

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Campaign has begun and will end on Sunday, November 10th. Please place all completed pledge cards in collection basket or you may drop it off at the church office. **THANK YOU** for supporting St. Elizabeth's!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting 100 cans of **Cranberry Sauce** for the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Roseland. Please place your donated can(s) in the Narthex by Sunday, November 10th. Thank you for your donation! Anna Manzella, Ecumenical Food Pantry Representative

2024 TOYS for TOTS

November 17 - December 15

St. Elizabeth's is collecting **TOYS FOR TOTS** for children up to 17yrs old. We have a need for children ages 10-17yr old who love personal care gifts (Axe Brand/Bath sets), Tackle Boxes, Science Kits, Makeup Kits, Board Games and books are always a favorite. Let's not forget our "special needs children" who love Play Doh. Please place your unwrapped item in the box located in the Narthex. **Thank you for supporting TOYS FOR TOTS !**

DOK MOVIE & LUNCH

Sunday, November 17th after the 10:00am service - Russell Bldg

Lunch provided by the DOK See bulletin board for sign up sheet. **All are welcome to attend!**

Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen.

SANTA FOR SENIORS

This year the ECW has selected "**SANTA FOR SENIORS**" holiday gift drive sponsored by the Senior Resource Association as our Christmas project. Please place your donated item in the Angel Office by December 8th. See flyer on bulletin board for requested items and details. Thank you for your donation!

Hurricanes Milton and Helene Relief - Diocese of Central Florida

St. Elizabeth's is participating with the Diocese of Central Florida in helping those who were affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

If interested you may go to the Diocese of Central Florida's website at cfdiocese.org (or) if donating by Check, please make it payable to Diocese of Central Florida indicate "**Disaster Relief**" on Memo line on your check. Checks can be mailed to Diocese of Central Florida, 1017 E. Robinson St. Orlando, FL 32801 Attn: Diocesan Office.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ST. ELIZABETH'S CELEBRATES 40 YEARS Cheers for 40 years!

In the spring of 1984 Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, sponsored a mission church in Sebastian. The first service was held at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Sebastian with 76 people attending in October 1984. From then to now St. Elizabeth's has grown into the church facility that you see today. On October 13, 2024, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary. It was a great evening and all that attended had a great time. There was a continuous slide show running from the opening of the doors to a sell-out crowd through dinner. The food was excellent. Mickey Russell, the major donor of the Russell Educational Building (our Parish Hall & Sunday School Rooms), was recognized. He passed away several years ago and his picture will be placed in the hall in his remembrance. After a few years of pandemic we were able to recognize The Reverend David Newhart & his wife, Tillie. Fr. Dave retired at the beginning of the pandemic, and we could only have a few people gathered together at that time. A flagpole with the US flag and the Episcopal flag has been placed outside the entrance to the sanctuary to honor his ministry. The evening closed with comedy by Juanita Lolita. We enjoyed laughing with her. She was definitely a hit. There were many volunteers that helped with this event. They all know who they are, and I hope they each will accept our heartfelt appreciation for all they did. THANK YOU! **Diane Garrison, 40th Anniversary Committee Chair**



Kids in White - Participants in Lay Ministry

"Children are a heritage from the Lord offering a reward from him" Psalm 123.7

We at St. Elizabeth's encourage our children to participate in Sunday services. I've been blessed to train, serve with and watch our children, helping to bring Jesus into our church and into our lives. Carrying the Crucifix, helping set the Table and reading Scripture, they are our future. Here's to more joy, love and laughter. Thank you kids! **Dawn Curtis**

MEET THE KIDS

Finn (9) has served as crucifer for two years. He goes to Treasure Coast Elementary. He loves to play outside and is proud to have a green belt in Karate.

Coralyn (16) has served the last six years first as a crucifer and reader and now as an Acolyte. She goes to IRC, works at Woody's and likes to color just to relax.

Alden (11) is a crucifer and reader the last 18 months. He goes to Sebastian Charter School. He loves fishing with dad and plays competitive golf.

Brooke (14) has been a crucifer for 4 years. She is home schooled and her passion is horses.

Caitlyn (14) has been an acolyte and reader for the last 2 years. She attends Indian River Charter High School. She is an accomplished ballerina.

Addy (11) has been a crucifer for 3 years. She goes to Treasure Coast Elementary and loves to play softball.

Dominic (we like to call him our oldest kid) has been a crucifer for 12 years! He goes to IRC. He likes to do 3-D printing and edit video games.

QUOTES

I like to hold the cross

Getting to be an acolyte makes me feel closer to God

Being a crucifer lets me get closer to Jesus and my church friends make me feel important

I feel proud when I carry the cross, especially when people compliment me on the way I carry it

My favorite part of being a crucifer is I feel genuinely closer to Jesus because when I carry the cross, in a way, it feels almost like I am made for this

