

APRIL 2024

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. NORMAN.....



“Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.” (*Proverbs 28:26*)

March has come to an end and April is upon us. Each year on the first of April we celebrate April Fool's Day. There will be many who play pranks on others and try to disrupt the normal pattern of their day. They will try to hide things and simply make life miserable for family members, friends, and colleagues. Then I got to thinking about the proverb quoted above. The real fool of the day is the one who thinks they have all the answers and can accomplish any challenges alone. True wisdom comes from the one who gives all wisdom. God bestows on His children the ability to call upon His name when we are in need or alone. He wants nothing but the best for the family of God and is willing to do whatever it takes to make that happen, even to death on a cross. We have just celebrated Christ's victory over death that Jesus accomplished on the cross of Calvary. That is where people of wisdom should put their trust. People everywhere celebrate the day with chocolate eggs and jellybeans. We see many preparing large

meals as family and friends gather. We may have put on new clothes and outfits for the day. Many missed the real reason of the day, the victory over death. It is Resurrection Sunday and a day when all of God's children should celebrate. Wisdom comes from knowing truth and God is truth. When we know God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we are filled with wisdom. The truth comes to each of us that we are dependent upon God who loves us unconditionally. There is nothing we can do or say to earn this love; it is freely given from the father. Knowing this is the only wisdom that any of us need. It makes us completely dependent. Not many of us like to be dependent upon someone else. We like feeling that sense of independence and yet we are not wise until we know that we are dependent upon the Lord. Easter reminds us each year of just how dependent we are on God who brings eternal life to each of us. We are reminded in scripture that, “the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (*Rom 6:23*) We have just celebrated the beginning of spring once again. Spring has us thinking about new life, new growth, and new beginnings. May the wisdom of Easter bring a new beginning in your life. I pray we each offer our lives to God who loves us for who we are and as we are. This dependence upon His love can change us forever and make each of us a new creation in Christ. Can you imagine what that might do for His church, for your community, for you personally? What a great month April could be.

Some of you have asked about Barbara Desrosiers, a show that will appear in April, May, and June. The show is a redacted series of her Guardians based on the Psalms of the Old Testament. It will be presented at the First Presbyterian Church on 520 Royal Palm Blvd, Vero Beach. There will be an opening reception on Sunday, April 21, 2024, beginning at 1:00pm until 3:00p.m. for anyone wanting to meet with the artist. There are three galleries at the Presbyterian Church. Barb will be showing in the music/library gallery. If you have any questions, stop Fr. Norman. He will be glad to help.

Fr. Norman +

****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL****

Save the Date!

VBS is coming....*July 15th - July 19th*

Volunteers are needed!!

More information will follow.

Please see bulletin board for more information as it becomes available.



April Birthdays

Dorothy Gurka	1
Valerie Nubi-Collins	5
George Powell	6
Finn Grimison	8
Paul Trickett	9
Deacon Bob Quinnell	11
Brooke Farmer	12
Laurel Matthews	12
Dominic Adams	13
Alden Dixon	16
David Dounouk	19
Sheila Robinson	19
Lloyd Thomas	19
Lillian Giordan	27

April Anniversaries

Jack & Rita Shepard	14
Michael & Michele Colangeli	20
David & Nancy Dounouk	20
Deacons Bob & Carolyn Quinnell	25
Larry & Phyllis Thomas	28



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY MEETING - Sunday, April 7th at 11:00am

BIBLE STUDY - Join Deacon Bob every Wednesday 10:00am for Bible Study in the Russell Building. *The next Bible Study will be April 10th*

CHURCH PICNIC - *Save the Date!* Sunday, April 14th after the 10:00am Service. See sign up sheets on bulletin board. Please bring a dish to share or a Dessert. Hamburgers/Hot Dogs will be provided. Come join us for great food and fun. **Only one service on this day.**

ECW MEETING - Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am

ECW SIP & PAINT PARTY - Saturday, April 20th at 11:00am - Russell Bldg. Cost is \$20.00 Mimosas & Lunch will be served. See bulletin board for Sign Up sheet.
Please RSVP by Friday, April 12th.

ULTREYA MEETING - Friday, April 26th at 6:00pm in the Rusell Bldg.

YOUTH SUNDAY - *No Sunday School* on April 28th.

FOOD PANTRY- The Roseland Food Pantry is in need of *Peanut Butter, Mac/Cheese & Canned Fruit.* Please place your donated items in the box located in the Narthex by April 28th. Thank you for your donation!

PRAYER/HEALING SERVICE is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. *The next Prayer/Healing Service will be May 1st.*

DOK - NEW BIBLE STUDY- *Bad Girls of the Bible* offered by the DOK will be continuing. End date will be announced at a later date.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING PRAYERS

DOK are available for Prayers in the Chapel during Communion, first Sunday of the month at the 8:00am Service. Second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 10:00am Service. DOK Prayer Cards and verbal requests will be kept strictly confidential.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Thank you to Guy McKenzie, Fellowship Committee members and ALL the Volunteers who helped with the St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on Saturday, March 16th. **Thank you** to ALL who made delicious desserts. They were enjoyed by everyone. **Thank you** to Bill Ingui & Collette Lavoie-Loo who entertained us with wonderful Irish music. It could not have been such a wonderful evening without your help.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE



BEFORE

Bill Colangeli

AFTER

Thankyou to Michael Colangeli and his brother Bill Colangeli (pictured) who worked together on refurbishing the **Memorial Plaque** located outside the church office building. Please stop by and see what wonderful work they both accomplished. **Great Job!**

