

Inside this issue:

Meet our Deacons	2
Birthdays and Anniversaries	2
Announcements	3
Fr. Norm continued	4
Sr. Warden	4



# The Epistle to the Elizabethans

## A Word from Father Norm:



The month of May has always been one of my most favorite. I was always reminded that this is the traditional planting season, so we prepared the gardens and got the plants ready to go into the ground. Growing up in New England, we were finally assured that we had passed the last of the frost and the ground was warming and ready to receive the new growth of the season.

The first of May is also celebrated as May Day in many locations. I often wondered about its beginnings, so I turned to Wikipedia for help. Here is what I found: "The earliest May Day celebrations appeared in pre-Christian times, with the festival of Flora, the Roman Goddess of flowers, and the Walpurgis Night celebrations of the Germanic countries. It is also associated with the Gaelic Beltane. Many pagan celebrations were abandoned or Christianized during the process of conversion in Europe.

A more secular version of May Day continues to be observed in Europe and America. In this form, May Day may be best known for its tradition of dancing the Maypole and crowning of the Queen of the May. Various Neopagan groups celebrate reconstructed (to varying degrees) versions of these customs on May the 1st. The day was a traditional summer holiday in many pre-Christian European pagan cultures. While February 1 was the first day of Spring, May 1 was the first day of

*Continued page 4*

## Fr. Norm Celebrates his 2nd Anniversary with St. Elizabeth's



Fr. Norm celebrates another year at St. Elizabeth's church as our Interim Priest. While the search committee works diligently to locate a new priest, Fr. Norm has been in action. Many of you may not know this, Fr. Norm travels to and from Melbourne every Wednesday and Sunday to be with us. As a dedicated volunteer at the Brevard County Zoo and as the Fire Department Chaplain, Fr. Norm still finds time to lead us in worship. While he wears many hats, Fr. Norm is dedicated to his ministry and to his family and friends.

We are grateful for his many talents and his time. Thank you Fr. Norm! We love you and appreciate your leadership and counsel. May God continue to bless you in your ministry and bless us in our search.



Meet our new Deacons Bob and Caroline Quinnell

You may have had the opportunity to meet our new Deacons Bob and Caroline. Over the past few months, Deacon Bob and Deacon Caroline have been attending our church services and some other churches along the Treasure Coast. We have been blessed that Bob and Caroline have chosen St. Elizabeth's for their new church home. Please introduce yourselves to them on Sunday mornings. Bob and Caroline serve at the 10am service and occasionally attend the 8am service. Help them both feel welcome in our fold.



Birthdays

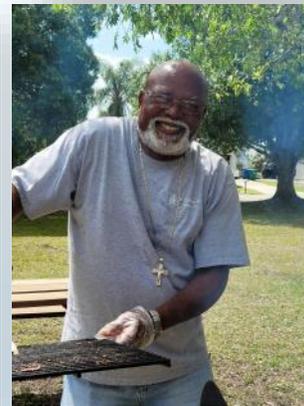
Pamela McKenzie	May 2nd
Daisy Williams	May 6th
Linda Dean	May 16th
Evie Zaremba	May 17th
Rick Zaremba	May 18th
Janet Dordelman	May 19th
Linda Pelchy	May 24th
Diane Garrison	May 26th
Karlie Patzlaff	May 27th
Denise Bersos	May 28th
Betty McNutt	May 29th
Peter Cleary	May 31st

Anniversaries:

Jerome & Athena Adams	May 7th
Bernice & Frank Montefusco	May 7th
Frank & Rae Klinzing	May 14th
John & Christina Grimison	May 20th
David & Danielle Farmer	May 21st



# Church Picnic 2022



## From Fr. Norm: continued

summer; hence, the summer solstice on June 25 (now June 21) was Midsummer. In the Roman Catholic tradition, May is observed as Mary's month, and in these circles, May Day is usually a celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this connection, in works of art, school skits, and so forth, Mary's head will often be adorned with flowers in a May crown-  
ing. Fading in popularity since the late 20th century is the giving of "May baskets," small baskets of sweets and/or flowers, usually left anonymously on neighbors' doorsteps."

It is interesting how many pagan ceremonies turn to Christian celebrations over the years. The church has given honor to Mary in the month of May in celebration for all she contributed to salvation history. We are now in the Easter season so maybe we should focus on the life of our Lord and give Mary her due. I guess that may be a contributing factor to the celebration of Mother's Day which also comes in May. We honor the role of mothers everywhere for their sacrifices and unconditional love in the family. I hope we can pause this month to remember that, as new life begins in the garden of many of our houses so also new life begins with the mothers among us. Let us celebrate the month of May with mothers everywhere and rejoice in God who gives this wonder of life to us all.

Fr. Norm+

## A Word From Our Sr. Warden

### Work Day

A great big Thank You to everyone who worked so hard on our work day to preparing our church for Easter. St. Elizabeth's looked absolutely beautiful on Easter Sunday! We had over eighteen people working inside and out cleaning places we haven't done in three years.

The best part was that we had people who attend different services working together and sharing their stories. Some people were meeting each other for the first time.

I wasn't the hardest worker but I think I had the most fun. I enjoyed seeing everyone take pride in St. Elizabeth's

Once again, thank you and may God bless you all!

Ken Dean, Sr. Warden

Linda Dean, Altar Guild Directress





## Daughters of the King Movie

Sunday, June 5th after the 10am service

Movie to be decided, Lunch included

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board  
in the hallway.

Name Tags: Let's all wear our name tags. Check the name tag boards in the Narthex for your tag. If you need a name tag, put a note in the collection plate or call the church office @ 772-589-2770.

ECW: Spring luncheon and meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st. Meeting will be held at 10:30am and then the luncheon to follow at 11:30am in the Russell Bldg. Sign-up sheet for lunch order on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Daughters of the King Prayers: DOK will be available for prayers in the Chapel during communion. 8:00am will be the first Sunday of the month and 10am will be the second and fourth Sunday.

Soup Ministry: Are you feeling under the weather, maybe a little blue? Is there a neighbor or acquaintance feeling that way too? St. Elizabeth's has the cure, SOUP!! Please take a pint or two from the freezer in the church kitchen and share the warmth.

Food Pantry: The local food pantry is always in need of food donations. Please bring in items and leave them in the Narthex. There is a list of preferred items on the bulletin board.