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St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FATHER NORM....



I was recently visiting with the wife of a retired Brigadier General.

He had died a number of years back. She recently had a stroke. When I went to visit her at a rehabilitation center, her speech came with great difficulty as she struggled to share her words and thoughts with me. She would get very frustrated while I patiently waited for her to get the words out.

While sitting with this dear lady, I was reminded of the fragility of life and the difficulties that can come our way when we least expect them. There was a time in her life when she was independent and able to do whatever she needed but now is totally dependent on others to take care of her basic needs.

So what I am trying to get at? March is usually the month when things begin to change. The weather starts to remind us that Spring is on the way. The grass and flowers are growing and many begin to plant vegetable gardens and outside cleaning. In the midst of this change,

others are dealing with the fragility of life. The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time for everything under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted....Each of us enjoys life in our season.

For many in the church, this is the season of Lent. Lent is a time for us to take an accounting of our life and be assured that it is going in the best direction we can take it. Our relationships with friends and family and especially the church are very important. What are we doing to strengthen those relationships? We will soon see the season of Lent come to a close with the celebration of Easter. Easter, in itself, is a reminder of the special quality of life. A life that is alive in the Lord is a life that is filled with promise and joy. I hope we each will remember to strengthen our life with those things that are important.

The last time I visited this lady she recognized me as a priest in the church. Her face would light up knowing that God was concerned for

her well being and was there with her. She exhibited a strong faith as we talked more and more of God working in her life in this very difficult time. When I offered to pray with her, I thought she would jump out of her chair. We held hands and offered our life to God right there in that place. I know she was able to feel the presence of the Lord as the words were spoken. When my visit was done, she made me promise to return and pray with her again. As a matter of fact, she asked if I would come every Thursday. I believe my visits give her a new look at life. She no longer feels alone in her room but she knows that God visits on a regular basis.

That is how it can be for all of us who make sure that the relationships in our life are important and dear to us, especially our relationship with God. Lent is a time when we celebrate that special relationship we have with God. May God bless you in all things and especially as you treasure those you love.

Fr. Norm +

March 12th

St. Patrick's Day, March 17th

Spring Begins March 20th



Birthdays:

	<u>March</u>
Dora Wunner	4
Davy Moore	6
Norma Washington	6
Sue Johnson	11
Michael Millard	11
Alan Ottolini	15
Cynthia Lum Shue Chan	16
Joseph Stone	17
Sharon Bean	20
Pat Cleary	20
Fannie Salerno	27
Marie Badger	28
David Bean	31
Joseph Stone Jr.	31

Anniversaries:

	<u>March</u>
Davy & Christina Moore	5
Ann & Alan Ottolini	30



March 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY - Our next Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 5th 11:00am.

ECW - ECW Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th at 10:00am.

The ECW will be hosting a Paint Party on March 18th at 11:00am. Cost is \$30.00 includes Supplies & Lunch. Call 772-589-2770 for more information. See Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board.

All are welcome to attend.

VBS - Vacation Bible School Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00am.

Bible Study and Prayer & Healing Service: Join Deacon Bob on Wednesdays at 10:00am for a New Bible Study during Lent on The Gospel of John in the Russell Building.

Prayer & Healing Service first Wednesday of each month at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

The next Prayer & Healing Service will be held on Wed, April 5th.

Daughters of the King Prayers & Meeting : DOK are available for prayers in the Chapel during communion on the 1st Sunday of the month at the 8:00am Service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at the 10:00am Service. Next meeting will be on March 12th at 11:00am.

DOK- New Bible Study (The Easter Experience) - We will be starting a new Bible Study called The New Easter Experience. Open to the Congregation beginning 2/26 - 3/26 at 11:30am. See Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board. Bible study continues come join us on Sunday, March 5th.

Coffee Hour: Can you help set up before 8:00am Service or clean up after 10:00am Service? Sign up sheet on Bulletin Board. Refreshments are always welcome. Come and enjoy Coffee Hour.



Palm Sunday:	April 2nd	8:00am & 10:00am
Maundy Thursday:	April 6th	7:00pm
Good Friday/Stations of the Cross:	April 7th	Noon
Easter Sunday:	April 9th	8:00am & 10:00am



THANK YOU

A huge **THANK YOU** to Ken and Linda Dean,
and to ALL who helped and attended the
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21st.



ECW PAINT PARTY

Saturday, March 18th 11:00am

Cost \$30.00 Includes Supplies & Lunch

See Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board.

All are welcome to attend! Come join us!



The Joy of Sox

During the 40 Days of Lent we will be collecting ADULT only colorful warm socks to lift the spirit of our Senior Citizens. A box for Socks will be placed in the Narthex to put your socks in. All socks will be donated to the Senior Resource Center in Vero Beach. Our goal is to collect 400 socks by April 9th, Easter Sunday. Any questions you can contact Valery Rice at 772-783-5233.

