

MAY 2024

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. NORM.....



With the onset of the month of May, I was always reminded that this is the traditional planting season as 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 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 crowning. 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 wonderful 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. Easter has just been celebrated so maybe we should focus on the life of our Lord and give Mary her due on this first day of May. I guess that may be a contributing factor to the celebration of Mother's Day on May 12th. We honor the role of mothers everywhere for their sacrifices and unconditional love for 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 with mothers everywhere and rejoice in God who gives this wonder of life to us all.

Fr. Norman +



Sunday, May 12th



May 19th - *Wear RED*

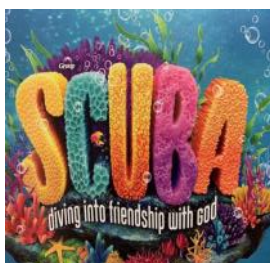
May Birthdays

Pam McKenzie	2
Bonny Wilson	8
Debbie Trickett	9
Linda Dean	16
Linda Pelchy	24
Diane Garrison	26
Denise Bersos	28
Betty McNutt	29
Pete Cleary	31



May Anniversaries

Jerome & Athena Adams	7
Frank & Bernice Montefusco	7
John & Chrissie Grimison	20
Fr. Norm & Barbara Desrosiers	31



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Dates.....July 15th - July 19th

Volunteers are needed! More information will follow. Please see bulletin board for more details as they become available.

CAMP WINGMANN GRADES 3 - 12

If interested please see website: www.campwingmann.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. NORM'S 4th ANNIVERSARY AT ST. ELIZABETH'S -

Come join us Sunday, May 5th in between services 9:00am -10:00am for breakfast celebrating Fr. Norm's four years at St. Elizabeth's. *Donations for the breakfast will be greatly appreciated.*

VESTRY MEETING - Sunday, May 5th at 11:00am - Library

DOK/NEW BIBLE STUDY– “*Bad Girls of the Bible*” will be ending on Sunday, May 5th.

BIBLE STUDY - Join Deacon Bob every Wednesday 10:00am for Bible Study in the Russell Building. *The next Bible Study will be May 8th.*

ECW MEETING - Saturday, May 18th at 10:00am (*Last Meeting - We will resume in Sept*)

ECW SPRING LUNCHEON - Saturday, May 18th at 11:30am - Russell Bldg. \$7.00/pp see bulletin board for sign up sheet and lunch choices. Money will be collected by Denise Bersos and Pat Cleary. Money is due in by Sunday, May 12th. *All are welcome to attend!*

BAKELESS BAKE SALE - St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church Women present their annual Bakeless Bake Sale. We are asking you to join us by sending a check to the ECW to lend a helping hand. Cash/Checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth's ECW. Indicate Bakeless Bake Sale on memo line on your check.

Donations are due in by Sunday, May 19th. Thank you for your donation!

YOUTH SUNDAY - No Sunday School on May 26th.

MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May 27th - *Church Offices will be closed.*

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 on June 5th.*

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.

BENCH REFURBISHED/PAINTED



THANK YOU to Henry Lester who refurnished our beautiful bench. The bench was donated to St. Elizabeth's by the ECW in memory of our deceased members. It will also continue to be kept in memory of John Albee who previously refurnished it. THANK YOU to Barry Brown who did some paint work on the bench. ***Great job Henry & Barry!***

CHURCH PICNIC

Thank you to all our Volunteers who helped with the preparation of our Church Picnic held on Sunday, April 14th. We thank all who were able to attend and enjoy this wonderful day with us.



TRIMMING TREES

Thank you to our Maintenance Crew for doing a great job trimming our trees.



PAINT PARTY held on Saturday, April 20th - THANK YOU Deacon Lori and to all who attended !



