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St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church



The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. DEKE MILLER



What are you thankful for?

On Sunday, October 19th I had the joy of Baptizing my grandson, Leo. My family and I are so thankful to God for all of you and the blessings that we have.

I know that life is challenging at times. Over the past year Sindy lost her dad to Cancer. We have gone through some life changing events. One of those life changing events was moving to Sebastian and accepting the call to become the new Rector of

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. Our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Paul tells us in his Epistle to the Philippians, "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (4:5b-7). Paul to be thankful is a state of mind. An attitude in which to live by. The peace of God is sourced in presenting to God our requests in a spirit of gratitude. Think about it... when you set your mind of praise and thanksgiving your mood changes to a more positive one.

As you think about the Thanksgiving holiday, what are you thankful for?

Is it the church, maybe it is your friends or family. What has God blessed you with that you cannot help but to be thankful for?

From our family to yours, I pray that God is blessing each of you richly. We are praising God for this wonderful St. Elizabeth's family. May God bless you and keep you in this joyous holiday season!

Sincerely, Fr. Deke & Sindy Miller



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November Birthdays		November Anniv	ersaries
Sharon Albee	1	George & Nancy Shedler	2
Larry Thomas	2	David & Sharon Bean	8
Frank Torow	2		
Betty Torow	5		
Jean Wright	7		
Frank Sanzo	9		
Cindy Winters	9		
Bernice Montefusco	11		
Lorraine (Rai) Childs	15		
Bruce Maurice	15		
Sarah Kelley	19		
Michael Hamilton	21		
Darlene Kennedy	27		
Ken Iverson	28		
Barry Brown	29		

Treasure Sale held on October 24th & 25th was a great success! THANK YOU to ALL our VOLUNTEERS for your time and efforts. It was greatly appreciated!









CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION & BISHOP VISIT

On Sunday, November 2nd we celebrated Fr. Deke's New Ministry at St. Elizabeth's! Allison N. Brown, Addisyn Kapp and Coralynn Kapp were Confirmed. We welcomed The Rt. Reverend Justin S. Holcomb, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida.

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The CARENET Pregnancy Center from Indian River County would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to all who donated. It was greatly appreciated!





PET BLESSING held on Saturday, October 4th









ROSELAND ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Nancy Shedler is our new Representative on the Ecumenical Council for the Food Pantry in Roseland. If you have any questions Nancy can be reached on her cell 609-891-6624.

The following **non-perishable** food items are **desperately needed**.

CANNED SOUP (Can only, please No RAMEN Noodles), OATMEAL (small/medium only, please No Jumbo Size), CEREAL and ANY GLUTEN FREE FOODS

We are also collecting **non-perishable** food items for **THANKSGIVING** Box or Bag of Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, String Beans (Can only), Corn (Can only). Donations will be accepted on October 26th through November 16th.

Please place all donations in the box located in the Narthex. THANK YOU for your Donation!

A message from our Sr. Warden...

1 Chronicles 29:12-13...Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

Our St. Elizabeth's family has so much to be grateful for. We are winding down our Stewardship campaign as we have each participated in a Bible Study, consciously looked at our gifts, and put in our pledges as to how best we can serve the church with our Time, Talent & Treasure. It is so awesome that we are all working together to build a strong body of Christ. This newsletter comes out the same day the Bishop will be visiting. As Bishop Holcomb blesses us with his presence, we will begin the holiday season with lots of activities & opportunities to get together and celebrate. Fr. Deke is officially St. Elizabeth's full time Priest and he continues to inspire us and create ways to reach out to our community. This coming year is full of possibilities for us. May each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! Grace & Peace! Denise Bersos Sr. Warden

A word from our Jr. Warden

Thank you to our Tuesday maintenance & grounds crew who continue to keep our church grounds looking so good. We could not do it without your help. We have started a second maintenance and grounds crew which meets on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00am. This helps to get work done as the hands of many help to lessen the burden of the work load. Please sign up if you can. The men's breakfast group held its first breakfast at Country Ham & Eggs on Saturday, October 18th. We had eight men attend. It was fun, good fellowship, good food and it was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, November 15th 8:00am at the Pelican Diner, Sebastian Golf Course. If interested in joining us please see sign up sheet on bulletin board. We hope to see you there. A new directional sign was made to help visitors find their way around our property. Stop by the office building, left side of double red doors. Come check it out! We have been cleaning and pressure washing side walks. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project. Guy McKenzie, Jr. Warden





LET'S HELP OUR LOVED ONES

If you are like me two of my favorite non-living things are St. Elizabeth's and planet Earth. It would be nice if we could donate a million dollars to St. Elizabeth's or stop all pollution into the Indian River. Instead of giant steps, let's talk about baby steps. When we throw batteries into the trash, they leach toxic chemicals from the land fill into ground water, our drinking water and the lagoon. St. Elizabeth's collects and recycles batteries. Please drop them off in the basket located in the Angel Office. Another recycling community project is collecting used printer ink cartridges for our IRC school system. A collection basket is in the Angel's Office as well. Our third project is collecting aluminum cans. We turn these in at the recycling center for cash per pound which varies (approx. \$0.25). This money is used to buy gas for our lawnmowers. If everyone recycled all their cans it would provide gas for the year (approx. \$400.00). With a giant sigh of relief our office angels are not collecting cans in their office! There is a bin between the buildings and toward the back inside the lattice enclosure. Another bin is in the enclosed area next to the sheds located at the far-right corner of our parking lot. Please ask if you're unsure. No cans to recycle? Will accept labor as well! Ground crew members are usually there on Tuesday mornings weather permitting. Thank you, Ken Iverson! Ken has been taking the cans for redemption for the past two years. Very much appreciated! Please help protect and support what God created, Mother Earth and St. Elizabeth's. In Christ's Name I pray. Ken Dean