

MARCH 2025

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. NORM.....



March is going to be a busy month this year. On March 5th we will begin the season of Lent at St. Elizabeth's. Things begin to look different around here. The altar colors go from green to purple as a reminder that we are in a penitential season. Each of us is asked to take time to look inward and do some spring cleaning. I don't know about you, but it always frightens me a bit when I need to take a good hard look at who I am and what I am becoming.

The Book of Common Prayer begins with an Exhortation to all of us by proclaiming that we should partake in a "holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's

holy word...."If we are to truly receive the meaning of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we must first prepare ourselves to know the love and grace of God.

In my past, we were always asked to give up something that we truly enjoyed as a discipline and reminder that we should take this time seriously. Most of us would give up candy or chocolate or some other sweet delight. This year, I am going to ask us to pause and think about our neighbors who may be less fortunate that we are. For a few weeks now, we have been bringing non-perishable food for the local food pantry. I am asking St. Elizabeth's to make that a discipline that we follow in this season. I think it will help us to also see beyond ourselves as we take a look at who we are in relationship to our community. Most grocery stores offer a buy one-get one offer. Maybe when we buy one for ourselves, we can give the extra to our neighbor in need. When we do this, we are reminded that Jesus was someone who spent much of His time with neighbors. He cared for those in need.

March will also include the wonderful holiday of St. Patrick's Day. Patrick was also someone who went beyond himself serving as a missionary to the people of Ireland. He was able to convert the country to Christianity and will always be remembered as a Patron Saint to the people of Ireland. I know the holiday reminds us of corn beef and cabbage with a sprinkle of green beer but beyond that, let us also be reminded of the man and ministry of Patrick.

Take time this month to put your life in order. If you have a broken relationship, mend it. If it has been a while since you have reached out to family or friends, take time to do so. Going beyond ourselves means we are replacing any negative with positive actions. May we always be reminded of God who loves each of us and wants us to love ourselves and each other. May your Lent be blessed with four leaf clovers.

Fr. Norman +

March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
Dora Wunner	4	Davy & Christina Moore	5
Davy Moore	6	Paul & Anna Manzella	29
Norma Washington	6		
Sue Johnson	11		
Michael Millard	11		
Cynthia Lum Shue Chan	16		
Joe Stone	17		
Sharon Bean	20		
Pat Cleary	20		
Mary Armentrout	22		
Theresa Duke	24		
Fannie Salerno	27		
Marie Badger	28		
David Bean	31		



SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper
 March 4, 2025 ~ 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Russell Bldg
Goodwill Offering will be appreciated!
Come join us!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
 March 5th ~ 7:00am & Noon



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER ~ Saturday, March 15th Dinner served at 5:30pm
Come join us for some great food & Irish music!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Come join Deacon Bob on Wednesdays for Bible Study at 10:00am Russell Bldg as we begin our next study of **ISAIAH**.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on Sunday, March 9th

Please don't forget to change your CLOCKS one hour ahead the night before.



See bulletin board for more details & sign up sheet



QUARTERLY QUARTERS ~ March 30, 2025

All proceeds will go to benefit... *Ecumenical Food Pantry ~ Roseland*

Cash/Checks are acceptable. Please make checks payable to *St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church* and indicate *Quarterly Quarters* on memo line on check.

THANK YOU for your donation!

A message from our Sr. Warden...

“Ask and it will be given to you: seek and you will find: knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives: the one who seeks finds and the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Matthew 7:7-8

Thank you all for turning in your surveys to help our Vestry begin the process of finding a new Rector. This is a double edge sword as we wish we could clone and keep Fr. Norm forever. His sermon on Sunday loving and praying for our enemies was powerful and touched many hearts. He has nurtured us to be a strong body in Christ. It is time for us to grow and flourish as we bring other members of our community into our Parish. We witness the power of prayer and working in our church on a daily basis. Individually as well as when we gather in groups let us pray for our new Rector whoever that might be as well as our dear Fr. Norm. Together we stand in gratitude for what is and for what is to come. Blessings to all!

Denise Bersos, Sr. Warden

COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to everyone who participated in the initiative to beef up our fellowship during coffee hour after the 8 o'clock & 10 o'clock services. As things stand now we are very grateful to have the DOK signed up for the first Sunday of the month, Choir for the second Sunday of the month, ECW (*Episcopal Church Women*) for the third Sunday of the month, Dawn Curtis & Rebecca Anders usually cover the fourth Sunday of the month.

I think we can all keep this going and realize we are expanding our numbers every Sunday which makes me so happy to see. I was especially happy that we had lots of goodies including the chocolate fountain from Shirley McMillan when the Boy Scouts visited. Thank you for all of your support!

Rebecca Anders

