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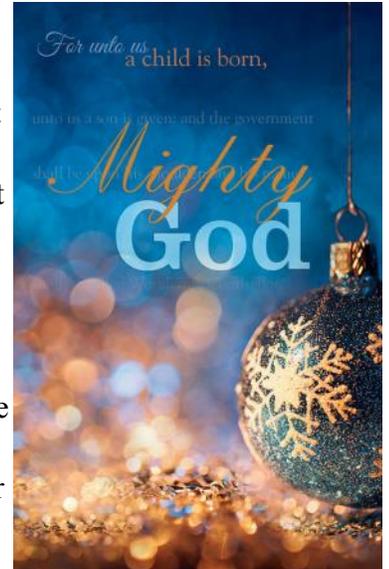
Luke 1:35³⁵ And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy-- the Son of God...Rev. 22:20²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The early Church Father, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (c. 349-407) wrote, "There are two advents of Christ: that which has been, and that which is to

be. And the two are not for the same purpose; the first came to pass not that He might search into our actions, but that He might pardon; the object of the second will be not to pardon, but to judge."

As we look around us during this time of year, the world will be focusing on holiday cheer and holiday spending. For retail stores this time of year makes up a great portion of their earnings for the year. For others in the retail market it will be about bringing family together – "Home for the Holidays".

While we may be



inundated with commercials, sale ads, pondering what we might gift hoping not to have it regifted to someone, this is also a time to remember the blessings we have from

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A Prayer for Our Nation

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart, especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from
The Book of Common Prayer

The Power and Privilege of Prayer

Luke 11:1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray,..." Heb. 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer is defined as: Any form of communication with God on the part of believing people in response to situations that may arise in life. It is one of the gifts that God gives us; the ability to approach Him with petitions of our needs and those of others. We bring these needs to Him with confidence that He hears our prayers and they are not left idle or just words floating in space. Some of the needs we might intercede for ourselves and others

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Parish Staff and Church Leaders

The Rev. David Newhart—*Rector*

Linda Dean—Director of Altar Guild

The Rev. Lori Hoey—*Deacon*

Janet Mandeville—Treasurer

Chrissie Grimison—Bookkeeper

Laurel Matthews —Sr. Warden

Rick Zaremba—Jr. Warden

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Clarice Plate—Ushers/Greeters Leader

Michael Colangeli—Sound Booth Leader

Janet Farmer—Director of Flower Guild

Diana Iverson —Director of Office Angels

Sandy vanderMeulen *Administrative Assistant*

God, clams, and the Food Pantry

It was the last few hours of the Sebastian Clambake and I was manning the Ecumenical Food Pantry booth under a pavilion, trying to get people to stop by, play our little games and hopefully spreading the word about our Food Pantry. Frankly, I was wondering if we were reaching anybody.

Then a woman and a young girl asked if they could sit at the picnic table which was under the same pavilion, sharing that her mother had given them \$20.00 so they could attend. They each had a small plate of something from the Clambake, but she shared that they had brought in some snacks and drinks from home to save money. She knew you weren't supposed to do that, but we all know that \$20.00 doesn't go far at the Clambake. They ate their food and I went back to working our booth.

Now, for the good part of the story. She asked about the booth and when she learned we were the Ecumenical Pantry on Roseland Rd, she stood up, came over and with a big smile shook my hand and related that she had needed our services several times in the past, and that it was a coincidence that she had taken her daughter to church that morning

As of Nov 17th and YTD

	11/17/19	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Income	12,353	181,305	154,010
Expense	12,130	181,141	175,288
Balance	223	164	-21,278

and now she runs into the booth from the Christian group that had helped her. We said goodbye and off they went.

Now for the REALLY GOOD part of the story. As I was packing up the booth at the end of the day, the woman and her daughter came rushing over, they wanted to put their last few dollars in our donation box, relating that all afternoon people had been kind to them, vendors and strangers alike, giving them free food tickets. Her parting words to me were "God is good"

All the time,
Peggy

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might be for health, finances, relationships, living situations, our enemies, governments, leaders etc. Of course, we cannot forget that some of our prayers are what may appear to be complaint prayers.

On the other end of the spectrum are prayers of Praise giving thanks for the blessings, thanksgiving and favor we have received. The Apostle Paul provides us with a good illustration of prayers of thanksgiving and blessing. Phil. 1:2-4 2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy... (ESV)

Prayer is powerful. Prayers call upon God to act, to intercede, to guide, to bless, to find favor, to heal, to sustain, to bring peace in our lives and those of others, to absolve when we have sinned. Prayers express our thanksgivings for prayers answered. The beauty of prayer is that God knows our heart and who we are praying for either silently or out loud. He knows our condition and our need.

The disciples went to Jesus and said..."Lord, teach us to pray..." May God direct all yours prayers to be for His glory to be revealed... AMEN

1 Tim. 2:1-3 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, (ESV)

Troop 599 News

Troop 599 now has 10 Eagle Scouts. On October 13, 2019 Gus Brugger and Hunter Morrison had their Eagle Court of Honor. Their Court of Honor was specifically planned for October 13th, so that Joshua, who was on 10 days leave from graduating Marine Boot Camp, could participate and read the Eagle charge for both Gus and Hunter.

Hunter achieved his Eagle Rank on August 19th and completed his Eagle Scout Service Project for the JROTC at Sebastian River High School. Hunter repaired and painted the cement area around the flagpole and did some beautification in the JROTC courtyard. Gus achieved his Eagle Rank on September 23rd and completed his Eagle Scout Service Project for the 8th graders at Sebastian River Middle School. Gus built 3 treated wood benches for the 8th grade students to sit on while they wait for school to start and did beautification in the 8th grade courtyard.

On November 10th, Vincent Esposito, had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor and Joshua was able to participate in Vincent's Court of Honor via video reciting the 12th point of the Scout Law, which is Reverent. Vincent achieved his Eagle Rank on September 9th and completed his Eagle Scout Service Project for the Sebastian River Crew Team. Vincent replaced the wooden finish line stand for the judges at the C54 Canal and he added an awning to keep them out of the sun while they are volunteering. He also repaired and repainted the finish line sign.



Troop 599 is very proud of all our Scouts and hopes that they all want to strive for the Rank of Eagle.



Birthdays

Wendy Kirk	November 25
Alicia Ohlsson	November 25
Darlene Kennedy	November 27
Ken Iverson	November 28
Patty Giordano	November 29
Melinda Howlett	December 1
Reynard Bhola	December 2
Cynthia Wallace	December 3
Jeff Cook	December 8
Peter Pasquarosa	December 12
Joyce Thomas	December 12
Leroy Wood	December 14
David Farmer	December 15
Pauline MacKinnon	December 15
Joseph Colona	December 16
Flossie Holzman	December 17
Bob McNutt	December 18
Edward Pelchy	December 20
Jean Bennett	December 22
Frank Rodgers	December 23
Nita Mora	December 24
Steve Johnson	December 25
Thelma Barrett	December 27
Janet Blum	December 27
Carol Weis	December 27
Roman Traficante	December 30
Lipton Chin	December 31

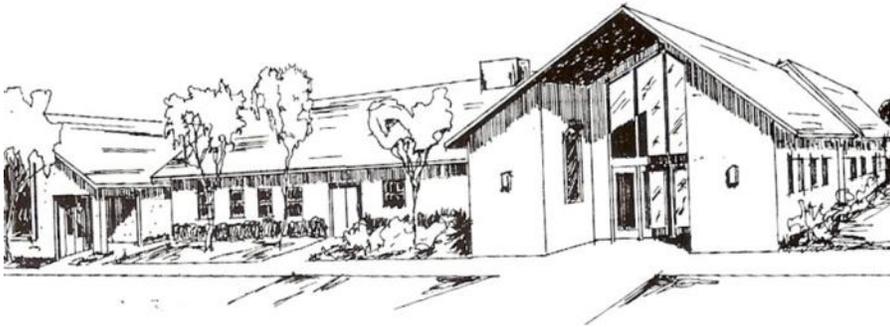
Anniversary

Kathy & Lipton Chin	November 25
Russell & Dorothea Heady	November 27
Peggy & Dennis Klamm	November 29
Judy & Edward Ivery	December 6
Patti & Burl Farley	December 9
Edwin & Marlene Howlett	December 16
Reynard & Shirley Bhola	December 18
Carol & Peter Pasquarosa	December 27
Rick & Evie Zarembo	December 27

Happy 35th Anniversary St. Elizabeth's



2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.



On October 21, 1984, what God had laid in the hearts of Canon David Lord and his team at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach came to life when St. Elizabeth's held its first service in the Masonic Hall. It was the fulfillment of a vision led by the Holy Spirit to the leaders and the Bishop many months prior to the first service. It took careful planning and identifying

the need to establish a church in Sebastian to service the area which extended out to Fellsmere and Barefoot Bay. On that day in October, St. Elizabeth's was birthed with a small group of dedicated parishioners as a mission church in the Diocese of Central Florida.

The history of St. Elizabeth's is rich. Throughout those 35 years St. Elizabeth's has been a part of the life of Sebastian. Like all aspects of life, St. Elizabeth's has experienced ups and downs, joy and sadness, and through it all at the very core is a love for God and perseverance in doing God's mission in the local community and in the body of Christ.

Over the 35 years there have been six Priests who have been called to St. Elizabeth's to lead the congregation. Each of these Priests had different gifts they brought to the parish. Over the past twelve years I have been blessed by God to be the shepherd at St. Elizabeth's. I have watched the enthusiasm grow of those who actively serve in the mission of the parish through outreach and serving in the various parish ministries.

When it comes to our guests, it is not hard to see why people who come to St. Elizabeth's stay. St. Elizabeth's is a welcoming oasis from the world, welcoming all with the love of Christ and with the presence of the Holy Spirit drawing them into corporate worship.

What the Apostle Paul wrote in the letter to Romans is at the heart of ministry at St. Elizabeth's to community and within the body of believer:

Romans 12:11-13 ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

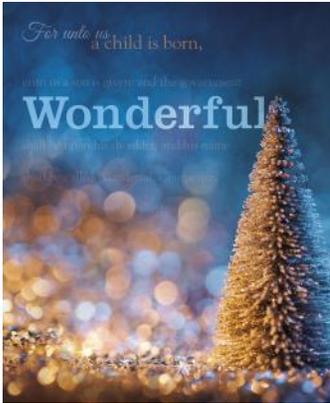
God established St. Elizabeth's on solid ground and not on sand. His glory will continue to shine through the hearts of those who love Him. He established St. Elizabeth's to accomplish His purpose, remembering His word does not come back void. Let us continue to join together in celebration of God's wonderful grace and blessings He has bestowed on St. Elizabeth's over these past 35 years.

My prayer for St. Elizabeth's is that:

Numbers 6:24-27 ²⁴ The LORD bless us and keep us; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. ...from this time and forever more..

Fr. Dave

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God and those whom He would have reach out to share His gift and blessings. It is time to reflect on the gift of God incarnate, Jesus the Messiah, coming to us so that we may be reconciled and pardoned so that our relationship with God could be restored. It is the greatest gift we could receive, the gift of mercy and grace.

As we approach Christmas Eve this year, Day 1 of Hanukkah starts on December 23rd. Hanukkah is the Feast of Dedication, the Feast of Light. In the second century BC the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks) tried to force the Jewish people to worship their gods. Judah the Maccabee defeated one of the most powerful armies and reclaimed and re-stored temple. When they went to light the menorah they found only a single cruse (bottle) of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

Jesus said *John 8:12* "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Jesus is God's gift to us and like the temple that was restored during the time of Judah the Maccabee – the temple is now restored in our hearts as we serve and await the Second Coming of Jesus. *1 Cor. 6:19-20* ¹⁹...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (ESV)

Advent is a time of waiting. In Advent we celebrate His first coming and await His second coming. May this Advent and Christmas be one of Joy, of Hope, of Peace. May the light of Christ be ever present in your life and in your heart as we await the return of Jesus, Wonderful, Councilor, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace.

Thank you to all the men and women that volunteered to make this year's Rummage Sale a success!



Thank you for volunteering to donating your treasures for the rummage sale and bake goods for the bake sale. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped transform the Parish Hall into a huge thrift store. Thank you to all that organized, cooked and served lunch.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help set up and work on Friday and Saturday. It was a real blessing to be part of a church community reaching out in love to help those that came to shop.

Finally thank you to those that helped break down, put everything back, pack up what was left, clean up afterwards and then reset the Parish Hall for Sunday. It was described as a huge beehive of activity.

I pray that God will bless you in so many different ways for your willingness to serve.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Tillie Newhart

Events/ Meetings

November 2019

Coffee Social: Sundays following the 8AM & 10AM services. ALL are welcome to join us.

Youth Group: Every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Library Hours: Sunday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 to Noon.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Saturdays @ 10:00 AM in the conference room. Crochet & Knitting patterns.

Crafts: Tuesday morning crafts each week at 10 AM. *Cannot use the newspaper bags they are too small. Colored (green, pink, yellow, etc...)grocery bags are preferred. (No gray, white or brown bags please)*

Business Networking Luncheon: No Luncheon Monday, Nov 25th. Will resume Monday, Dec 2nd. Every Monday 11:30 AM-1 PM. Catered by The Source "Dining with Dignity" Program. Cost \$10 everyone is invited. This a win-win-win. Networking, lunch and helping the homeless learn a skill. All are welcome!

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study: No Eucharist or Bible Study this week. We return Wed. Dec. 4th.

Christmas Flower Donations: All donations need to be in by Sunday, Dec. 15th.

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 5th 6:30 PM.

Office Closed: The week of Thanksgiving, Nov.25-29 the church office will be closed.

Ecumenical Service: St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Nov. 26th, 7:00 PM. Supporting the Food Bank.

Youth Christmas Pageant: Sunday, Dec. 22nd 10:00 AM Service. Rehearsals are during Sunday School Dec. 8th and 15th. Also Sat. Dec 21st. Contact Joanne Knott for more information.

Toys for Tots: We are collecting unwrapped toys. All toys will stay in Indian River County. Box is in the Narthex.

Vestry Nominations: We are now taking Vestry Nominations. Please submit names to the church office.

ECW Christmas Luncheon: Saturday, Noon at Aunt Louise's Pizzeria of Sebastian, 13403 US Highway 1. Sign Up Sheet is on the Bulletin Board. Sign up and pick your entre Eggplant Rollatini, Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, or Chef Salad. There will be an ECW Meeting at 10:00 AM at the Russell Building before the luncheon.

Baptism: Sunday, Jan. 5th. Sign up with the church office.

Annual Parish Meeting/Potluck: Sunday, Jan. 19th. There will be one service at 10:00 AM. Meeting/Potluck will be after the service.

Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, Dec. 24th 7:30 PM. There will only be **ONE Service Christmas Eve.** Christmas Day 10:00 AM.

