



the NATIVITY Scene

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Advent and Christmas Season Schedule 2016

- Dec. 4** **A Morning with St. Nicholas at 9:15 am**
Join us for a special gathering in Battin Hall to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. There will be special music and activities for the children...and a special guest!
- Dec. 7** **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**
Join us for this very special service filled with the scriptural lessons and wonderful music of the season.
5:30 pm Christmas Potluck Dinner begins. Please bring a holiday side dish to share. Meat will be provided.
6:30 pm Service begins. Dessert and coffee will be served after the service.
- Dec.11** **Children's Pajama Party**
Wear your best pajamas to church and bring a new set of pajamas, stuffed animals or a bedtime storybook for the needy to be presented at church at the 10:30 am service!
- Bishop Russell's Visit/Confirmations**
8:00 am Rite One Eucharist Service
9:15 am Celebration Brunch/Pick up a Brunch Card on Sunday mornings
10:30 am Rite Two Eucharist with Confirmations
- Dec. 16 or 17** **Youth Christmas Lock-In (Stay Tuned for more info soon)**
- Dec. 21** **Children's Pageant and Children's Choir Rehearsals at 3:30 pm**
All children are invited to rehearse for the pageant and for final costume fitting!
- Dec. 21** **Greening of the Church**
Everyone is invited to help decorate the church at 5:00 pm.
- Dec. 21** **Youth Group delivers "Love Thy Neighbor" parcels**
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Services**
4:00 pm Service Prelude Music begins
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service with the Children's Christmas Pageant
10:00 pm Service Prelude Music begins
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25** **10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service**



*FOR MORE INFO ON ALL THESE
EVENTS PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE AT 747-4000.*

**Bishop's Visit and Confirmations
Pajama Party Sunday
December 11, 2016
Confirmations at 10:30 am.**

We will have a celebration brunch at 9:15 am! Pick up a Brunch Card at the Welcome Table. You can pick Pastries and Sweets, Fruit, or Egg Casserole (recipe included). When the cards run out we have enough food!

Kids...Wear your best pajamas to church and bring a new set of pajamas, stuffed animals or a bedtime storybook for the needy to be presented at church at the 10:30 am service.



**Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
Presents**

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 7th

6:30 PM

Please join us for this beautiful service of scripture and music for the season presented by soloists, string quartet, trumpet, organ, piano and The Chancel, Children's, and Rite One Choirs of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

All are welcome for a Christmas Potluck Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Turkey will be provided so please bring a holiday side-dish to share. Coffee and dessert will be served after the service.

Donations accepted and nursery provided.

ADVENT OUTREACH

ANGEL TREE!



Look for our Angel Tree in Battin Hall on Dec. 4th! Please pick a name from a local nursing home and a small list if items are listed on each "ornament". Please return your wrapped gift by the deadline listed.

Advent Outreach Family!

We look forward to providing another wonderful Christmas for a deserving family. Please consider making a monetary gift. Let's make this Christmas season another example of Holy Nativity generosity for those in need! Please note on your check "Advent Outreach".



By the grace of God
and with the affirmation of the people
The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick
Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
will ordain

Michael Patrick Dickey
Curtis Albert Kennington
Mary Elizabeth Payne-Hardin

to the
Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church
on
Saturday, the third of December
in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen
At ten o'clock in the morning

Christ Church Cathedral
115 South Conception Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Clergy: red stole

A MORNING WITH ST. NICHOLAS!
DECEMBER 4, 2016
9:15 AM IN
BATTIN HALL

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Love Thy Neighbor

Tis the Season and the Youth will again be making an impact on the lives of others in our community. We ask you as a church to support Love Thy Neighbor.

Now in our third year the LOVE THY NEIGHBOR ministry has delivered over 90 parcels (30 in 2014 & 60 in 2015) of supplies to help the SOAR Program (Street Outreach and Recovery) assist the hundreds of homeless and vulnerable youth of Bay County.

This year we are asking that you help us deliver over 100 parcels please view the wish list of items and if able buy an extra with your shop or you can purchase all the items for one parcel. All is greatly appreciated and can be left at the table in Naïve or bring to Youth group Wednesday night.

Calendar:

Friday 16th OR Saturday 17th for LOCK-IN depends on Adult volunteers

Wednesday 21st Delivery for Love Thy Neighbor Parcels

Wet-wipes x 1 packet
 Deodorant x 1 stick
 Scarf, hat & gloves x 1 set
 Toothbrush & paste x 1 set
 Chapstick x 1 stick
 Canned meals ring-pull x 4 cans
 Emergency poncho x 1
 Granola bars x 4 bars
 Crackers x 4 packet
 Fruit cups x 4
 Candy bar x 2
 Sunscreen
 Bug Repellent



Youth Confirmation Classes

Started November 6th in the Youth Room upstairs. Please come along if you would like to find out what and how we do things at Holy Nativity and as part of the Episcopal faith.

Christmas Lock-In

Do you know what date would be good? Friday 16th or Saturday 17th Dec? We need a theme, adults to supervise and youth to attend. I want your ideas?

Dec	Sun School 9:15 In Kids' Kingdom: Theology theater	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
4	A Morning with St. Nicholas In Battin Hall (All hands on deck)	"The Christmas Tree Story: The Shepherds" Casey Cole 319-4379 Anna Eberhard 404-405-8199	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11	Breakfast with Bishop, Confirmations, and Pajama Sunday Wear pajamas and bring pajamas or a stuffed animal or a book to give.	"The Christmas Tree Story: The Shepherds" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Holly Melzer 896-0428 Brent Faison 814-4490	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
18	Pageant Costume Final Fitting in Kids' Kingdom	Pageant Practice (All hands on deck) And again on Wed., the 21st at 3:30 pm	Pat Spangler 215-5247
25	Joyous Christmas Morning but no Sunday School	Everybody at 10:30 am Worship Service	No Nursery

Having Godly Play for the children as a part of our Wednesday Evening program has been great. Liz Ward is an excellent Godly Play teacher adapting Montessori educational principles to allow a child's own (and our own) spiritual nature to think and "to wonder" about God. On November 30th, she will be teaching "The Holy Family" and on Dec. 14, she will teach an Advent lesson. Try to get your children to these; they will not be disappointed.

The Christmas season is a wonderful time to be at Holy Nativity, and especially to be with our children. It is our goal to make it meaningful and memorable for them.

On December 4th at 9:15, we will celebrate "A Morning with Saint Nicholas" as we hear the story of his kind generosity and we enjoy special activities and refreshments. There will also be opportunities to have a picture made with St. Nicholas. (Thank you again, Matt Cole.) **Parents**, please bring bags of wrapped candy (no gum please) for filling the children's shoes.

The sign-up board for the Christmas Pageant is now in Battin Hall. Please talk with your children to get their preferences for this year. If there are multiple requests for a single role, we will draw names. For these specific parts, please make sure that the children can attend the practices on Sunday the 18th during Children's Church and at 3:30 on Wednesday, the 21st. The board will remain up through Pajama Sunday, 13th; however, if you can't be here during this time, please call me and I will add names to the list. **Parents**, if you or your children have special requests, questions, or recommendations, please let me hear those too.

Who wears pajamas to Sunday School and church? We do, for a Sunday School Pajama Party on December 11th. Wearing our favorite pajamas and/or robes will be fun, and certainly different, and thus will be a reminder for each to bring a pair of new pajamas, or a book, or a cuddly stuffed animal for a needy child. And this year will be extra-special because the Bishop will be here for Confirmation. I wonder if Bishop Kendrick has ever before confirmed someone wearing pajamas. **Parents**, please have your children in Kids' Kingdom by 10:20 to process in with their gifts for the 10:30 worship service. What a great opportunity for us to practice St. Nicholas's example of generosity and giving to those who are in need!

Although I have not yet listed the names and duties of everyone helping with the Morning with St. Nicholas, Pajama Sunday, and the Christmas Pageant, we have a terrific volunteer labor force at HNEC. I will be calling on many of you to help with these events. As the children decide what roles they want, we may need some talented mothers to put together other costumes. All children are welcome to participate so please help us get the message out that any children attending the service will be invited to take part. We will have shepherds' robes, lambs' ears, and angels' halos ready for our new cast members. If you know that you will have children visiting, please let me know so we can look for them. We want our portrayal of the holy nativity at Holy Nativity to be especially meaningful and memorable for everyone.

Again, thank you so much for your help in making our church a wonderful place for our children.

Beverly McDaniel

Christmas Gift Cards!

'Tis the season to begin your holiday shopping by selecting exclusive gift cards offering unique and memorable gifts for EVERYONE on your Christmas list.

Prices range from \$30-\$1000 and gift collections are filled with top-quality, brand-name merchandise. Best of all, ALL PROCEEDS from the sale of the gift cards will support our Advent Outreach, to purchase Christmas gifts for the children in our "adopted" family!

Be sure to stop by the table set up outside Battin Hall Sunday mornings Nov. 27, Dec. 4, & Dec. 11, from 9am-12pm; as well as Wed. Nov. 30 from 5-7pm. For questions or to place an order by phone, call Karen Shores at (850) 867-1084.

Celebration Rose

The Celebration Rose is a way of celebrating the birth of a new little one into your family and into our church family. This was a tradition in the church that I grew up in, St. Lukes in Marianna. We remember how special it was for our family to see the roses on the altar when our girls were born. We've tried to bring this tradition to Holy Nativity, but so far, it has not caught on. Please remember, if you have a birth in your family (or an adoption of course) my family would love to help welcome your new addition. You will need to call Madge at the church office with the information AND call me at 819-3010 so that I can order the rose and get the vase to the florist. This is for parents and grandparents as I know many of you have grandchildren that are born out of town. If you've had children or grandchildren born in the last year and you didn't have a Celebration Rose in honor of them and would still like to, please contact Madge AND me to let us know and we will take care of the details. We hope that this tradition will catch on at Holy Nativity and make your family as happy as it has made ours.

Love in Christ,
Monica Phillips

Acolyte Rededication on November 13, 2016



The Celebration Committee is a group of ladies at Holy Nativity that organizes receptions and showers at the church.

If you are expecting a baby or getting married please contact Nina Godwin at nwgodwin@gmail.com or 814-9282.

It's time to celebrate!





- Dec. 1 Dunkin McLane, Alan Tremaine
- Dec. 2 Lee Gagnet
- Dec. 6 Terry Jangula, Jim Roberson
- Dec. 7 Gayle Ahrens, Carolyn Cramer
- Dec. 10 Matt Cole, Ashley Eaton, Greg Russell
- Dec. 14 Nancy Dingus
- Dec. 21 Nancy Connolly
- Dec. 26 Jerry Shores
- Dec. 29 Jim Fortier, James Rahn



- Dec. 2 Steve and Laura McClain
- Dec. 7 Terrell and Georgie Hartzog
- Dec. 9 Joseph and Carolyn Parell
- Dec. 10 Tom and Peggy Caldwell
- Dec. 12 Mike and Amy Zinzser
- Dec. 18 Newt and Alice Allen
- Dec. 23 Charles and Barbara Knowles
- Dec. 26 Dan and Faith Smith
- Dec. 27 Bill and Jennifer Ethridge
- Dec. 28 Alex and Laura King
- Dec. 29 Mike and Mary Ellen Harding
Edwin and Elizabeth Stewart
- Dec. 30 Gene and Rhonda Miller

Don't miss the most fun night of the week!

5:30 P.M.
Casual, come as you are Eucharist!
Dinner and Programs to Follow



- 4:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm: *five-thirty* service with supper afterwards
- 6:30 pm: Combined Choir Rehearsal (rehearsing now for Lessons and Carols if you want to join them!)
- 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Menu for December

- Dec. 7 Cottage Pie
- Dec. 14 Baked Chicken Ziti

No Wednesday Night programs for December 21st and 28th.

Happening #53
February 3-5,
2017



Happening is a spiritual formation weekend presented BY teenagers For teenagers with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. Happening seeks to bring young people to a fuller personal knowledge of an relationship with Jesus.

Holy Nativity will be transformed over the weekend into a sacred space just for this event.

Look soon for more information on how you can be a volunteer for this wonderful event.



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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate
Mr. Mike Dickey, Candidate for Holy Orders

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Mary Sexton
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendants - Catherine Churchill and Emily Brock

THE VESTRY






Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Peggy Bowen 16-19 Jr. Warden
Beth Brock 15-18
Mike Dickey 15-18
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19

Jim Hixson 15-18
Brian Leebrick 14-17 Sr. Warden
Madge Smith - Clerk
Hercules Pettis 14-17
Kelly Roberson 16-17
Joy Thompson 16-19
Todd Williams 14-17

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES		
Sunday	8:00 a.m. -	Holy Eucharist - Rite I *
	9:15 a.m. -	Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)
	10:30 a.m. -	Holy Eucharist - Rite II**
Wednesday	5:30 pm -	five-thirty Eucharist * and programs
*Nursery Provided		
**Children's Church and Nursery Provided		

December 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10:00 am- Mike Dickey's Ordination in Mobile
4 The 2nd Sun of Advent A MORNING WITH ST. NICHOLAS! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	5	6 6:30 pm-Choir Rehearsal	7 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm – CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER 6:30 pm-LESSONS AND CAROLS	8 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	9	10
11 The 3rd Sun of Advent PAJAMA PARTY SUN & BISHOP RUSSELL IS HERE FOR CONFIRMATIONS 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - BRUNCH 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	12	13 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	14 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm –8:00 pm: Choir Rehearsals	15	16	17
18 The 4th Sun of Advent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 9:15 am– Vestry meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	19	20	21 3:30 pm-Children's Pageant Rehearsal	22	23	24 4:00 pm– Christmas Eve Eucharist with Christmas Pageant 10:00 pm- Christmas Eve Eucharist
25 Christmas Day 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two	26	27	28	29	30	31
 NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR   <i>Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year</i>  						

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for December 2016

Dec. 4, 2016	Dec. 11, 2016	Dec. 18, 2016	Dec. 25, 2016
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Byron Matthews, Karen Tucker	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burriss	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">We will have one service at 10:30 am.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">No one is needed to assist with the service.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Merry Christmas!</p> </div>
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Alan and Jeannette Tremaine	
Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Charlie Commander and Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Tom Hairston and Ian Crelling	
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Nancy Breland	
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashytn Williams, John Moore, Linda Taylor King, Samantha Smith, Ashley Doran, Tyler Shores, Camryn Commander	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Peyton Lam, Grace Ennis, Chapell Syfrett, Hannah Hickman, Kate Leebrick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Joseph Thompson, Bekah Leebick, Bailey Melzer, Emi Hickman, Kristina Dick, Milly Eberhard, Mia Carroll	
Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Lisa McLendon	Lector at 10:30 am	
Tablecloth Ministry: Michele Hahn	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	

Christmas Eve

Ushers: 4:00 pm-Dan and Laura Johnson, Russell and Beth Brock, Max and Joyce Dannecker
10:00 pm - Jim Hixson, Parker McClellan, John Thompson, Chris Mills

Greeters: 4:00 pm-Charles and Mary Bonham, Tony and Jenny Collier
10:00 pm-Ursula Hixson

Acolytes: 4:30 pm- Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Linda Taylor King, Peyton Lam, Michael Watts, Andrew Collier, Madelyn Reeder, Tyler Shores, Camryn Commander
10:30 pm- Jack and James Thompson, Jacob Brock Stevens and Shelby Roberson, Lauren Stewart

Chalice Bearers: 4:00 pm- Brian Leebrick and Todd Williams
10:00 pm-Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews