



# the NATIVITY Scene

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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

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## LENTEN <sup>SOUP</sup> Suppers AND PROGRAM!

Join us every Wednesday during Lent (except Spring Break) for a soup supper and a great Lenten program afterwards for all ages. Bring the whole family!

5:30 pm - Soup Supper

6:30 pm - Programs begins for all ages

We need 6 pots of soup/stew and bread for every Wednesday.

Sign up in Battin Hall!

**February 29** – “The First To Follow” *Who were the apostles and what do we know about them? How can their stories inform our lives today?* Presented by Father Steve

**March 7** – “Forgiveness” *What good is forgiveness if I can't forget?* Presented by Father Tom

**March 14** – No Soup Supper or Program (Spring Break)

**March 21** – “A Liturgy of Rest and Remembering” *What does it mean to remember the Sabbath and do we really do it?* Presented by Father Steve

**March 28** – Taizé Service – *a meditative prayer service incorporating song, chant, scripture and silence that fosters communion with God.*



## HOLY WEEK

# HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



April 1st **Palm Sunday** *(The service begins outside.)*  
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One  
 9:15 am Christian Education for all ages  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

April 2nd-4th **Morning Prayer** at 7:30 am

April 4th **Stations of the Cross** at 6:00 pm  
 A devotion consisting of prayers and meditations observing the final hours and events of the Passion of Jesus.

April 5th **Maundy Thursday Service** at 6:00 pm  
 This service of Holy Eucharist will commemorate the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.

April 6th **Good Friday Service** at 12 noon  
 This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament.



April 8th **Easter Sunday**



8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One  
 9:00 am Easter Brunch **(Bring a dish to share)**  
 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt  
**(By April 4th, please bring to the church office wrapped candy \*no gum please\* and plastic eggs)**  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

(The Easter Sunday Schedule might change depending on the progress of the renovation.)

For questions please call the church office at 747-4000.

## Backpack Buddies



You are invited to join in this wonderful new ministry in conjunction with Holy Nativity School that will provide meals for needy children. Many children in local public schools receive their only meals of the day at school. This ministry will provide food for eligible children through the weekend. Our partner school has over 90 children who are Title I and eligible for free meals. Fifty-three families have already signed up to be a part of this program.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Children will receive a backpack of non-perishable food each Friday afternoon. The backpacks are provided by the Church. They return the backpacks on Mondays, they are refilled and delivered again the next Friday. church members are taking care of the logistics.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

1. Sponsor a Backpack-If you sponsor a backpack, you are asked to bring the following to church:
  - \* 2 breakfast items (breakfast bars, etc.)
  - \* 6 juice boxes, 2 lunch items (Vienna sausage, soup, beanie weanies, etc.)
  - \* 2 dinner items (ravioli, canned meat, Chef Boyardee, etc.)
  - \* 4 snacks (Goldfish, crackers, etc.)
2. Bring an offering-Bring one of more of the above items to church each week.
3. Make an offering - Monetary donations are certainly accepted. It is estimated that a "backpack of food" costs approximately \$10 week.

Also, any high-schoolers needing service hours are welcome to participate in stuffing backpacks, which can be accomplished at a time convenient for you (and whoever is unlocking the door to the Food Bank) during the week.

### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact Fr. Steve (747-4000), [fr.steve@holy-nativity.org](mailto:fr.steve@holy-nativity.org), or Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or [mdickey@barronredding.com](mailto:mdickey@barronredding.com).



Confirmation and Adult Sunday School combined began on Sunday, February 26th, for five class sessions. Adults who are interested in being confirmed when Bishop Duncan comes on Sunday, May 13th are asked to call Madge 747-4000 or email [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org) in the church office and let her know so we are expecting you and have a registration form for you at the class session. Regular members of the Adult Sunday School class will enjoy a refresher discussion of *lex orandi lex credendi* and the three-legged stool of Anglicanism: Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

For folks interested in Confirmation who cannot come to the Sunday School classes, the Tuesday morning Bible Study class will feature an Anglican emphasis for the five seminar sessions February 28 and March 6, 13, 20 & 27. If you are interested in that offering, please let Madge know.

Or simply show up for class! Either Sunday morning 9:15 or Tuesday morning 10:00 AM.

Father Tom

**ECW Meeting and Program**  
**March 11, 2012 at 6:00 pm**  
**in the Parish House**  
*(Note: Date change)*



Their

Guest

Speaker will be David Smith  
 The title of his presentation will be  
*“Ten Minute Financial and  
 Estate Planning Quiz  
 and Other Things Women Need To Know!”*

All ladies of the church are invited to  
 attend and bring something great  
 to munch on!



**CHURCH LIBRARY**  
*News*

There are many wonderful books in the Mary Stuart Poole Library, just waiting to be read. Our first donated book for 2012 is “Today is the first day” written by Carol Lewis, A self help weight loss book. I am sure there are many avid readers here at Holy Nativity and a nice selection is available.

Just fill out the little card in the front of the book and leave it in the Library. The members of the Mary Martha Circle invite you all to browse and select books that will enrich and entertain you.

The Mary Stuart Poole Library is located to the left of the two story building, where Fr. Tom teaches Sunday School.

Happy reading! Donna Jangula



Wednesday Nights We are joining up with the younger kids during Lent to do some projects and have some fun together. Come to the soup suppers at 5:30 to eat, and then when we split up for the program, we will all head upstairs. Parents - I'm releasing your kids at 7:30, or when the adult program ends, whichever comes last.

Sunday School We are having our youth confirmation classes during the regular Sunday School time of 9:15. It's a wonderfully big group, and Father Steve is sitting in. Even if you aren't planning to be confirmed during the Bishop's visit, come and join us for a refresher course on Episcopal beliefs and practices. I will schedule small-group make-up sessions for kids who miss one or more Sundays, and it will be whenever is best for those involved to meet.

Spring Break There will be NO Wednesday night program during Spring Break, March 14th. We are also taking one Sunday off from confirmation classes, either the 11th or the 18th. We will decide as a class which Sunday would have the smaller attendance, and skip that one.

Please join us in the upstairs room. We are having fun!

[Judy / 248-6624 / judydickey@gmail.com](mailto:judydickey@gmail.com)

## Children's Ministry March 2012

Mar.	Sunday School 9:15	Children's Church 10:30	Nursery 10:15
4	Tom Hairston 784-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jesus is Perfect" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Kathy Brust 522-9240	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11	Tom Hairston 784-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jesus is Perfect" (con'd) Trey Hutt 814-7934 Sharon Carroll 784-6961	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
18	Tom Hairston 784-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jesus Died for Us" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Jenny Collier 215-6554	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
25	Tom Hairston 784-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jesus Died for Us" (con't) Karen Shores 867-1084 Judy Bennett 215-1579	Pat Spangler 215-5247

During the Lenten season, you and your children are encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening soup suppers at 5:30 and the short service that follows. After the service, the children come with me to join with the youth group for a program tailored just for them. We want these programs to offer insights into our faith, our traditions, and our service to others...and of course, they must be fun. Each child has an EYC buddy and they really look out for each other, both working and playing together beautifully. We finish by 7:30 so you can get them home for the baths they will probably need. Please be patient with us if we give them back to you sandier, dustier, and dirtier than usual. Isn't it worth it to see our church moving forward with wonderful renovations? Our children will enjoy and appreciate these improvements for years and years to come. Thank you for your support for Holy Nativity now, and especially for our children's futures here.



Beverly McDaniel



By Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

### The Rite One Choir

The Rite One Choir has become a very dedicated group that loves to rehearse, sing and improve. They will next be singing on March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, Palm Sunday. New voices are welcome to join us. Weekly rehearsals are on Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and we generally sing once a month in church. What began as only three voices a couple of years ago is now a real choir! Praise God!

### The Chancel Choir

March is all about Lent and April begins with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. The Chancel Choir continues to rehearse for all of these special times of worship. Not only are these individuals dedicated to their singing for Sunday services and Thursday rehearsals, they are also very compassionate and caring. Rehearsals are weekly on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM and Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15. All are invited to join our song.

As in previous years, The Chancel Choir will be singing for both services on Easter Sunday. The two services will each contain the same music so no one misses a thing. The sounds of trumpet and tympani will echo through the sanctuary as the 'alleluias' return to worship signaling the resurrection of Christ.

Choosing music is not about 'pretty' but about scripture and lessons and helping you 'feel' something. It is an extension of the message and feeling is part of that too. May all of our music of this season reach you on many levels, not just with your ears but with your hearts.

### The Children's Choir

Palm Sunday is a highlight every year for The Children's Choir. Each year they sing outside in the courtyard prior to the service beginning in the sanctuary. Given our state of construction – I'm not sure exactly WHERE we will be singing, but we WILL sing! Their voices will represent the children who lined the roads as Jesus rode into Jerusalem and waved their palms. The Children's Choir LOVES waving their palm branches and leading the way into the sanctuary. It continues to amaze me how they grow musically and spiritually and I believe our weekly prayer time is part of that reason. Their prayers are a moving and beautiful way to begin each rehearsal. God bless our Children's Choir!

### Lenten Taizé Service on March 28<sup>th</sup>

We will offer a special Lenten Taizé service on Wednesday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM, following the Wednesday evening supper. Our Taizé service is comprised of music, silence and prayers only. We will be blessed to have flute, violin, cello, piano and a couple of voices to lead our singing.

The service of Taizé is patterned after those from the Taizé Community in Taizé, France, a Community made up of Anglicans, Catholics, Lutherans, Orthodox, Evangelicals and others dedicated to outreach to those seeking spiritual meaning. The goal of this form of worship is reconciliation, helping individuals develop a path of communication with God to have an inner peace and a sense of responsibility to take peace to individuals, the family, the community and the world. Taizé services are characterized by quiet and candlelight, the repetition of melodious chants, silence, intercessions and contemplative prayer. Taizé worship is informal and fluid, inviting the worshipper to move with the Spirit, through communal singing and corporate prayer, into the grand silence of communion with God. The service is ecumenical in spirit and all are welcome. Come and experience Taizé with us – you will be grateful that you did.

### Taizé Volunteers Needed

There is always work to be done in the placing and lighting of the candles, clearing them following the service, etc. For many who attend, the actual worship begins with the preparation. We are seeking members of our congregation that would be willing to assist with this preparation and removal of candles. If anyone is interested in helping to prepare for this service, please contact Marqua Brunette.





- March 4 Shirley Batteiger, Justin Rahn
- March 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell, David Grossman, Molly McLendon, Nelson Scott
- March 6 Catherine Churchill
- March 8 Brianna Fisher, Terrell Hartzog
- March 9 Cassie Commander, Alexander Lovchuk, Samuel McLane
- March 10 Andrew Collier
- March 12 Ashley Metzler
- March 13 Alexander Mallary
- March 14 Noah Patterson
- March 17 Sarah Austin, Rebekah Wishart
- March 18 William Cramer
- March 19 Nicholas Stuart
- March 20 Alva Davis, Dana Dye
- March 22 Tommy Harding
- March 23 Kate Bewick
- March 24 Nancy Breland, Georgie Hartzog
- March 25 Dorothy Allen
- March 26 Theresa Durgan
- March 27 Paul Hunt
- March 28 George McInnis, Alex Russell
- March 30 Kendall Lovchuk
- March 31 John Laughter, Grace Smith



- March 4 David and Natasha Lithway
- March 6 Trey Broege and Dawn Johnson-Broege
- March 15 Jimmy and Sue White
- March 16 Jeff and Margie Mahalak
- March 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker
- March 27 Bob and Lisa McLendon

### *Holy Nativity Book (Kindle) Club!*

Everyone is invited to read along and join the Book Club every 4th Monday at 6:30 pm in the Parish House to discuss the book.

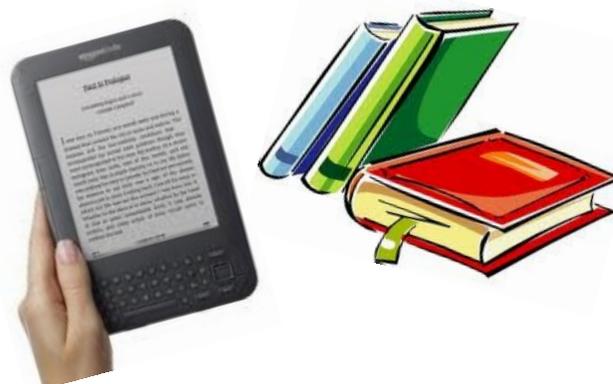
Here is the schedule for the coming months!

- March: The Beach Trees
- April: Hotel At The Corner Of Bitter Sweet
- May: Steve Jobs

For more information please call Betty Grammer at 763-5095.

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## **DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST**

*The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II - Bishop  
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector  
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate  
The Rev. Bob Dean, Deacon*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

*Youth Director - Judy Dickey  
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel  
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith  
Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette  
Church Organist - John Durgan  
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills  
Sexton - Lawrence Long  
Weekend Sexton - James Rahn  
Nursery Attendants - Megan Thompson, Molly Thompson*

## **THE VESTRY**

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector  
Gayle Ahrens 10-13  
Charles Bonham 10-13  
Edyth Brown 12-15  
Carolyn Cramer 12-15  
Mike Dickey 11-14  
Richard Doran 11-14  
Mark Godwin - Treasurer*

*Michele Hahn 12-15  
Jim Hixson 11-14  
Betty Grammer 12-15  
Brian Leebrick 10-13  
Mary Ellen Pettis 11-14  
Madge Smith - Clerk  
John Thompson 10-13*

## **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

*8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I \*  
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's  
Chapel (Aug. - May)  
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II\*\**

*\*Nursery Provided*

*\*\*Children's CE and Nursery Provided*