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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
Presents

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 6th
6:30 PM



Please join us for this beautiful service of scripture and music for the season presented by soloists, string quartet, 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.

Adult Christian Education: Fr. Tom

Timed every year to coincide with and finish before our bishop's annual visit, this time on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, our Annual Inquirers' Seminar, sometimes also called Confirmation Class, will begin Sunday, November 5th in Mary Stuart Poole Library (single-story building with double-doors at the east end of the brick road), 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. between services, during regular Adult Sunday School time. I've been teaching these classes for thirty-some years, I've never saved my format from last year, and each year's sessions are new and different. Everybody is invited and welcome, no registration needed, just get a cup of coffee and come on over; if you are late, no worries, everyone but me always comes in late anyway, and it's no problem and no interruption, this is your invitation, and you are welcome.

The sessions are also called Confirmation Class to encourage folks who are considering being confirmed by the bishop when he comes in January; but it's for everyone and anyone who would like to learn more about Holy Nativity and the Episcopal Church; our ministries, our history, our organization, our worship, what we believe as Anglican Christians, and how what we believe is meant to direct our daily life in Jesus Christ. There'll be a sermon-length lecture each week with time for questions and discussion. Probably, as in every course I've ever taught in church, middle school, college, and university graduate school, I will learn more than anyone.

Here's the schedule:

Sunday, November 5 (with Fr. Tom in the Library, 9:15 to 10:15)
Sunday, November 12 (with Fr. Tom in the Library, 9:15 to 10:15)
Sunday, November 19 (with Fr. Tom in the Library, 9:15 to 10:15)
No class Sunday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
No class Sunday, December 3 (A Morning with St. Nicholas)
Sunday, December 10 (with Fr. Steve, Instructed Eucharist in the church)
Sunday, December 17 (with Fr. Tom in the Library, 9:15 to 10:15)

Music Ministry News by John R. Durgan, Director of Music

Childrens Choir

The children's choir is now meeting from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. I have made this change because of scheduling conflicts with other activities. I am in hopes that this will allow more of our children to participate in the program. For the Lessons and Carols service, we will be using the Sunday School Children along with the adult Choir in one of the Selections.

The Rite One Choir

The 8:00 choir rehearses on Sunday mornings right after the First Service. We rehearse for 30 Minutes, and sing about every four or five weeks at the early service. We are in need of a few more singers. If you are interested please join us after the early service.

Lessons and Carols Choir

The Lessons and Carols choir has grown to around thirty members. The service promises to be splendid. We are doing all new music this year. I have selected different Carols for the congregation to sing of a more joyful nature. Please plan to attend this service, which will be held on Wednesday evening, December 6th. I would like to thank all of our participants for their time and talent, and the effort on their part it has taken to put this wonderful service together.

Confirmation Classes

The Bishop will be here January 10th, on a Wednesday night, for confirmations!

Confirmation/Inquiry Class Dates

Sunday's at 9:15 am

Nov. 5, 12, 19,

Dec. 10 (Instructed Eucharist), and 17

If you would like to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church in January, please contact Fr. Tom for Adult classes and A. J. Jeffery for Youth classes or call the church office at 747-4000.

These classes are also for anyone who just wants to know more about the Episcopal Church and is open to everyone.



Veteran's Day Chapel Holy Nativity Episcopal Church November 8, 2017 at 8:30 am



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tivity Episcopal School will be honoring our Veterans during this special School Chapel Service.

All veterans are invited to attend!

Instructed Eucharist Dec. 10th at 9:15 am in the Church

Everyone is invited, but especially confirmation class members, to this informative class led by Fr. Steve about our Eucharist. Ever wonder why we do the things we do during communion?



Our Supper Club groups have fun!

Photo of Dan and Laura Johnson at their Octoberfest Dinner!

Attending was Mary Troxell, Dianne Hodges, Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli!

Attention all groups!

Send in your photos!
madgejsmith@gmail.com

November	Sunday School 9:15 am In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	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 faith- ful nursery Volunteers.
5	Beverly McDaniel	"The Communion of Saints" Liz Ward 864-420-5855 Lindsey Crelling 319-6226 Elizabeth Moore and Ann Silcox	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
12	Beverly McDaniel	"The Exile and Return" Florenica Pereira 319-4870 Anna Eberhard 404-405-8188 Cynthia Fuller 319-3071	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
19	Beverly McDaniel	"The Prophets" Florenica Pereira 319-4870 Casey Cole 319-4376 Shani Lee 832-3151	Pat Spangler 215-5247
26	Beverly McDaniel	"The Holy Family" Casey Cole 319-4378 Liz Ward and Mary Ellen Harding	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

On this first Sunday in November, the 5th, our Holy Nativity children can celebrate All Saints' Day by being a part of the opening procession into church as we present the ribbon streamers on which we have noted the names of some people who, we believe, qualify for sainthood. We will gather in Kids' Kingdom at 10:15 to line up for processing to the front of the church and stay there for the children's sermon before leaving for Children's Church.

Each Sunday and each Wednesday, we like to remind the children of where we are in "The Circle of the Church Year". Although our very American holiday of Thanksgiving is not a part of the Church Year (The "New World" was unknown to the early Christians when the church seasons evolved.), it fits perfectly as we look toward Advent and preparing for the birth of the Baby Jesus. We hope that for Thanksgiving Day, we will be able to identify and appreciate many more of our blessings and want to share them, especially during Advent. Please mark your calendars.

11/26 – On the last Sunday in November, the sign-up board for the Christmas Pageant will be placed in Battin Hall. If there are multiple requests for a single role, we will draw names. Please note that those with specific parts, for example the Narrators, Mary, Joseph, the Star of Bethlehem, Gabriel, Innkeepers, Kings, etc., must be able to attend practices. Parents, please let me know if you or your children have special requests, questions, or recommendations. Remember, we want to make these special occasions meaningful and memorable for our children.

12/3 - For the first Sunday of Advent, we will recognize the kindness and generosity of St. Nicholas with "A Morning with Saint Nicholas"

at 9:15. (Mr. Durgan has invited the children to sing a carol along with the Chancel Choir for the wonderful Lessons and Carols presentation so following the party and before church, we will go to practice with the grown-ups).

12/6, Wednesday - 6:30 – Lessons and Carols

12/10 – Pajama Sunday Wear pajamas to church! And bring pajamas to give to others...or maybe bring a cuddly stuffed animal or a nice book to read at bedtime.

12/17 – During Children's Church, fit costumes and practice songs for the Christmas Pageant.

12/20 – 1:30 or 3:30 (depending upon school dismissal time) – Pageant Practice in the church.

OR...if most of you prefer, we could stay after church on Sunday 24th and try to finish by 12:30. However, the children need to be back at the church in Battin Hall by 3:45. Let me know which would better suit your children. Call my home phone, 265-8033, or text my cell (850-265-8033), or leave messages on either.

12/25 Christmas Eve 4:00 (3:45 for us) – Our best sharing is through the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve for we will be telling the story of the greatest gift of all.

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



- Nov. 1 Karen Shores
 Nov. 2 Wayne Lindsey, Kaew Sumpton
 Nov. 3 Mary Elizabeth Richardson, Elizabeth Stewart
 Nov. 4 Max McCord
 Nov. 5 Sandy Ciccarelli
 Nov. 6 Ann Leonard, Renee Madden, Nathan Nowak,
 Egon Seubert
 Nov. 7 Abby Dingus
 Nov. 8 Evelyn Jordan, Ginny Morrow
 Nov. 11 Carson Berry, Robert Carroll, Emma Jeffery,
 Ann Marie Shores
 Nov. 12 Catherine Shores
 Nov. 15 Bob Hughes
 Nov. 16 Mary Bonham
 Nov. 18 Hodge McCloy
 Nov. 19 Joe Ferrante, Stewart Sumpton
 Nov. 21 Patti Akst
 Nov. 22 Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson
 Nov. 24 Amy Russell
 Nov. 25 Florencia Pereira
 Nov. 26 Samantha Bates, Sean Dickey
 Nov. 28 Nancy Currie, Joy Thompson
 Nov. 29 Kate Watson



- Nov. 1 Matthew and shana Duncan
 Nov. 4 Daniel and Holly Melzer
 Nov. 11 Jeffery and Susan Frazier
 Nov. 14 John and Mary Darrah
 Nov. 16 Kenneth and Hannah Davis
 Nov. 17 Ian and Lindsey Crelling
 Nov. 18 John and Michelle Niziol
 Nov. 29 David Burris and Mary Mittiga



Sunday, November 5, 2017!
Don't miss church!



A new season has begun, 6th graders and up; come and hear a message, share time together and make a difference.

Confirmation Classes begin in November, come and find out about the Episcopal faith and what it means for your life. Get the information so you can understand your faith.


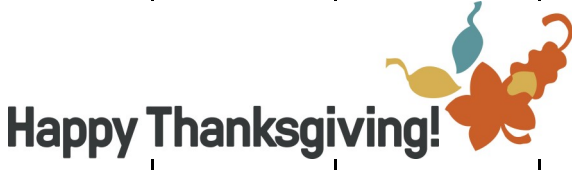
On Wednesday, November 15th, Youth will be preparing the meal for the church, so if you have a flair in the kitchen and want to help, let me know.

Youth helping youth by packing the Backpacks the first week of each month. Food donations always appreciated.

Love Thy Neighbor collection is coming around again. Last year we supplied over 100 packs. Please see wish-lists for supplies needed.

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	

A.J. Jeffery, your youth director
319-2953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ALL SAINTS DAY 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 26/ All Saint's Sunday FALL BACK! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class begins 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	6	7	8:30 am- HNES Veteran's Day Chapel 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	9 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	10  VETERANS DAY	11
12 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel Deadline to return OCC boxes!	13	14 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Group Dinner and Program	15 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 The 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Happy Thanksgiving!						
26 The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 29 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	27 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	28	29 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	30		

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for November 2017

Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Alan and Jeanette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Jerry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Bert Churchill 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Sue White and Wes Eberhard	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Tom Hairston and Ian Crelling	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Ken and Hannah Davis	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gaye Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and George McInnis
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Joseph and James Thompson, Bailey Melzer, Emi and Hannah Hickman, Tyler Shores, Mia Carroll	Acolytes 10:30 am: Ginny Leebrick, Shelby and Stevens Roberson, Linda Taylor King, Nicolas Pereira, Samantha Smith, Madelyn Reeder	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Paul Brust, Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink, Ashley Doran Milly Eberhard, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Kate Smith, Grace Ennis, Kate and Bekah Leebrick, Michael Watts
Lector at 10:30 am Lisa McLendon	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer
Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Chris Stamps	Tablecloth Ministry: Shani Lee	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles



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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

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Director of Music - John Durgan
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Nursery Attendants - Kimberly Gailfoil and Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Peggy Bowen 16-19
Beth Brock 15-18 Sr. Warden
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19
Mike Harding 17-20

Jim Hixson 15-18
Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden
George McInnis 17-20
Madge Smith - Clerk
Hercules Pettis 17-18
Kelly Roberson 17-20
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*
