



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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Building a Legacy

Our Phase II Building Program

Highlights Include:

- Addition of a permanent columbarium
- Demolition of existing school cafeteria building
- Addition of a north entrance
- Renovation and addition of public restrooms
- Enclosure of narthex and colonnades
- Complete renovation and construction of new kitchen
- Renovation and seating expansion of Battin Hall
- Additional parking!

Join us for any ONE of the following presentations on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School hour) in Battin Hall.

September 18

September 25

October 16

October 23

YOUTH group

SCHEDULE

WELCOME BACK!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK IN FULL SWING, 6PM IN THE UPSTAIRS ROOM. IF YOU ARE A YOUTH FAMILY, AND HAVEN'T SIGNED UP TO PROVIDE DINNER ONE WEEK, PLEASE ASK ME FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET. WE WILL NOT MEET ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14TH, FOLLOWING THE ROCK THE UNIVERSE WEEKEND, BUT I WILL SEE YOU UPSTAIRS EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - IS ALSO DELAYED BECAUSE WE WILL BE IN ORLANDO ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 11TH. FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS, SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 18TH. WE WILL MEET IN THE UPSTAIRS ROOM AT 9:15AM EACH SUNDAY, AND WILL COVER THE OLD TESTAMENT AND GOSPEL LESSONS ASSIGNED FOR THAT WEEK.

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS GOING TO TAKE ON A SPECIAL CARPENTRY PROJECT THIS FALL, AND WE WILL BE MAKING PLANS FOR IT AT OUR WED. NIGHT MEETINGS.

DON'T MISS OUT!

JUDY

248-6624



Food Bank

After a quiet summer, the Food Bank has been discovered by those

who served the needy in Bay County. A few days ago we provided several boxes of food and sundries for Family Services, and by the time you read this the Salvation Army will have made another pick-up. You are making a real difference in the lives of those in our community who are struggling to provide for themselves. Please continue to support the Food Bank with your gifts of nonperishable food items, and in particular canned meats, soups and stews, as well as toiletries and items you would anticipate someone would want if trying to maintain a household on little or no money. Thanks so much for your help.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING MY PROJECT, "DRAIN THE DIOCESE." WITH THE RECENT BLOOD DRIVE, WE COLLECTED 10 UNITS OF BLOOD! THIS WAS A VERY GOOD WAY TO KICK OFF MY "DRAIN THE DIOCESE" CAMPAIGN. IF ALL THE OTHER CHURCHES SHOW THE SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM THAT HOLY NATIVITY DID, THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS AND THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST WILL HAVE HELPED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS PEOPLE.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

BEN CHURCHILL

Adult Christian Education - Father Tom

Hello, everyone, and welcome to our fall 2011 session!

Weekday Bible Study begins Tuesday morning, September 6, the day after Labor Day. Everyone is invited, including bring your friends, church membership is not required, all are welcome. We'll gather in my office in the Parish House/Office Building between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. and start at ten o'clock for a study lasting just over an hour each week. Our kickoff study will be First Thessalonians, the oldest New Testament document we have, written by Saint Paul 50 or 51 A.D. There's good rationale for choosing First Thessalonians: it's our Sunday Lectionary New Testament reading for several weeks this fall. It's always helpful to know the book from which Sunday lessons are read. For anyone who hasn't already registered with me, I would appreciate an email to twellerpc@gmail.com so I know how many folks to expect. Bring your Bible.

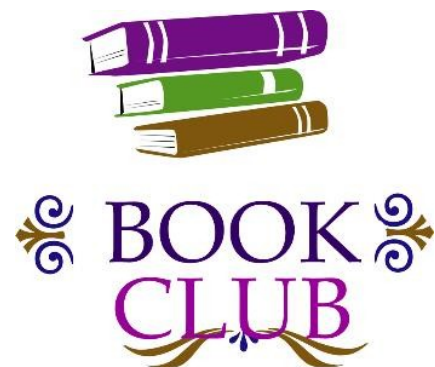
Sunday School begins our fall session on September 11, the Sunday after Labor Day. We meet for an hour each Sunday between services, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Mary Stuart Poole Library. "Liturgy and Lectionary" will be our theme. The church's supplementary Eucharistic Prayers are presented in *Enriching Our Worship*, and we have that new red booklet for perusing. As always, our main interest will be a short Bible study most weeks, based on the Sunday Lectionary and using our new study Bibles. No registration needed, just come!

There's an exciting season ahead: come!

Holy Nativity's Book Club meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. Everyone is invited to attend.

Here are the books selected for the next few months:
September - The Dirty Parts of the Bible by Torode
October - Lost in Shangri-La by Zuckoff
November - Glittering Images by Susan Howatch

For questions please call Betty Grammer/763-5095



MEMORIES OF BLESSING OF THE PACKPACKS!



Children's Ministry September 2011

Sept.	Sunday School 9:15	Children's Church 10:30	Godly Play 10:30	Nursery 10:15
4		Charades with Mr. Tom: Can You Identify these Bible Characters? Tom Hairston 784-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033		Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Heroes in the Bible...and Heroes Today Judy Bennett 215-1579 Trey Hutt 814-7934 Jo Bruhn 819-6667		Nancy Reeder 596-9538
18	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Froggy Goes to School" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Candace Leebrick 522-9240	The Circle of the Church Year Casey Cole 215-3727 Sharon Carroll 784-6861	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
25	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	The Miracles of Jesus Judy Bennett 215-1579 Ashley Easton 769-8533	Creation Karen Shores 867-1084 Kathy Brust 265-3172	Pat Spangler 215-5279

August was an eventful, and event-filled, month for our children. They loved having the church service at Shell Island, and the baptisms added special meaning to the service. The next Sunday, Fr. Steve offered the Blessing of the Backpacks. Even though I under-estimated attendance (I'm sorry, Katy), the faux stained glass ornaments for the children to paint and attach to their blessed backpacks turned out beautifully. Of course, Rally Day is always great fun for everyone, so...what can we do for September?

We will continue whole group Children's Church during the 10:30 worship service for the first two Sundays, but then will meet by age groups with the younger children (3-5 years old) going into Godly Play. Children younger than three enjoy being in the nursery with Megan or Molly Thompson and our wonderfully faithful nursery volunteers. We will resume Sunday School on the 11th at 9:15 in our specially decorated church room in the two-story building next to the library. Come join us. We even serve refreshments.

Beverly McDaniel

The Rite One Choir



Currently “The Rite One Choir” sings once a month at the 8:00 service.

Rehearsals are held every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the Choir Office

All interested adults are welcome to join! Please consider sharing your musical gifts with us. Interested high school and college students are also welcome.

Holy Nativity Church

Chancel Choir



All adults are welcome to join us.

Weekly rehearsals are in the Church every Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 PM and

Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

The Chancel Choir sings every Sunday during the 10:30 worship service.

Please consider sharing your musical gifts with us. Interested high school and college students are also welcome.

Holy Nativity Church Children’s Choir

All Children in grades 1–8 are welcome!

We rehearse every Wednesday, during the school year, starting after Labor Day in the Choir Office from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Come and lift your voices in song and praise.
Enrich your child’s life musically and spiritually!**

For further information: Marqua Brunette, Director – 747-4000



September Birthdays

Sept. 1 John Durgan, Chad Gall
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn, Julia McLane
 Sept. 6 Bayne Collins, Kaitlyn Kelley,
 Al Lawrence, Shelby Roberson,
 Stevens Roberson
 Sept. 7 Pat Spangler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole
 Sept. 9 Harvey David
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, Gene Wicker
 Sept. 12 William Ethridge, John McLendon
 Sept. 13 Bryant Bewick
 Sept. 14 Tom Weller
 Sept. 16 Midge Mellen
 Sept. 17 James Cospers
 Sept. 18 Richard Bruhn, Jennifer Gailfoil,
 Jackie Rahn, Victoria Williams
 Sept. 20 Samuel FitzSimons
 Sept. 21 Judy Dickey
 Sept. 22 Michael Mallary
 Sept. 24 Janice FitzSimons
 Sept. 25 Donna Jangula
 Sept. 26 Olivia Clemons, Holly Kuster,
 David Smith
 Sept. 27 Hannah Dye, Mary Frances Hutt
 Sept. 28 John Barnett, Amber FitzSimons
 Sept. 29 Mia Carroll, Denis Healey,
 Oliver Pettis
 Sept. 30 Judi Lawrence



Liz, Hunter, Isabella, and Grace Smith
 338 North Bonita Ave.
 Panama City, FL 32401
 785-8946

OUR SPECIAL MILITARY CHOIR!

I am still seeking additional voices to join
 our one-time-only Military/Civil Service
 Choir for a special music selection to be
 sung on Sunday, September 11th, the 10th
 anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. PLEASE
 email me or speak with me soon. Rehearsals
 will begin in August but the exact day and
 time is not set in stone. I need your input!
 Thanks, Marqua (marquab@comcast.net)

September Anniversaries

Sept. 1 Tony and Helen Hill
 Tommy and Torri Bishop
 Sept. 12 Doug and Susan Messer
 John and Nell Barnett
 Sept. 14 Lou and Inge Churchill
 Sept. 16 Aaron and Karen Shores
 Sept. 17 Greg and Amy Russell
 Sept. 19 Michael and Joanne Mallary
 Sept. 27 Henry and Nancy Breland
 Sept. 29 Doug and Caroline Smith
 Sept. 30 Terry and Donna Jangula





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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

<i>Fr. Steve Bates - Rector</i>	<i>Jim Hixson 11-14</i>
<i>Gayle Ahrens 10-13</i>	<i>Brian Leebrick 10-13</i>
<i>Charles Bonham 10-13</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Pettis 11-14</i>
<i>Max Dannecker 09-12</i>	<i>Amy Russell 09-12</i>
<i>Mike Dickey 11-14</i>	<i>Madge Smith - Clerk</i>
<i>Richard Doran 11-14</i>	<i>Stewart Sumpton 09-12</i>
<i>Mark Godwin - Treasurer</i>	<i>John Thompson 10-13</i>
<i>Donna Hairston 09-12</i>	

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*