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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

HOLY WEEK



April 13

Palm Sunday

(The service begins in the Courtyard.)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One

9:15 am Christian Education for all ages

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

April 14-16

Morning Prayer at 7:30 am

April 16

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 17

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 18

Good Friday Service at 12 noon

This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament.

April 20

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

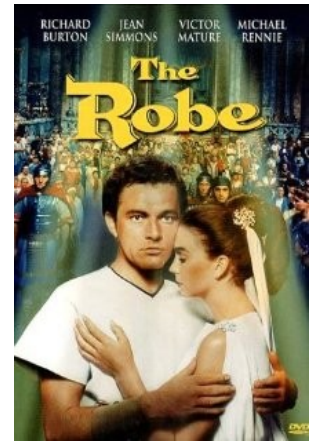
(By April 16, please bring to the church office wrapped candy *no gum please* and plastic eggs)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Lent: movie time! *The Robe* starring Richard Burton

Last Two: April 2 and April 9

Our Lenten Wednesday program both for the 11:30 Noon Healing Eucharist with Lunch **and** for the 5:30 PM Evening Eucharist with Soup Supper, will be viewing the film *The Robe*. From the Lloyd C. Douglas novel, this 1953 Bible epic addresses the question, "whatever happened to the Roman officer commanding the military unit that crucified Jesus?" The film being just over two hours long, we will divide it into four Wednesday viewing segments of about 30 minutes each -- with each segment being followed by a half hour for questions, discussion, condemnation(?) and speculation led by the priests. This will be fun and you won't want to miss! Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victor Mature, Michael Rennie, with Dean Jagger, Jay Robinson, Richard Boone, and Jeff Morrow. .



Also....

Leviticus Potluck: Wednesday, April 9th at 6 pm... Along with the Soup!

Really? What's this all about anyway?

There are lots of rules in the Old Testament that we, as Christians, choose to ignore. Many of them deal with what foods we are allowed to eat, and which are forbidden, or "unclean" for us. In this season of Lent, when we re-examine our relationship with God, it makes sense to think about just why it is that we think it is okay to follow some of his rules and not others. Remember that greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength and all your mind"? Well, we are loving God with our minds on April 9th!

Think about which side of this issue you fall on, and bring a potluck dish to share with the rest of our church on Wednesday night. I have made copies of all the food rules I could find, and put them in a folder on the youth bulletin board next to the kitchen. Please label your dish as Leviticus or not, and tell us why. We will be awarding all kinds of prizes, so you have a great incentive to participate.

This is one of the great things about being Episcopalian - we get to think about why we do what we do. Come and play along!

Happy April!

This month we continue our Lent activities and celebrate Easter.

Coming up:

April 2nd: During our Wednesday night meeting, we are going to play in the dirt. Bring trowels if you have them!

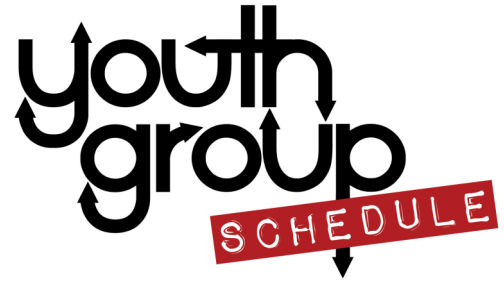
April 6th: Instead of Sunday School, we will have a meeting with any interested families about next year's youth program. This is actually pretty important, so make a special effort to get your parents there.

April 9th: We will be judging and giving prizes for our church-wide Leviticus potluck. You don't want to miss this one.

And of course, come check out the upstairs room! We are making great progress in our renovation, and it is starting to look great.

See you upstairs,

Judy



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF TEENAGERS:



**PARENT MEETING
APRIL 6TH**

Join Father Steve and Ms. Judy in the Parish House on April 6th during the Sunday School Hour to begin discussing plans for next Fall's Youth Program. Your input, hopes and dreams are valued and needed to further develop our Youth Program into something that not only serves our kids but equips them to serve the world around them. Whether you kids currently participate in our program or not, your thoughts and participation will be greatly appreciated. Your teenagers themselves are welcome to come, too!

Children's Ministry Schedule April 2014

Apr.	Sun. School 9:15 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 Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
6	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jesus and the Children" Kathy Brust 814-8014 Brandi Kelly 785-1139	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
13 Palm Sun.	Candace Leebrick 522-9240	(Children enter church with palms) "The Raising of Lazarus" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Jenny Collier 215-6554	Kathy Brust 814-8014
20 Easter	Easter Brunch followed by Egg Hunt Judy Dickey and HNEC Youth; Charlie and Cassie Commander; Bill and Katy Bradford (and families)	Flowering of the Cross and Presentation of Mite Boxes Matt and Casey Cole 319-4376 Robert and Sharon Carroll 960-5510 Children stay in church for Easter Service	Pat Spangler 215-5247
27	Beverly McDaniel	"The Man is Alive" Tiffany Ennis 784-4762 Trey Hutt 814-7934	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Should Wednesday Evenings in Lent be this much fun? We get to help with the short evening Eucharist service, have delicious soups for supper, and then have our program. Sometimes we watch a Bible story video and then play Bible charades. Sometimes we meet with Miss Judy (Dickey) and the youth group. We have already built wooden bird feeders. Next Wednesday we are planning a "Weed and Seed", and we are looking forward to the Leviticus Potluck on April 9th. On Wednesday of Holy Week, we will observe the traditional Stations of the Cross.

Although I almost feel guilty about enjoying the penitential season so much, we are aware (and we are encouraging the children to be aware) of the often dire needs of others. This year the offerings from our Lenten mite boxes will be donated to the International Heifer Project to buy baby chicks, not for pets, as the children first imagined, but as life-sustainers in a poverty-stricken area. We are discussing with the children ways to use their own efforts to earn the money for their mite boxes so that they will be more invested in their contributions. Please offer commercial suggestions and financial opportunities for them to do additional chores and extra work so they can experience the blessings of generosity and caring for others. If your child does not have a mite box, you may create one from any small box or bowl or sandwich bag...just something to bring in donations for Easter Sunday.

Before Easter Sunday, please bring candy-filled plastic eggs or bags of wrapped candy (no gum please) for filling the plastic eggs to church any Sunday through the 13th, or drop them by the church office through April 16th. On Palm Sunday, the children should come to Kids' Kingdom to get their palm branches and prepare for the processional from the courtyard into church.

On Easter Sunday, we will enjoy the Easter Breakfast at 9:15 followed by the egg hunt at 10:00. I will be asking many of you to help on Easter morning by bringing flowers and with the hunt, the processional, presentation of mite boxes, and Flowering the Cross.

Please remind your children to bring their Easter Baskets, mite boxes, and flowers, and we will take many pretty pictures. The older I get the more I understand the importance of making our faith celebrations memorable and meaningful for our children, and I am glad you want that for your children. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, I welcome your calls.

Beverly McDaniel



April 2	Anne Hawley, Jim Sandlin, Duncan Scott
April 3	Avery Wattenbarger
April 4	Alyssa Shores
April 5	Mac Bonham, Jeremy Wilkins
April 6	Clara Spaulding
April 8	Benjamin Stuart
April 9	Richard Baird, Anna McCord
April 10	Sarah Dick
April 11	Deana Gailfoil
April 12	Callie Mills
April 13	Jewell Harding, Pam Hawley, Parker McClellan
April 15	Garrett Coley, Dan Smith
April 16	Rich Doran
April 18	Nelson Scott
April 19	Michael McLawhorn
April 22	Henry Breland, Carmen Camenzind, Byron Matthews, Steve McClain, Joseph Parell, Stephanie Pettis, Madilyn Streichert, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson
April 25	Ella Cole
April 26	David Fennell, Addison Pack
April 27	Benjamin Churchill, John Currie, Alex Phillips, Faith Smith
April 29	Bailey Melzer, Madge Smith, Megan Thompson



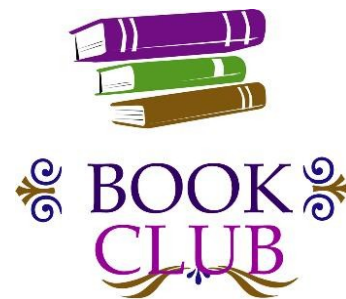
Don't forget to bring your favorite Easter side dish to the Brunch on Easter Sunday! It starts at 9:15 am!



April 1	Jim and Florence Fortier
April 7	Bret and Katie Fisher
	Mark and Pam Hawley
April 8	Rusty Smith and Stephanie Pettis
April 9	David and Madge Smith
April 15	James and Joyce Cosper
April 16	Max and Joyce Dannecker
	Bill and Sylvia Mormile
April 17	Heinz and Jaimie Camenzind
April 20	Jim and Kelly Roberson
April 21	John and Nancy Currie
	Chris and Kathy Mills
	Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis
April 22	Dan and Laura Johnson
	Bruce and Phyllis McLawhorn
April 30	Jeff and Kate Watson

BOOK/KINDLE CLUB

Fourth Thursday
every month: 5:30
p.m. at Panera Bread;
6:30 p.m. at the Par-
ish House for the dis-
cussion



APRIL 28TH: "The Girl with the Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier

MAY 26TH: "The Death of Santini" by Pat Conroy

JUNE 23RD: "The Killing of Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard



Supper Club Mixer
We're having another
Luau!

Wear your tropical finest!

Sunday, April 27th at 6:00
pm
In the Courtyard



Pigs will be on the grill! Bring a side dish!
Coconuts and grass skirts will be supplied!

Aloha!

Backpack Buddies Needs Your Help!

Over the last six months, the Backpack Buddies Program has provided food for 95 families, every week. You all have been incredibly generous in making this happen, but we need your help to make it down the stretch. At our current expenditure rate, we won't quite have enough money or food to reach the end of the school year. You can help not only with your monetary contributions, but also by continuing to fill a bag when you are at the grocery store for a child who benefits from this ministry. Remember, each child receives two dinners (canned stew or ravioli), two lunches (soup, Vienna sausage, etc.), two breakfasts (granola bar or instant oatmeal), four snacks, three pieces of fruit and three juice boxes. In other words, each week we send 190 breakfasts, lunch and dinners, 380 snacks, and 285 pieces of fruit and juice boxes. That is a lot of food. Help us reach year's end in June, and feel free to offer any suggestions for how we could improve by contacting Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com. Thanks.

♪ Music Notes ♪

by Marqua Brunette
Director of Choirs

April is all about the last weeks of Lent, Holy Week and Easter! All three of our choirs have been busily rehearsing for these special occasions and the excitement continues to build.

The Rite One Choir will be singing on Easter Sunday, April 20th for the early 8:00 service. They have become a very dedicated group of individuals and get so enthused when they really 'get it right'. They also enjoy getting together for some social time, as we recently discovered when we went out to dinner together one evening! It was lots of fun and our plans are to make it happen more frequently in the future. Weekly rehearsals continue on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and we generally sing once a month in church. New members are welcome anytime. What began with as only three voices three years ago is now a real choir! Praise God!

The Chancel Choir has been preparing for weeks with something special we plan to try Easter Sunday during the 10:30 service. We will also be blessed with a beautiful solo by Stacey Holliday accompanied by Mary Ellen Reddie on violin and myself on piano. I make every effort to instill in the choirs that they should view their music ministry as their gift and the evidence lies in their commitment to what they do.

The Chancel Choir has rehearsed diligently for Holy Week and we encourage you to attend Maundy Thursday service. Personally, I find the music very powerful and moving along with the service of the Last Supper and stripping of the altar. I am always gratified when choir members emotionally react to the music that they are singing, and this year's anthem is no exception.

Perhaps you would like to join us at Thursday rehearsals from 6:30 – 8:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30! If you have noticed, attendance waxes and wanes so we would love to have additional voices singing with us.

The Children's Choir

Palm Sunday is a Children's Choir highlight each year and this year is no exception. Last year, Palm Sunday was during Spring Break so many children were away. THIS year they are HERE and singing two great selections outside prior to going into the church. ALL of the children of Holy Nativity will process into the church with Palm branches leading the way for the congregation. While the children do not sing weekly, they rehearse weekly and manager to learn a great number of songs. Basic music skills are also learned with a focus on prayer and why we sing what we sing.

I like to think that our Children's Choir is building a choir for the future of Holy Nativity. Nearly every adult choir member started out singing in their choir as a child. It is part of our stewardship for our church to plan for the future. I assure you, based on what we see with these young voices, Holy Nativity is in good hands! I know it's hard to keep saying this, but our Children's Choir this year is our best ever. They are truly outstanding!



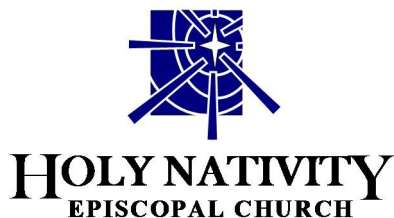
Wine, Women, and Backpacks!

The last Thursday of April 24th, so that is when we will get together to stuff backpacks! Please join us at 5pm at the two-story building behind the church. We will talk, laugh, drink wine . . . oh, and fill 95 backpacks for hungry kids. We always have a

great time, and I think you will, too. Afterwards, we will go somewhere fun to eat together. See you then!

Judy Dickey





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The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

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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 Attendant - Callie Mills and Brynn Ledman*

THE VESTRY

<i>Fr. Steve Bates - Rector</i>	<i>Mike Harding 13-16</i>
<i>Henry Breland 13-16</i>	<i>Betty Grammer 12-15</i>
<i>Edyth Brown 12-15</i>	<i>Brian Leebrick 14-17</i>
<i>Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden</i>	<i>Chris Mills 13-16</i>
<i>Carolyn Cramer 12-15</i>	<i>Hercules Pettis 14-17</i>
<i>Mark Godwin - Treasurer</i>	<i>Madge Smith - Clerk</i>
<i>Michele Hahn 12-15 Sr. Warden</i>	<i>Stewart Sumpton 14-17</i>
	<i>Todd Williams 14-17</i>

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES


<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *</i>
	<i>9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II**</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:30 am - Healing Eucharist</i>
	<i>5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist * and programs</i>

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 pm-Mary Martha Circle 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner	2 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 4:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND PROGRAM	3 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 The 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 9:15 am- Youth Parent Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	7	8	9 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 4:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND PROGRAM and LEVITICUS POTLUCK!	10 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 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	14 7:30 am - MORNING PRAYER	15 7:30 am - MORNING PRAYER	16 7:30 am - MORNING PRAYER 4:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm- STATIONS OF THE CROSS	17 6:00 PM-MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	18 12:00 PM-GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	19
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27 The 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 6:00 pm-Supper Club Mixer	28 Book Club 5:30 pm-Book Club at Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	29	30 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 4:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - Wed Night Program			

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for April 2014

Apr. 6, 2014	Apr. 13, 2014	Apr. 20, 2014 EASTER SUNDAY!	Apr. 27, 2014
Altar Guild: Phyllis McLawhorn, Kaew Sump-ton, Jane Burkett, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Bre-land, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bon-ham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Rus-sell, Joe Ciccarelli, Bar-bara Knowles, Inge Chur-chill
Greeters 8:00 am: Dennis Boston 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander
Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Bret and Katie Fisher	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan Johnson and Parke McClellan 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge and Lou Churchill 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Stewart Sumpton	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Joyce Dan-necker and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Edyth Brown	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Jane Burkett
Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trevor Mad-den, Katie Marie Hutt, Kate and Beka Leebrick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Ryan Nelson, Michael Watts, Paul Brust, Camryn Commander, Jacob Brock, Morgan Williams, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart, Madelyn Reeder, Hannah Hickman, Claire and Kyle Fisher, Ginny Leebrick, Jacob Brock, Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Trevor Mad-den, Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, Joseph Thompson, Katie Marie Hutt, Camryn Commander, James Thompson, Jack Thompson, Ben Bradford	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Ryan Nelson, Ginny Leebrick, Shelby and Stevens Roberson
Lector at 10:30 am Jackie Rahn	Lector at 10:30 am Gerry Clemons	Lector at 10:30 am John Darrah	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer
Tablecloth Ministry: Judy Bennett	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Frances Hutt	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan

Maundy Thursday acolytes are Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Kate Leebrick, and Beka Leebrick