



the NATIVITY Scene

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April 14 **Palm Sunday**
(service begins in the courtyard)
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite 1
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2

April 15-17 **Morning Prayer** at 7:30 am

April 15-16 **Evening Prayer** at 6:00 pm

April 17 **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 18 **Maundy Thursday** Service at 6 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 19 **Good Friday** Service at 12 noon
This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament.



Easter Sunday

April 21st

Services at 8 am and 10:30 am

Sunday Brunch at 9:15 am

(bring your favorite brunch dish!)

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am

Bring your basket!

For the Egg Hunt, we need bags of candy-filled plastic eggs or candy suitable for filling the eggs (no gum please) that we already have. Please bring to Madge's temporary office in Battin Hall by Palm Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 747-4000.

Rebuild Bay County (RBC) “Rebuilding Homes, Hearts, and Lives” By David Smith, RBC representative from Holy Nativity

RBC consists of over 70 nonprofit, faith-based, business' and other organizations and agencies. Their mission is to provide coordinated management of the long-term recovery for Bay County residents who do not have adequate resources for basic needs as the result of Hurricane Michael, as well as any future manmade or natural disasters. Rebuild Bay County meets every month with its primary goal to help Bay County heal and move forward.

RBC provides case management to those in need and assists with housing, repair and construction, spiritual, emotional, basic living, and other requirements of those served through its membership base. Doing this will accelerate long-term recovery of the whole Bay County community--ensuring non-duplication of efforts and providing a single platform for financial donations and grants to the area intended for such purposes.

Monetary donations are temporarily being accepted through RBC's current fiscal agent: United

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The RBC has these organizational positions available: 1) Treasurer, 2) Videographer, and 3) Grant Writer. Please contact Lance Rettig ASAP at (850) 774-9244 if you are interested in one of these positions.

I highly recommend that you all come by to visit the newly opened Community Resource Center at the Bay County Main Library on 11th Street. It is a one-stop-shop for public assistance, with representatives from more than a dozen local nonprofit organizations.

The center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Check out the video below to learn more.

<https://www.facebook.com/BayCountyFLEmergencyServices/videos/338334506813390/>

Recovery Angels

As a next step in our recovery efforts, Holy Nativity is inviting you to help us meet needs within our own church community and beyond. Numerous groups are contacting us about mission trips, relief efforts and community needs.

It's our hope to begin compiling a list of needs that we can share with these groups over the next few months. The groups often are offering financial assistance as well as work crews to meet needs that might not be covered by insurance or were uninsured.

If you have a need or know of someone who could use help, you are invited to forward that information to the church office where a list will be compiled and an attempt made to match needs and resources. Any submission will need to include a description of the work, a contact person and an approximate cost if applicable.

As a church community and with the assistance of our church partners, we will attempt to respond as resources are made available. Please see Father Steve with any questions you might have.

Attention Ladies! You're invited to attend an Argentinean Cooking Class April 23rd at 7:30 pm

Join Florencia for this lively class in the church kitchen and this class will be very hands on! The cost will be \$25 per person at the door plus a bottle of wine to share. We will be making Cannoli and a Caramel Cream Tort. Space is limited! Please contact Nina Godwin at nwgodwin@gmail.com or 814-9282 or respond to the email invitation that was sent last week.

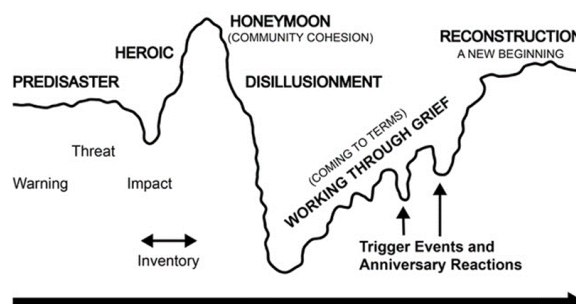


From Good Friday to Easter

Lenten Series 2019

4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 pm: five-thirty service
 6:00 pm: Soup Supper (the signup sheet to bring soup is at the Welcome Table)
 6:30 pm: Lenten Program
 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Emotional Life Cycle of a Disaster



For Jesus it took only three days to move from the horror of Good Friday to the joy of Easter. However, we're not Jesus. And from our "Good Friday" of Hurricane Michael to our individual and collective "Easters" will take much longer. Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for an important series based on the emotional life cycle of a disaster timeline as provided by Episcopal Relief and Development.

Our Lenten Series Continues.....

April 3

Working Through Grief

Grief is a very real part of where we are as a community. Our means and methods of working through our grief will make a big difference in how we recover from the storm.

April 10

Resurrection Stories – Facilitated by the Rev. Stephen Kidd and members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Gulfport, Mississippi

St. Mark's, Gulfport is a 175-year-old parish whose building was washed away down to the slab by Hurricane Katrina. Come hear their stories of resurrection and hope as well as their outreach ministry to parishes who experience natural disasters.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Beverly McDaniel

Driving around town is less depressing as signs of spring are emerging. Our poor wind-whipped trees are revealing life with their new green leaves, and some have blossoming flowers. (Have you noticed the dogwood in the corner of our church courtyard?) Although they are not nearly as abundant after the hurricane's devastation, they may be appreciated more than ever this year. On a small scale, they seem to point toward Easter...to the resurrection of Jesus, to hope, and to new life. What a good opportunity to share with our children our feelings about death/destruction, resurrection, hope, and God's great love for us!

As we approach Holy Week and the Easter celebration, let me remind you to bring in bags of candy appropriate for stuffing the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please put them in Madge's office in Battin Hall on or before Palm Sunday. The children will again sing in the courtyard on Palm Sunday. We have been singing in Children's Church and on Wednesdays, but please bring them to the church by 10:00 so we can have a final practice. There won't be separate programs for the children during Holy Week as they can participate in Stations of the Cross on Wednesday and the nursery will be available on Maundy Thursday. Please call or text me with your questions, comments, and suggestions...850-832-8324. I truly appreciate your input.



Shell Island Sunday May 19, 2019

What is signupgenius.com?

By Madge Smith



If the church has your email address, then you probably have received an email from me from the online sign-up website, signupgenius.com. This website provides free service to organizations or people planning events. Anything from planning invitations for a personal birthday party to a multi-time slot appointment schedule.

It is a great way for the Holy Nativity to reach out to the parishioners and communicate volunteer opportunities for an upcoming event.

This is an example of what you will see in the heading of one of my emails:

You have been invited by Madge Smith to sign up for "Bishop Russell's Annual Visit and Confirmations." Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet.

After you open the email, you will see a tab to open up the volunteer area that you are interested in joining. Just follow the directions and type in information needed. It's so easy!

Volunteers are the heart of any church! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication! All our spiritual gifts are precious and are a gift from God!

Adult Christian Education: Fr. Tom

Here we are already up to April and I'm living in South Walton County, been in hurricane quarters since the storm. It puts a different slant on life, makes it seem unreal until I drive back across Hathaway Bridge and into Panama City. Our condo residence in StAndrews is still under reconstruction, but we're hoping to be back home by early summer.

Adult Sunday School is still meeting in Battin Hall, 9:15 to 10:15, between services; all are invited and welcome. There are no certainties, but we generally have some sort of Bible study related to the Sunday readings, sometimes a diversion into liturgy or theology or church politics and other events. Meeting in Battin Hall will continue until the Library is renovated and ready for use.

Camp Beckwith Fairhope, AL

Register for Summer Camp!
Go to www.beckwithal.com
for ages and session weeks
available.





- Apr. 2** Anne Hawley, Jim Sandlin,
Duncan Scott, Chris Stamps
Apr. 3 Avery Wattenbarger
Apr. 4 Alyssa Shores
Apr. 5 Mac Bonham
Apr. 7 April Dick
Apr. 8 Benjamin Stuart
Apr. 9 Anna McCord
Apr. 10 Sarah Dick
Apr. 11 Deana Gailfoil
Apr. 12 Callie Mills
Apr. 13 Jewell Harding, Parker McClellan
Apr. 15 Garrett Coley
Apr. 16 Rich Doran
Apr. 18 Rosemary Cramer, Gregory
Presser, Marion Scott
Apr. 19 Bethany Nowak, Esteban Pereira
Apr. 20 Ben Lee
Apr. 22 Henry Breland, Byron Matthews,
Steve McClain, Joe Parell,
Stephanie Pettis, James
Thompson, Joseph Thompson
Apr. 25 Robert Dozar
Apr. 26 Adam Cantrell
Apr. 27 Ben Churchill, John Currie, Alex
Phillips, Faith Smith
Apr. 28 Abram Jeffery
Apr. 29 Bailey Melzer, Madge Smith
Apr. 30 Alvin Peters, Marion Wallace

Did you know....

Sunday Sermons are available on the church's website, www.holy-nativity.org. Just click on the sermon tab.



- Apr. 8** Robert and Cristina Jansenius
Apr. 9 David and Madge Smith
Apr. 15 James and Joyce Cosper
Apr. 16 Max and Joyce Dannecker
Apr. 17 Chad and Sunny Barton
Apr. 20 Jim and Kelly Roberson
Apr. 21 John and Nancy Currie
Chris and Kathy Mills
Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis
Apr. 22 Dan and Laura Johnson
Bruce and Phyllis McLawhorn
Apr. 30 Jeff and Kate Watson

Meet and Greet the Newlyweds! April 7th after the 10:30 am service! Hosted by the Celebration Committee

On January 26th Mary Elizabeth Richardson (daughter of Jennifer Etheridge and John Richardson) became the bride of Brandon Moore. Unfortunately, we couldn't get our post-hurricane act together before their wedding, so we're hosting a Meet & Greet High Tea for the bride and groom on Sunday, April 7th. Open to everyone....Ladies and Gentleman and Children!

Mary Elizabeth grew up in our church and attended Holy Nativity all the way through, so let's show her how precious she is to us as we welcome her new husband into the fold. Mary Elizabeth and Brandon are registered at Target and under Mary Elizabeth Richardson and Brandon Moore.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by Lenten Soup Supper and Program 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 The 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School Instructed Eucharist 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 11:30 am-Wedding Shower	8	9 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and Program	10 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by Lenten Soup Supper and Program 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am-Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	15 7:30 am-Morning Prayer 6:00 pm-Evening Prayer	16 7:30 am-Morning Prayer 2:00 pm-Book Club 6:00 pm-Evening Prayer	17 7:30 am-Morning Prayer 6:00 pm-Stations of the Cross	18 6:00 pm-Maundy Thursday Service	19 12:00 pm-Good Friday Service	20
21 Easter Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Easter Brunch 10:00 am-Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	22 Church Office Closed	23 5:30 pm-Cooking Class	24 (No Wednesday Night Activities)	25	26	27
28 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	29	30				

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for April 2019

April 7	April 14 Palm Sunday	April 21 Easter Sunday	April 28
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Byron Matthews, Karen Tucker	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Max and Joyce Dannecker	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill
Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Steve Dick, Bill Bradford, Alan and Jeanette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker
Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Ken and Hannah Davis	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli Michael Fuller	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: D. W. and Jani Smith	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick, Lisa McLendon	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Joyce Dannecker
Acolytes 10:30 am: Joseph Thompson, Andrew Collier, John Moore, Payton Lam	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Michael Watts, Lauren Berry, Bailey Melzer	Acolytes 10:30 am: Ginny, Kate, and Beka Leebrick, Nicholas Pereira, Jackson Lee	Acolytes 10:30 am: James Thompson, Beka Leebrick, Isaac Ward, Emma Crelling
Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Jenny Collier	Lector at 10:30 am Tom Ledman	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer
Tablecloth Ministry: Chris Stamps	Tablecloth Ministry: Shani Lee	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crelling

Holy Week

Stations of the Cross: Acolyte—Morgan Williams

Maundy Thursday: Acolytes: Jacob Brock, Joseph Thompson, Shelby and Stevens Roberson

Ushers: Terry Jangula

Chalice Bearers: TBA

Good Friday:

Ushers: Terry Jangula

Chalice Bearers: TBA



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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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Director of Music - John Durgan

Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith

Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel

Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills

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Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector

Tricia Berry - 18-21

Beth Brock- 16-19

Ian Crelling 16-19

Tiffany Ennis 16-19

Mark Godwin - Treasurer

Mike Harding 17-20

Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden

Brian Leebrick 18-21

George McInnis 17-20 Sr. Warden

Ivan Pereira 18-21

Mary Ellen Pettis-18-21

Kelly Roberson 17-20

Madge Smith - Clerk

Joy Thompson 16-19

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*
