



the **NATIVITY** *Scene*

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Pancake Supper! **Feb. 13th at 5:30 pm**

This is always a fun time where we eat pancakes, sausages, and apple sauce before the beginning of Lent!

Find the "Coin" in the King's Cake and you win reserved seating and parking on Easter Sunday!

Adults/Youth: \$5
Children: \$3
Family: \$15



February 14, 2018

Services will be 7:30 am & 6:00 pm with imposition of ashes.

(No Wednesday Night program)

LENTEN SERIES AND SOUP SUPPERS!

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21, 2018

WEDNESDAY, 5:30 PM

5:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: five-thirty service

6:00 pm: Lenten Soup Supper

6:30: Lenten Program, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Youth Group, and Godly Play

THE GOOD BOOK AND TED

Join us each Wednesday during Lent for this year's Lenten series. As always, we'll gather for the 5:30 service, followed by soup suppers and programs for all ages beginning at 6:30. We begin by joining the Good Book Club as a group and follow with a series of TED talks to accompany our reading. TED talks are a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in the form of short, powerful talks. Each TED talk is a maximum of 18 minutes. An open forum discussion will follow.

February 21 – “The Good Book Club” facilitated by Father Tom. Join us as we join in a diocesan-wide program in partnership with Forward Movement reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during the Lenten and Easter seasons.

February 28 – Forgiveness. “Looking For The Man Who Broke My Neck” Facilitated by Father Tom. Joshua Prager was 19 years old when a devastating bus accident left him a hemiplegic. He returned to Israel 20 years later to find the man who turned his world upside down. In this TED talk, Prager probes deep questions of nature, nurture, self-deception and forgiveness.

March 7 – “My Year of Living Biblically” In this TED talk, AJ Jacobs tries to live an entire year following every single rule in the Bible as literally as possible. Facilitated by Father Steve

March 14 – “Normal is a Dryer Setting” Join us as Debra Jenkins (a friend of Father Steve and Lori) explores her journey through success, philanthropy, and tragedy in an elusive quest to find “normal.” Facilitated by Father Steve

No service or programs on March 21st due to Spring Break.

After the business of the festive season and the battle of seasonal germs, the youth over the coming weeks will be updating their board and undertaking a project lead by a youth group member.

Part information, education and entertainment. Stay tuned.

As always please contact AJ Jeffery if you have any questions about the youth group program.

Important Date!!

April 25th—Youth Cooking Wednesday Night Meal!



Thank-you, AJ

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Laundry Love Update from David Smith

I'm SO excited to announce that the parishes of Holy Nativity Episcopal and St. Andrews Episcopal are joining forces and combining resources together "officially".....in this ministry. St. Andrews has participated with Holy Nativity for several LL events in 2017, and actually hosted the December event on their own.

Earlier this year, I met with Rev Molly Payne-Hardin and others from St Andrews to discuss ideas and opportunities for collaboration. It was mutually decided that each parish could support this ministry by alternating as the "primary host" on the 4th Thursday of each month in 2018 from 5-7 PM at Wash Depot on 11th Street - who has graciously agreed to continue serving as our location partner. The one date exception we are aware of right now is November, which will be held on the 5th Thursday (the 29th) due to Thanksgiving holiday conflict.

During the "primary" hosts' assigned month, they / we will be responsible for bringing all the laundry supplies, quarters, volunteers, tables, food, etc., with the "partner" parish assisting in any way they can - by providing additional volunteers, quarters, food, and so on.

St. Andrews will kick off 2018 by hosting Laundry Love on Thursday, January 25th from 5-7 PM. Wash Depot will be signing up event participants in a similar fashion as they did during the last few events of 2017.

If you are interested in volunteering throughout the year please contact me at 774-6474 or david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com . HNEC will have the primary host responsibilities for 2018 on the following dates, so mark your calendars for:

February 22nd
April 26th
June 28th
August 23rd
October 25th
December 27th

Your prayers and support for Laundry Love are appreciated as we move forward this year. I am so grateful that God has brought us a community partner to serve alongside us as we work together to help out those in need.

Adult Christian Education by Fr. Tom

Lent begins this month, February, and we have fun and intriguing plans for Adult Sunday School of our Christian education ministries. This year we will participate in the churchwide program of reading the Gospel according to Luke through Lent; and perhaps Luke's sequel The Acts of the Apostles through the Easter Season. The program includes daily readings, which I will provide both an online Bible link for those reading online, and an online text. For those who come to our Adult Sunday School class (9:15 Sunday mornings, between services, in the parish Library - - down the brick road), I will provide printed text in print large enough to be read comfortably by most folks, 13-pitch or 14-pitch type. And I will put a few extra copies of the daily print format on the small table at the back of the - - sanctuary - - to be picked up by anyone else who might like to DO these readings instead of Giving Up for Lent.

Again, during Lent, these readings from Luke for the week will be the subject of our Sunday School gatherings. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Plus, I will include the daily Luke readings in my daily blog, +Time. My blog is personal, not a parish ministry, but I will include at least a link to the daily Luke readings.

Fr. Tom+

Thank you from the Bates!

Lori and I are again grateful for your kindnesses and generosity to us during the holiday season. We're especially grateful for the generous gift presented by our Senior Warden. It remains an honor and joy to do God's work with you each year. As we begin our 13th year together, I've never been more excited about the opportunities that lay before us. Again, many thanks for all that you do and for who you are.

God love you,
Steve and Lori

**The 37th Diocesan Men's Conference and Retreat—March 2-4, 2018
Beckwith Camp and Conference Center**

The Conference theme is
Crisis in Masculinity:
The Power of Being Male in the Image of God.

Presented by Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

Includes Oyster Shuckin' and Saturday Fish Fry!

More information on the bulletin board and in the church office.



**Cursillo Weekend—May 10-13, 2018
Beckwith Camp and Conference Center**

Our own Lori Bates, will be the Lay Rector for this wonderful weekend! On staff from Holy Nativity will be Fr. Steve (Priest), David and Madge Smith, Peggy Bowen, and Judi Lawrence. This would be a perfect time to spend a weekend with people from all over the diocese becoming closer to God!

Cursillo is a three-day weekend that introduces people to simple methods for nurturing and growing their relationships with Christ. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community centered in worship, prayer, study of scripture and interaction with other Christians.

It's mission is to build up our parish churches by encouraging and empowering its members to prepare for doing the work of the church—the spreading of the Gospel.

Cursillo is truly a wonderful gift in our diocese!

If you are interested in learning more, contact the office at 747-4000 or Madge Smith- madge@holy-nativity.org or Steve Bates- fr.steve@holy-nativity.org Or Lori Bates- loribatesinteriors@hotmail.com



Lori, Madge, Judi, and Peggy attending the closing for Cursillo #160! Can't wait until it's time for #161 in May!



- Feb. 1 John Morrow
- Feb. 2 Jayden Jerrett, Monica Phillips
- Feb. 3 Lenka Doran
- Feb. 4 Wes Eberhard, Shani Lee, Daniel Melzer
- Feb. 5 Liz Ciccarelli, Mary Mittiga
- Feb. 6 Isaac Ward
- Feb. 7 Dana Ledman
- Feb. 9 Samantha Smith
- Feb. 10 Monica Cramer, Michelle Kraut, Brian Leebrick
- Feb. 11 Hannah Davis, Gene Miller, Susan Nelson, Hercules Pettis, Jeanette Tremaine
- Feb. 12 Sarah Davis, Jeff Mahalak
- Feb. 13 Scott Clemons
- Feb. 15 Connie McClellan
- Feb. 16 Ella Smith
- Feb. 18 Charlotte Eberhard, Nancy Hebert
- Feb. 19 Benjamin Lee
- Feb. 20 Sophia Eaton
- Feb. 21 Martin Brust, Bert Churchill, Edward San Juan
- Feb. 22 Steve Dick, Allen Nease, Mario San Juan, Lauren Stewart
- Feb. 23 Suzanne Grossman
- Feb. 25 Lori Faison, Nancy Pride, Kevin Wattenbarger, Ann Watts, Sue White
- Feb. 26 David Burris
- Feb. 27 Franklin Hawley, David Lithway, Clayton Syfrett
- Feb. 28 Ashley Doran



- Feb. 16 Martin and Kathy Brust
- Feb. 19 Wayland and Glenda Patterson
- Feb. 20 J. R. and Lauren Williams
- Feb. 24 Dunkin and Edwina McLane

Thank you from Fr. Tom

You folks of Holy Nativity are the kindest, most generous people I have ever known in all the churches I have served as priest. You cannot imagine how my family and I appreciate your showing up with a Christmas check, and just at the most propitious time. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may God bless you this day and throughout the new year.

The 47th Annual Diocesan Convention
February 22-24, 2017
St. Andrew's By The Sea Episcopal Church
Destin, FL 32541



Your delegates are
 Eric Berry, Peggy Bowen, Ian Crelling,
 Jim Hixson, Daniel Melzer



Acolyte Rededication—February 11, 2018 at the 10:30 am service
 Please join us for this special occasion where all our acolytes rededicate themselves to their ministry!
 All acolytes should be robed and ready to process at 10:15 am.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	5	6 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and Program	7 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	9	10
11 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel Acolyte Rededication	12	13 5:30 pm-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 	14 Ash Wednesday 7:30 am-Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm-Ash Wednesday Service	15	16	17
18 The 1st Sunday in Lent 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	19 School is out!	20	21 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by Lenten Soup Supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	22 5:00 pm: Laundry Love at Wash Depot	23	24
25 The 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	26 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	27	28 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by Lenten Soup Supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal			

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for February 2018

Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25
Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sump-ton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Alan and Jean-ette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Bert Churchill 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills
Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Ken and Han-nah Davis	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Gross-man and Theresa Town-send 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: Todd Williams and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Nancy Breland
Acolytes 10:30 am: Madelyn Reeder, Michael Watts, John Moore, Emma Crel-ling, Kate Leebrick, Paul Brust	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Jack Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Bailey Melzer Nicolas Pereira, Bekah Leebrick, James Thomp-son, Mia Carroll, Linda Taylor King	Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Grace Ennis, Kate Smith, Tyler Shores, Milly Eberhard	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Ginny Leebrick, Bekah Leebrick, Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink, Ste-vens and Shelby Roberson, Andrew Collier
Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira
Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crelling	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick

Ash Wednesday Service-February 14th at 6 pm

Ushers: Dan and Laura Johnson

Chalice Bearers: TBA

Acolytes: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Andrew Collier, and Michael Watts



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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, Catherine Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Tricia Berry - 18-21
Peggy Bowen 16-19
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19
Mike Harding 17-20
Tom Ledman 17-20

Ivan Pereira 18-21
Mary Ellen Pettis-18-21
Brian Leebrick 18-21
George McInnis 17-20
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*
