



the NATIVITY Scene

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Confirmation Classes Begin February 17, 2019 at 9:15 am

The Bishop will be here March 17th for confirmations and for his annual visit to Holy Nativity. Classes will begin on February 17th, on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

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

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



**Upcoming
EVENTS**
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER!
MARCH 5TH AT 5:30 PM**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
MARCH 6TH
7:30 AM AND 6:00 PM
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**LENTEN SERIES AND SOUP SUPPERS!
BEGINNING MAR. 13TH
4:45 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:30 PM FIVE-THIRTY SERVICE
6:00 PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
6:30 PM LENTEN PROGRAM AND ALL
OTHER PROGRAMS**

LAUNDRY LOVE-SAVE THE DATE

The cooperation between the Episcopal parishes of Holy Nativity and St. Andrews....to help individuals in our community to have clean clothes....continues on in 2019! Each church will alternate hosting a monthly Laundry Love event at the Wash Depot on 11th St. next to the Bay County Library. These events are typically held on the fourth Thursday of each month, for a couple of hours in the late afternoon-early evening. Times may vary slightly.

Holy Nativity will be hosting the February event on Thursday, the 28th and all volunteers are welcome. Please contact David Smith at (850) 774-6475 or email at david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com to confirm the hours of that specific event, whether you can be there to help, and what items (snacks, fruit, water, coloring books and crayons, etc.) that you may bring.

Let's keep this ministry ongoing and viable. Any suggestions you have for improvement are appreciated.

A Note from Fr. Tom

Thank you kindly, thank you so very much. For the most exceedingly generous Christmas and New Year gift check from you church folks and friends, whom we love so dearly. The place of our hearts since summer 1955, and where Linda and I were married and where our three children were baptized, Holy Nativity is central in our lives and has been so for more than sixty years. It's my greatest happiness to serve you, and with you, and with Fr. Steve and Madge and all the Staff. Even in these "latter days" to have the children of our school back on campus while hurricane repairs are made, what sunshine, what a joy! Thank you so much, dearest people.

Fr. Tom and Linda



Happening is scheduled for Feb. 1-3, 2019 for 10th – 12th graders! Church of the Nativity in Dothan, Alabama

Happening is a spiritual formation weekend presented BY teenagers FOR teenagers with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. Happening seeks to bring young people to a fuller personal knowledge of and relationship with Jesus, and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship. Go to the Diocesan website to register, www.diocgc.org and click the youth tab, then the Happening tab. For more information, please contact Beth Brock at bethbrock96@comcast.net or 814-3957.

Wednesday Night!

The Youth will be preparing the meal for Holy Nativity's Wednesday night on Feb. 20th! Please mark your calendar to come help cook!

Thank-you, AJ
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Adult Christian Education by Fr. Tom

The Bishop is coming, the Bishop is coming!!

Each year four weeks before the bishop's visit, we combine three of our Adult Sunday School gatherings with discussions about the Episcopal Church. These three sessions, which will be part of our Sunday School classes on February 17, February 24, and March 3, are of interest to any Episcopalian, the topics being our beliefs as Christians, a bit of the history of our branch of the Christian church, and organization of the Episcopal Church & Anglican Communion of which we are a part; **they are also** of interest to anyone who is new to the Episcopal Church, **and especially** to anyone who is thinking about being Confirmed by the bishop while he's here for his regular visitation on Sunday, March 17. Adults who have confirmation in mind should let Madge know by email madge@holy-nativity.org and/or also can just come to the first session and fill out an "interest" form, which I will pass on to Madge.

Note that with the Library (our regular meeting place) still out of commission because of hurricane damage, we are meeting in Battin Hall. Time is between services, 9:15 to 10:15. Just come in and join us.

Note too, that just because you express interest and come to the class, that does not necessarily mean you are committing yourself - - there will be an opportunity for those who want to, to commit as we get closer to the bishop's visit date.

Our fourth session will be with Father Steve in the church at his Instructed Eucharist on Sunday, March 10.

Dining Out Club

It's nice to just get out of the house for an evening of food and fellowship. No cooking, no clean up, no commitment. 41 of us got together at Alice's on Bay View in January.

We'll be "Dining Out" again on February 10, location to be announced. Contact Mary Ellen Pettis at trespisces522@gmail.com or 850-628-4700 to save a seat for our next evening out of the house/condo/hotel/camper.



Blessings in a Backpack

The weekly delivery of food for weekend meals has resumed after a Michael-enforced break. We are once again feeding 75 students each and every week. Getting back up to speed has, admittedly, taken some time. The food pantry was damaged, Grocery Outlet is ins shambles, and as we all know, school had a very long unscheduled break, so distribution wasn't possible. Even so, a small group of our "regulars" took it upon themselves to provide a little Christmas surprise for all the students at St. Andrews School.

You may notice that we've moved into Battin Hall with our effort, and we have a much smaller footprint. Don't be fooled by the lightly-stocked shelves, though. With space at a premium, we are trying to utilize more of a "just in time" inventory process so we don't interfere with the school or with other important Holy Nativity ministries. Feeding hungry kids is a wroth endeavor, and our care for these students is needed now more than ever. If you happen to find yourself wondering how you can have a positive impact on your community and in recovery, you're welcome to join us. We need food picked up in bulk, packed (on Wednesday or Thursday evenings), and then delivered each Friday morning. Call me at 814-7934 if you want to help, and we'll plug you in wherever it best fits your skills, time, and desires.

Trey Hutt

Children's Ministry February 2019

My most sincere respect and gratitude go to all of you who make Holy Nativity Episcopal Church such a great place for children. Throughout the upheaval and changes brought about by the storm, the church has continued on with the traditions that the children associate with being here...Children's Church, Wednesday Evenings, Pajama Sunday, and the Christmas Pageant, and we have even added a neighborhood Christmas Caroling that the children loved. Perhaps the best event of all, for me at least, was the visit of the Presiding Bishop. The children recognized that it was a "really big deal" and they met the challenge. I have never felt more pride in our church or our children than that Saturday. Even those who could not be here have been proud when watching the videos and have expressed it in our prayer circles...and those prayers say a lot.

Although not as profound, a fun event for us in February is Souper Bowl Sunday. On February 3rd, we get to wear clothes or hats or colors for our favorite athletic teams and we bring cans of soup to vote for the team we hope will win the Super Bowl. It is fun to see our choices and of course all that soup goes to our Backpack Ministry. Go Patriots or Go Rams? Which basket has more cans of soup? We'll see.

As always, your questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome by phone (265-8033), cell/text (850-832-8324), or email (bmcdaniel00@aol.com).

The Bay County Long Term Disaster Recovery Organization (Bay County LTDRO) is a recently formed 501©(3) of local faith-based and nonprofit groups. The purpose of the LTDRO is to identify unmet needs in our community, provide case management, and deliver needed services.

HNEC has joined the LTDRO as an organization. David Smith has volunteered to represent the Church as a voting member of the LTDRO, plans to attend LTDRO meetings, and will obtain and share information to other Church members. David is in need of an alternate representative for the Church – quickly.

Individual nonvoting memberships in the LTDRO are also available. In addition, several committees are being formed that will allow your participation and input. The individual application forms are on the Welcome Table in the Church foyer.

The next LTDRO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24th - 1 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church on Highway 390. Please pray for the leadership of this group, consider attending, and your possible level of involvement.

You may contact David at (850) 774-6475 or email at david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com for more information.

Feb. 1 John Morrow
 Feb. 2 Jayden Jarrett, 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, Jeannette Tremaine
 Feb. 12 Sarah Davis, Jeff Mahalak
 Feb. 13 Scott Clemons
 Feb. 15 Connie McClellan
 Feb. 16 Ella Smith
 Feb. 17 Arthur Kraut
 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 Edyth Brown, David Burris
 Feb. 27 David Lithway
 Feb. 28 Ashley Doran



Feb. 5 Ted and Ina Joy Conrad
 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

A Note from Fr. Steve

As Lori and I begin our 14th year with you, I never cease to be amazed at how generous and caring you are. It's been shown in so many ways since the storm and especially in the generous gift you presented to us this past month. Thank you seems so inadequate but as I've mentioned many times before I truly believe gratitude is an expression of God's presence; a presence that is so vividly on display in this parish. I look forward to another year ahead as move beyond the storm and I continue to be honored to be your Rector.

With much love and gratitude
 Steve+

Church Directory!

Please visit the Welcome Table where there are two directories for updating. Make any necessary changes with your information. Also, email Madge at madge@holy-nativity.org with your changes.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Souper Bowl Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	4	5	6 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9
10 The 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	11	12 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and Program	13 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	15	16
				Diocesan Convention on Fairhope, AL		
17 The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 9:15 am: Confirmation Classes 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	18	19 2:00 pm Book Club at Panera Bread	20 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23
1724 The 67th Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 9:15 am: Confirmation Classes 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	25	26	27 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	28 5:00 pm: Laundry Love at Wash Depot		

Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Ian Crelling and Wes Eberhard	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and Michael Fuller	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Ken and Hannah Davis	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: D.W. and Jani Smith
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: George McInnis and Edyth Brown	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joyce Dannecker
Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Alex Moore, Tom Moore	Acolytes 10:30 am: Paul Brust, Stevens Roberson, Shelby Roberson, Grady Oenbrink	Acolytes 10:30 am: Tyler Shores, Grace Ennis, Finn Oenbrink, Will Melzer	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Andrew Collier, John Moore, Payton Lam
Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Jenny Collier	Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer
Tablecloth Ministry: Chris Stamps	Tablecloth Ministry: Shani Lee	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crelling



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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, 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*
