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# the NATIVITY *Scene*

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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

## **SHELL ISLAND SUNDAY! JUNE 14, 2015**

**WORSHIP SERVICE WITH BAPTISMS BEGIN AT 11 AM!  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DRINK AND A SIDE DISH TO SHARE FOR THE PICNIC!  
COME OUT ON YOUR BOAT, OR HITCH A RIDE WITH A FRIEND,  
OR SIGN UP TO RIDE THE FERRY  
(LOOK FOR THE DISPLAY IN BATTIN HALL, SPACE IS LIMITED)!  
ALSO SIGN UP TO BUY A T-SHIRT!**



## *English Tea and Fashion Show*

### *June 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm*

*Tickets are for sale (\$15) at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.*

*If you would like to model, decorate a table, or prepare food, or help in any way, please call the church office at 747-4000.*

*All proceeds go to help local charities in Panama City.*



## *Holy Nativity's Best Kept Secret*

Are you aware that Holy Nativity has a library with hundreds of volumes of fascinating reading? The Library is located across the courtyard, and is the "in" place for meetings, and Fr. Tom's adult Sunday school.

It is also a place you may relax and peruse books that cover a variety of subjects, from Episcopal humor to in-depth studies of the Saints. There is seating available to relax and curl up with a good religious novel. AND, now there is the "Whatever Shelf". This area is filled with donated books that do not quite meet the criteria of "religious literature", but are there for you to read and enjoy. There are historical books about Bay County, well known fictions, and some "off the wall" titles that just might be of interest. They are on the "Whatever Shelf" for you to take "whatever" and give "whatever" if you want to purchase the book.

Any donations for purchasing will be funneled back to the Library which is maintained by the Mary-Martha Circle of The Episcopal Community. We are the quiet group of ladies that practice prayer and service to our church and priests, and are always looking for new members to join our ranks!

So, check out the Library, and the Mary-Martha Circle and see what they are all about. You just might find a new and interesting aspect of church life.



EVER WONDER WHAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE DOING AFTER SUPPER ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, WHEN THEY HEAD ACROSS THE STREET TO GATHER IN FATHER TOM'S OFFICE? FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HOLY NATIVITY HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH AN ACTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM) GROUP. EfM IS A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT SEWANEE, AND INCLUDES A FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM OF IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY, CHURCH HISTORY, APPLIED THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TO PREPARE GRADUATES TO FIND AND ANSWER THEIR CALL OUTSIDE THE FOUR WALLS OF THE CHURCH. ALONG THE WAY WE MAKE DEEP AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, LAUGH A LOT, AND DEVELOP A CONNECTEDNESS UNLIKE ANY OTHER. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. TO LEARN MORE, CHECK OUT THE PROGRAM'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://EFM.SEWANEE.EDU](http://EFM.SEWANEE.EDU) OR CONTACT MIKE DICKEY AT [MDICKEY@BARRONREDDING.COM](mailto:MDICKEY@BARRONREDDING.COM) OR 867.2550.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Spring 2015 semester of our Tuesday morning Bible Seminar concludes with our May 26, 2015 session. Over the several years that we have been having these, we've varied the day, the time, the place, and the format; so whatever we decide to offer for Fall 2015 will depend on what folks seem to want and what seems like the most fun. That will be worked out during the summer, and will be announced, probably in the August or September parish newsletter to start soon after Labor Day. Stay tuned!!

Adult Sunday School. Fr. Tom is at Holy Nativity all morning every Sunday through the summer, does not like using the time between services sipping coffee in Battin Hall, but would much rather be in the Mary Stuart Poole Library to visit with anyone who wants to come in and chat; and will be there for that throughout the summer, barring family or other commitments from time to time. We won't necessarily have a prepared Sunday School lesson, but can talk about the Bible readings for the day, can talk about the *Enriching Our Worship* eucharistic prayers that we'll be using at 10:30 worship during the summer; can talk about General Convention of the Episcopal Church that will be meeting during the summer, can talk about theology, or social issues, or pick several Bible books to study; or we can just keep it informal. But the plan is that Adult Sunday School will be open, in the Library, every Sunday all summer long, between services as usual, 9:15 or so until 10:15.

Fr. Tom+

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***SummerTime!***  
***Begins June 10th at 6 pm!***  
***Wednesdays!***



It's not summer without SummerTime! Once again this year, the Wednesday services continue through the summer with a service from the Daily Office and a themed pot-luck supper following.

Adult fellowship continues afterwards in Battin Hall while the kids play or watch a movie in Theology Theatre. It's also a great time to bring friends or neighbors with you to experience the warm hospitality of Holy Nativity. SummerTime begins Wednesday, **June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM** (note the time shift) through August 12<sup>th</sup> (school resumes the following week). Watch the weekly bulletin and "What's Happening" email for the pot-luck theme of the week and what to bring. We also need several volunteers each week to help assemble the food as it arrives. A sign-up sheet is in Battin Hall.

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Hello Youth!

After the my first season with the Youth Group, I would like to thank all those who attended our program. Over the coming month I will be planning the calendar for the 2015/16 season of Youth Group.

During the summer I plan to have a couple of workdays to revamp the youth group room.

As a church and youth group we are looking to plan a trip to the 50th Anniversary Haynesville Pilgrimage on the 15th August. If you are interested in attending please contact myself or the church office.

Details will be sent throughout the summer for the youth. Have a great summer.

A.J. Jeffery  
Youth Director  
319-1953  
aussie\_aj@holy-nativity.org

## *Food Bank*

The Food Bank is filling up nicely, thanks to your generosity every week. In the next couple weeks, we'll arrange another big delivery to Family Services to help them with their still-overwhelming demand for food from needy families all over Bay County. If you'd like to help with collecting or helping load food for delivery, contact Mike Dickey at [mdickey@barronredding.com](mailto:mdickey@barronredding.com).

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING TO THE ORDINATION, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 747-4000.

God willing and the people consenting

The Reverend James Russell Kendrick

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the  
One, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

and  
Fourth Bishop of the  
Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of July  
in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen  
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Mobile Civic Center Expo Hall  
401 Civic Center Drive  
Mobile, Alabama

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Bishop and Standing Committee of the  
Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast  
request your prayers and the honor of your presence.

Clergy: Red Stoles  
Bishops: Rochet, Chimere, Tippet

Reception following at  
Christ Church Cathedral

Additional information:  
[www.bishopsearch.diocgc.com](http://www.bishopsearch.diocgc.com)

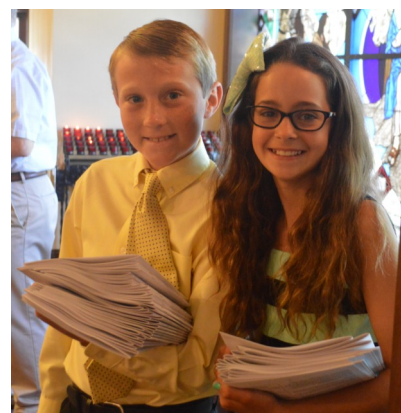
**Greetings!** I cannot even begin to describe my excitement about being your new choir director! I not only wish to thank you for your warm welcome upon hearing the news of my new position, but also for embracing me with open arms since my very first visit in 2012. What an honor and a privilege it is to accept this position in a place I already call home.



Please stay tuned for information about rehearsals, upcoming holidays, and other news related to our music program.

Stacey Holliday, Director of Choirs

## Mother's Day 2015!







June 3	Cody Johnson
June 4	Missie Coley, Michele Hahn, Stacey Holliday, Bruce Josten
June 5	Madelyn Reeder
June 6	Garrett Healey
Jun 7	Diana Place
June 8	Dan Johnson
June 9	Katie Fisher, Pat Nease
June 11	Michael Lovchuk
June 12	Hannon Bishop, Lisa McLendon
June 13	Sarah Eaton
June 14	Charlie Commander, Don Hodges
June 16	Harry Cooper, Bill Mormile, Griffin Russell, Rick Stuart
June 17	Dorbre McMullen
June 18	Mary Ellen Harding, Conner Healey, Deborah Pack
June 19	George Fontaine, Kimberly Syfrett
June 23	Taylor Bradley
June 26	Sue Eddleman
June 27	Bryan Dick
June 28	Torri Bishop, Susan Frazier, Arthur Reddie
June 29	Tim Madden, Katherine Pride
June 30	Donna Baird
July 1	Sarah Chhoy
July 3	Malinda Bates, Amanda Wilkins
July 5	Candee Lovchuk, Kirsten McCord, John Thompson
July 6	Christian Cole, Miles Godwin, Ed Lockard
July 7	Trey Hutt, Rebekah Leebrick, Katherine Leebrick
July 9	Tom Ledman
July 10	Paul Brust, Natacha Camenzind, Mary Darrah, Drew Dickey, Mary Kathryn San Juan, Linda Weller
July 11	Ted McLane
July 12	Molly Grace Bradford, Carrie Hickman
July 13	Mike Dickey, Boopie McInnis
July 14	Morgan Williams
July 15	Florence Fortier, James Miller
July 17	Caleb Jeffery
July 18	Jenny Collier
July 19	Matthew Duncan
July 21	Charles Bonham
July 22	Dick Hebert
July 25	Ginny Leebrick, Kathy Mills
July 26	Dennis Boston, Joe Ciccarelli, Mary Katherine Clemons, Asa Fisher, Bret Fisher, Jim Hixson
July 29	Laura Johnson
July 31	Kimberly Gailfoil, Maggie Wattenbarger



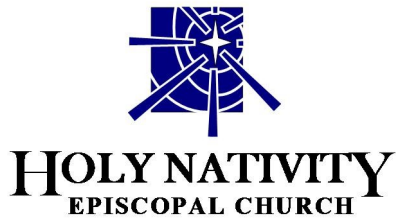
June 2	Arthur and Michelle Kraut
June 6	Tom and Dana Ledman
June 7	Charles and Mary Bonham Tony and Jenny Collier
June 9	Phillip and Deborah Pack
June 10	Parker and Connie McClellan
June 11	David and Michele Dawe Jeremy and Amanda Wilkins
June 12	Al and Judi Lawrence
June 13	Dick and Nancy Hebert Benny and Ann Watts
June 14	George and Anna Walrond
June 15	John and Teresa Durgan
June 16	Don and Dianne Hodges
June 18	George and Boopie McInnis
June 19	Earnest and Evelyn Jordan
June 20	John and Joy Thompson
June 22	Russell and Beth Brock
June 23	Nelson and Lee Scott
June 24	Gordon and Patti Akst Mark and Nina Godwin
June 27	Jan and Stacy Herring
June 29	Tom and Linda Weller
June 30	Scott and Pat Clemons
July 1	Dennis and Rita Boston
July 3	Steve and Kathy Dick Tom and Donna Hairston
July 9	Terry and Mona Ullman
July 12	Steve and Lori Bates
July 30	Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli

## Children's Ministry June/July 2015 *by Beverly McDaniel*

<b>June</b>	<b>Children's Church 10:30</b> In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	<b>Nursery 8:00-11:30</b> Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Abby Dingus and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
7	Jenny Collier 896-0679 Laura King 625-0705	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
14 Shell Island	Judy Bennett 215-1579	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033
21	Florencia Pereira 319-4870 Tiffany Ennis 319-4265	Pat Spangler 215-5247
28	Trey Hutt 814-7934 Kathy Brust 814-8014	Teresa Durgan 913-3471



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5	Judy Bennett 215-1579 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
12	Casey Cole 319-4376 Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
19	Trey Hutt 814-7934 Tiffany Ennis 319-4265	Pat Spangler 215-5247
26	Holly Melzer 896-0428 Kathy Brust 814-8014	Teresa Durgan 913-3471



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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*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

*Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery  
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel  
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith  
Director of Choirs - Stacey Holliday  
Church Organist - John Durgan  
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills  
Sexton - James Rahn  
Nursery Attendants - Brynn Ledman, Emily Brock,  
Abigail Dingus*

## **THE VESTRY**

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector  
Gayle Ahrens 15-18  
Henry Breland 13-16  
Beth Brock 15-18  
Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden  
Mike Dickey 15-18  
Mark Godwin - Treasurer  
Mike Harding 13-16 Sr. Warden  
Jim Hixson 15-18  
Brian Leebrick 14-17  
Chris Mills 13-16  
Hercules Pettis 14-17  
Madge Smith - Clerk  
Stewart Sumpton 14-17  
Todd Williams 14-17*

## **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