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Join us for the
Steak and Bake
to benefit
Wilmer Hall!

March 15, 2015
Sunday at 5:00 pm

Hot-off-the-grill hand-cut steaks, baked potatoes, and fixin's that you'd expect. Come on out to benefit a great cause, enjoy a great meal, and spend some quality time with your family and friends.

The cost is only \$20 per person; checks payable to HNEC (note on your check "Wilmer Hall Steak and Bake"). Please fill out the steak order form. You can download one from the church website (www.holy-nativity.org) or pick one up in the church or on the welcome table!

**The deadline to sign-up is Sunday,
March 8, 2015!!**

the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

Lenten Taizé Service

March 4, 2015 at 5:30 pm

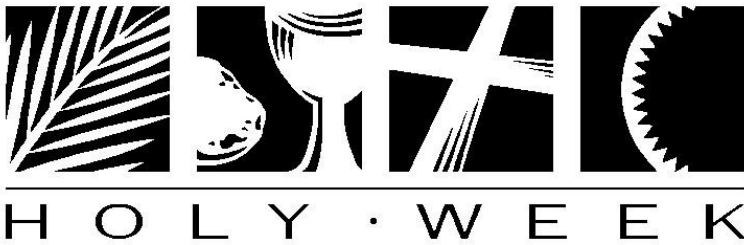
Followed by our Lenten Soup Supper
(The sign-up sheet to bring soup is in Battin Hall)



Our Taizé service is comprised of music, silence and prayers only. We will be blessed to have flute, violin, cello, and piano to lead our singing.

The service of Taizé is patterned after those from the Taizé Community in Taizé, France, an ecumenical community of Anglicans, Catholics, Lutherans, Orthodox, Evangelicals and others dedicated to outreach to those seeking spiritual meaning. The goal of this form of worship is reconciliation, helping individuals develop a path of communication with God to have an inner peace and a sense of responsibility to take peace to individuals, the family, the community and the world. Taizé services are characterized by quiet and candlelight, the repetition of melodious chants, silence, intercessions and contemplative prayer. Taizé worship is informal and fluid, inviting the worshipper to move with the Spirit, through communal singing and corporate prayer, into a silence of communion with God. All are welcome and children and youth find the style of worship to be of particular interest. Come and experience Taizé with us – you will be grateful that you did.

Volunteers are needed to set up for the service on Sunday, March 1st after the 10:30 am service.



March 29: Palm Sunday

Both services will begin in the courtyard

8:00 am Rite One Service

9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am: Rite Two Service

March 30 & 31

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

6:00 pm: Evening Prayer

April 1

7:30 am: Morning Prayer

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

April 2: Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

April 3: Good Friday

12:00 pm: Good Friday Service

April 4

9:00 am: Spruce Up Saturday

(Look for info on this in the Hospitality Report)

April 5: Easter Sunday!

8:00 am: Rite One Service

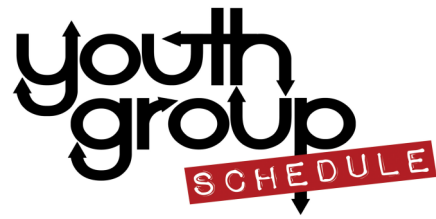
9:15 am: Easter Brunch

and Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a side dish to share!

10:30 am: Rite Two Service

Any questions about any of these services
please call the church office at 747-4000.



Hello Youth!

As the weather hopefully warms the youth group will be heading out doors in the next month details to be confirmed. Thank-you to those who assisted with the Pancake supper. Fun with Food went down well, but master chefs we are not.

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Overnight Camp-out

25th No Youth Group – Spring Break

For the overnight trip what movies and activities would you like?

Let me know aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

A.J. Jeffery

Youth Director

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March 8, 2015



Lenten Wednesdays

The Liturgies and Traditions of the Season

Join us as we examine the liturgies and traditions of Lent and Holy Week. We'll examine the history, meaning and customs of a variety of traditions and services that reflect our understanding of this season of penitence and preparation.

Wednesday, February 25

- 5:30 five-thirty Eucharist
- 6:00 Soup Supper
- 6:45 Adult Program: Our Lenten Obligation led by Father Tom
Children and Youth Programs as usual

Wednesday, March 4

- 5:30 Taizé Service (the service is program for the evening).
- 6:00 Soup Supper
- 6:45 Children and Youth Programs

Wednesday, March 11

- 5:30 five-thirty Eucharist
- 6:00 Soup Supper
- 6:45 Adult Program: The Easter Vigil led by Father Steve
Children and Youth Programs as usual

Wednesday, March 18

- 5:30 The Great Litany and Sung Eucharist
(the service is the program for the evening).
- 6:00 Soup Supper
- 6:45 Children and Youth Programs

Sign up sheets for soups and breads can be found in Battin Hall.



And Finally, Fr. Tom: Adult Xn Ed

Adult Confirmation Class! Our bishop, Philip Duncan, will be making his final visitation to Holy Nativity on Sunday, May 10th, which is Mothers' Day. Adults (in the Episcopal Church, age 16 and over) who might like to be confirmed by the bishop on May 10 are invited to put it on your calendar to join our Adult Sunday School Class for the four Sundays April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, when our study will focus on both the Bible and the Episcopal Church. As well as those who are interested in being confirmed and so inquiring about our church, it will be a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy a refreshing conversation on our history, liturgy, theology, and tradition. The May 3 session will be an Instructed Eucharist in the sanctuary by Fr. Steve.

Bless the Lord, who forgiveth our sins! Lent! We are now in the penitential season of Lent, and you will both notice and hear! Our liturgical color becomes purple, our worship changes in several ways, including (at 10:30) beginning with the Penitential Order of confession and absolution, we do not sing, shout or even *think* "Alleluia!!!" and our Praise Song the "Glory to God in the highest" is banned for the season. Also, at the 10:30 service, instead of our customary Bible translation the New Revised Standard Version of 1989, we are reading and hearing the Common English Bible of 2011, which was approved for liturgical use in the Episcopal Church by General Convention 2012. Listen, and you are invited to tell the clergy your impressions of this 21st Century translation of the Hebrew and Greek scriptures.

Tuesday morning Bible Seminar -- we are in our Spring 2015 session, which will go through May. Everyone is invited and welcome, no Bible expertise required! Currently we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Mark, chapter by chapter, pericope by pericope, and will finish Mark during March. After Mark, it's anyone's guess and the class members' choice what we tackle next! Tremendous fun. Gather in Mary Stuart Poole Library between 9:30 and 10:00 Tuesday mornings, convene with prayer at 10:05 sharp, enjoy a bright discussion, and adjourn promptly at 11:15.

Adult Sunday School continues for the Spring 2015 "semester." This class generally focuses on the lectionary readings for each Sunday, sometimes wandering off to one Bible book in particular, and will add "the Episcopal Church" to our agenda for the three Sundays of the Easter Season, April 12, 19 and 26. Again, all are invited and welcome. We meet between services, 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning.

Busy, busy, busy, and more fun than a cage of chimpanzees.

Tom W+

Bishop's Visit and Confirmations! May 10, 2015

Do you want to be confirmed in
the Episcopal Church?

Confirmation Classes will begin
April 12th at 9:15 am for youth and adults.

Do you need to ask more questions first?
Call the church office at 747-4000.



Thank You!

Although we had a combined January/February newsletter, I still wanted to thank everyone for the wonderful kindnesses, gifts and generosity given to Lori and me over the Christmas holidays. Your graciousness never ceases to amaze me and I am thankful to be your Rector. As we enter our tenth year together, I am reminded of how far we have come and how grateful I am to serve together with each of you. Again, please accept our thanks for your thoughtfulness. I look forward with grateful anticipation to the wonderful things God has in store for us in the coming year.

With much love,
Steve and Lori

Dearest friends,

As we slip into a new year that will see my turning eighty years of age, I am constantly mindful of my blessings in being called to Holy Nativity to serve the senior years of my ministry in my home parish. And to be among people I love so dearly who are so kind and welcoming and generous towards me, and us. Your end of year Christmas gift check was beyond astonishing, as you constantly surprise me so lovingly. Thank you so much, with all my heart. Linda and I pray to continue among you for long to come.

With love,

Fr. Tom

Welcome Bishop-Elect Russell Kendrick

The Rev. James "Russell" Kendrick, a Birmingham rector who began his ministry in Dothan, has been elected the fourth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to succeed the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II, who is retiring.

Kendrick, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, received 60 percent of lay votes and 59 percent of clergy votes in the third ballot, cast electronically at Trinity Episcopal Church in Mobile, the site of the diocese's 44th Annual Convention.

Kendrick earned his Bachelors of Arts in Architecture and Marketing from Auburn University in 1984. He received his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1995. Russell and his wife Robin have two children.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your patience while I served on the Bishop Search Committee. Serving on this committee has been one of the most positive things I've done with the larger Church. I hope you could see from our list of candidates that we truly could not go wrong in this election. The candidates were simply outstanding.

As mentioned previously, the Diocese is asking all parishes to participate in the expense associated with the search and transition. If you would like to participate, tax-deductible donations can be made to Holy Nativity with the notation, "Bishop Transition Fund." Bishop-elect Kendrick will be ordained as our fourth Bishop on July 25th at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile.



Father Steve



Mar. 4 Shirley Batteiger, Justin Rahn
 Mar. 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell, David Grossman, Molly McLendon, Nelson Scott
 Mar. 6 Catherine Churchill
 Mar. 8 Terrell Hartzog
 Mar. 9 Cassie Commander, Alexander Lovchuk, Samuel McLane, Madi Wilkins
 Mar. 10 Andrew Collier
 Mar. 12 Ashley Metzler
 Mar. 14 Russell Brock, Noah Patterson
 Mar. 17 Sarah Austin
 Mar. 18 William Cramer
 Mar. 19 Boyd Faison, Nicholas Stuart
 Mar. 20 Dana Dye
 Mar. 22 Tommy Harding, Kay Young
 Mar. 24 Nancy Breland, Sean Connolly, Georgie Hartzog
 Mar. 25 Dorothy Allen
 Mar. 26 Teresa Durgan, Chappell Syfrett
 Mar. 27 Anda Gagnet, Paul Hunt, Nicolas Pereira
 Mar. 28 George McInnis, Alex Russell
 Mar. 30 Kendall Lovchuk
 Mar. 31 Grace Smith



Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway
 Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores
 Mar. 15 Jimmy and Sue White
 Mar. 21 Sean and Nancy Connolly
 Mar. 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker
 Mar. 23 Brent and Lori Faison
 Mar. 27 Bob and Lisa McLendon

SHrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!



Hospitality Ministry Report

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 4th, beginning at 9am we'll "spruce up" our church campus as we prepare to welcome visitors to our church home on Easter Sunday. Spruce Up Saturday was one of the many great suggestions from our Hospitality Ministry discussions, and what better time to schedule the first one than the day before Easter Sunday? Many hands make light work, so we hope for a big turnout by adults and youth (the acolytes have already "volunteered"). Cleaning supplies provided, but if you have a favorite dust cloth, mop, bucket, or window cleaner, please bring it!

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED. We still need more ushers, greeters, bread bakers, welcome bag makers, and connectors for both services. As a hospitality minister, you'll extend the warm Holy Nativity hospitality to our many visitors so they can experience that "at home" feeling the rest of us know every week! To volunteer, please call the church office or contact Mike Harding, 747-0601, mharding@mmitv.com.

♪ Music Notes ♪

by Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The music program at Holy Nativity continues to expand our horizons. We have continued to combine both adult choirs like we did for Lessons and Carols and Ash Wednesday in order to share our musical offerings on Maundy Thursday. In the meantime, the entire month of March will be spent in Lent with Palm Sunday on March 29th and Holy Week moving into April and Easter on the very first Sunday of April. Spring will be busy and additional voices would really be welcomed.

Choosing music is not about 'pretty' but about scripture and lessons, and helping you 'feel' something. It is an extension of the message and feeling is part of that too. May all of our music of this season reach you on many levels, not just with your ears but with your heart.

The Rite One Choir The Rite One Choir and Chancel Choir combined their efforts for Ash Wednesday. They will also join together for Maundy Thursday. We rejoice in receiving one new member and one who has returned to share her voice. Members refer to this as the 'fun choir' so consider coming to join us and Thursday at 5:30.

The Chancel Choir sings every Sunday for the 10:30 service and will rehearse in March for Lent, as well as music for Holy Week and Easter in April.. Rehearsals are weekly on Thursdays evenings. Currently we are meeting earlier with the Rite One Choir on some shared music. Rehearsals start at 5:30 and usually end about 7:30 PM. If you are unable to come until 6:30, do not fear, come along anyway! Sunday morning warm-up rehearsal is from 9:30 – 10:15. All are invited to join our song. This time of year is always special as Gerhard Klaassen, a Canadian snowbird, comes to sing with us. He and his wife continue to worship annually while they are in town and we welcome Gerhard's voice to our choir.

The Children's Choir rehearses every Wednesday afternoon during the school season from 4:00 – 5:10 PM in the choir office. These young voices continue to grow and amaze me. Spring dates are in the process of being planned as well as our focus on children in worship. It is not too late for your child to sing with us.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these rehearsals:

The Chancel Choir

Thursday evenings in the church from 5:30 – 7:30 PM
and
Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 AM

The Rite One Choir

Thursday evenings in the church from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

The Children's Choir

Wednesday afternoons in the Choir Office
from 4:00 – 5:10 PM

Children's Ministry March 2015 *by Beverly McDaniel*

March	Sun. School 9:15 In Kids, Kingdom	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 8:00-11:30 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Abby Dingus and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
1	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Jesus Calms The Storm" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Charlie Commander 819-5850	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
8 Daylight Savings Time	"	"The Big Picnic" Jenny and Tony Collier 215-6554	Kaew Sumpton 624-1290
15	"	"Jesus Walks On Water" Karen Shores 867-1084 Floencia Pereira 319-4870	Pat Spangler 215-5247
22 Spring Break	"	"Looking At Lent" Kathy Brust 814-8014 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
29 Palm Sunday	"	(Children enter church with palms) "Holy Week: Looking to Easter" Holly Melzer 896-0428 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Katy Bradford 819-6277

OBSERVING LENT WITH CHILDREN

During Lent might be the perfect time for more of you to incorporate Wednesday Evening at the Church into your worship routine. The shortened and more relaxed communion services are very child-friendly. As we approach Easter, our Wednesday Evening children's programs will reflect the Lenten season. Following the 5:30 service, we enjoy a soup supper and then have our children's time. We will be using the little booklet, "Love Life, Live Lent" which suggests outreach activities for us to do for others. We have both program and play.

For Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of this month, please have your children come to Kids' Kingdom to get their palm branches and prepare for the processional into church. Throughout the month, please bring candy-filled plastic eggs or bags of candy to fill the plastic eggs to church any Sunday through the 29th, or drop them by the church office through March 27th. Since Easter is the first Sunday in April, let me remind you now about offering opportunities for your children to earn money for their mite boxes and gathering flowers for Flowering the Cross. I know that I will be asking many of you to help on Easter morning with the hunt, the processional, collecting mite boxes and Flowering the Cross. Please remind your children to bring their Easter baskets, mite boxes, and flowers, and we will take lots of 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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	2	3 10:00 am-Bible Study	4 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-Taize Service and Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 pm-Youth Group	5 5:30 pm - The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 The 3rd Sunday in Lent SPRING FORWARD! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	9	10 10:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	11 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service/Lenten Soup Supper and Program 5:30 pm-Youth Group	12 2:00 pm: Volunteer time at Supper at Grace 5:30 pm - The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 The 4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 5:00 pm: STEAK AND BAKE	16	17 10:00 am-Bible Study	18 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-The Great Litany/Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 pm-Youth Group	19 5:30 pm - The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - The Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm - Wine Women and Backpacks!	20	21
22 The 5th Sun in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	23 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	24 10:00 am-Bible Study 5:45 pm-The Church Ladies Backpack Team	25 10:00 am-Bible Study	26 5:30 pm - The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28
<div>SPRING BREAK!</div>						
29 Palm Sunday 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	30 7:30 am: Morning Prayer 6:00 pm: Evening Prayer	31 7:30 am: Morning Prayer 6:00 pm: Evening Prayer	April 1 7:30 am: Morning Prayer 6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	April 2 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service	April 3 12:00 pm: Good Friday Service	April 4 9:00 am: Spruce Up Saturday

Mar. 1, 2015	Mar. 8, 2015	Mar. 15, 2015	Mar. 22, 2015	Mar. 29, 2015
Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill
Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Charlie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli
Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	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: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Sue Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Stewart Sumpton and Nancy Breland
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart and Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Andrew Collier, Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson, Mia Carroll	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Jacob Brock, Michael Watts, Paul Brust, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart and Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Ginny Leebrick, Chappell Syfrett, Late Leebrick, Beka Leebrick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Ben Bradford, Joseph Thompson, Mia Carroll, Ashtyn Williams, James Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart, Madelyn Reeder, and Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Morgan Williams, Ginny Leebrick, Andrew Collier, Grace Ennis, Drew Dickey
Lector at 10:30 am John Darrah	Lector at 10:30 am Judy Dickey	Lector at 10:30 am Tom Hairston	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges
Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham



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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

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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*