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# the NATIVITY Scene

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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

## **We All Are God's Children – May 11<sup>th</sup>!**

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**HONORING  
OUR  
GRADUATES!  
MAY 18, 2014**

**Please join us on this special  
Sunday where we will honor  
our graduates!**

**If you know of someone  
graduating from High School or  
College, please contact the  
church office at 747-4000 or  
madge@holy-nativity.org.**

*An Afternoon with Stacey Holliday  
and Mary Ellen Reedie*



*May 18, 2014 at 4:00 pm*

*A recital of piano and violin music featuring music  
by Vivaldi, Bach, Brahms, Rachmaninoff,  
Debussy and Williams.*

*All proceeds from donations will benefit the music  
ministry of Holy Nativity.*



**WILMER HALL**  
**CHILDREN'S HOME**

April 10, 2014

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church  
222 North Bonita Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 32401

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone at Holy Nativity for your very generous gift to Wilmer Hall from the proceeds of your "Steak & Bake" event. This is a tremendous help to us as we strive to continue and sustain our mission and ministry at this special place. Our renovation to Carpenter Hall and Quigley Hall is progressing nicely and we hope to move in by mid June. These buildings will be used for the expansion of our Transitional Living and Transitional Family Programs.

Your continued generosity and support enable us to provide a warm, loving and nurturing home for children and young adults who are victims of poverty, abuse, neglect and homelessness. As we celebrate 150 years of this special ministry during 2014, I am reminded that it is through the generosity of people like all of you that have allowed us to sustain our mission of caring for children in need for so many years. Your support is making a difference in the lives of these young people every day. Many thanks to all of you!

Sincerely yours,

Sally Greene  
Executive Director

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### **Bishop Appeal by Mike Harding**

The search is underway for our new Bishop, who will be elected next year at the Diocesan Conference. The search process is lengthy and inclusive. It also costs money--about \$125,000 to successfully complete and ensure the "right" person has been called. While this seems to be a high number, we are assured this is typical for any bishop's search.

We, as a diocese, have not budgeted money over the years to find Bishop Duncan's successor, so the chair of the Standing Committee and Bishop have met with larger parishes in the diocese and asked them to undertake a special campaign to fund the search. Holy Nativity is being asked to raise \$7,000.

What we raise will be pooled with other parishes in the diocese to, first, fund the search for the new bishop. Any remaining funds will be used to replenish the diocesan congregational fund which funded the previous search.

The Vestry has approved a special fund and invites you to help financially make possible the search for our new bishop. Your designated contribution can be made by simply dropping it in the collection plate. No amount is too small or too large! Be sure to memo the contribution for "Bishop Search Fund."

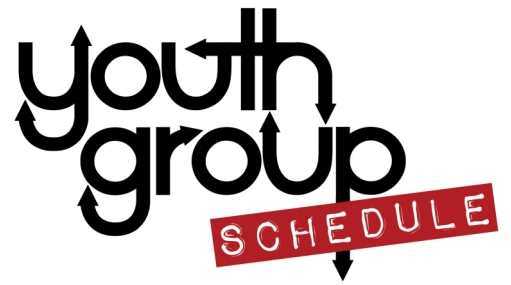
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Can you believe the school year is almost over? May will be the last month for weekly youth group meetings.

Wednesday nights: There are only three left - boooo!

We will meet on May 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Sunday School: Our last meeting will be May 18th.



Special events: On Sunday, May 18th, we will honor the kids from our church who are graduating. We will once again have laundry baskets in Battin Hall for our congregation to donate to. Please bring anything you might find useful if you were heading out on your own! Additionally, if you or somebody you know is about to graduate, please tell Miss Judy so that we don't leave anyone out.

There are two local mission trips we can participate in over the summer, one in Mobile and the other in Pensacola. Look for details on the Youth Group bulletin board.

See you in the upstairs room,  
Judy

## ***Fr. Tom, Adult Christian Education!!***

Summer Sunday School? Adult Sunday School class is scheduled for our final session on May 18, but if the class wants to we will go through May 25, and let's consider whether the class would like to meet one Sunday a month during the summer even though folks will be off to here and there for summer vacations. The class is always enormous fun, and I'm up for Summer Sunday School!

Midweek Bible Study. Wednesday 11:30 Noon Eucharist and Bible Study with Lunch resumes after Easter on April 30 (thirty days hath September, April, June and November), and concludes for the season on May 21. If folks want to go one more session to take it through May 28, I'm good. Then we'll recess until the fall season begins after Labor Day. Tried this year for the first time, this has been a good group event, and we'll discuss what might be in the cards or on the screen for the fall.

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Waterfront | Ropes Course | Environmental Education | Arts & Crafts  
Field Games | Spiritual Program | Praise & Worship

Register Online at [www.BeckwithAL.com/summer-camp](http://www.BeckwithAL.com/summer-camp)

Contact James Lawrence with questions  
[james@BeckwithAL.com](mailto:james@BeckwithAL.com) or (251) 616-2162

SUMMER CAMP		
Session 1	Grades 10, 11, 12	June 9-14
	(Sr. High Adventure & Service Camp)	
Session 2	Grades 8 & 9	June 17-22
Session 3	Grades 3 & 4	June 25-29
Session 5	Grades 4 & 5	July 8-13
Session 6	Grades 5 & 6	July 16-21
Session 7	Grades 6 & 7	July 24-29
Session 8	Grades 7 & 8	July 31-August 1
Session 9	Grades 1, 2, 3*	August 8-10
(*Bringing a parent is encouraged for first time campers)		



## Children's Ministry Schedule May 2014

May	<b>Sun. School 9:15</b> In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	<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 10:15</b> Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
4	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Mary and Martha" Jenny and Tony Collier 215-6554	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11 <b>Mothers Day</b>	Children's Choir and several other children will be involved in the worship service	Children stay in church to participate in Mother's Day Family Service, <b>"We All Are God's Children"</b>	Kaew Sumpton 814-8014
18 <b>Honoring Grads</b>	Last Sunday School	"The Rich Young Ruler" Casey Cole 319-4376 Holy Melzer 896-0428	Pat Spangler 215-5247
25	No program	"Zacchaeus" Sharon and Robert Carroll 960-5510	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Many thanks go out to all of you who did so much to help make Easter at Holy Nativity a meaningful and memorable occasion for our children. Special thanks are due to Matt, Casey, Gracie, and Ella Cole for chairing "Flowering the Cross"; to Charlie, Cassie, and Camryn Commander for collection of the mite boxes; to Conway, Nancy, Madeline, and Jonah Reeder for sharing their little chicks, to Sharon Carroll for overseeing the courtyard egg hunt; to Trey Hutt, and Tony and Jenny Collier for overseeing the playground egg hunt; to our safety supervisors, The Border Patrol: Todd Williams, Rich Doran, Martin Brust, Jim Roberson, Clayton Syfrett, Powell Ennis, and Robert Carroll for protecting the perimeter; to Chris Mills for trumpeting and Judy Bennett for keeping everything on schedule; and to my darling daughter Kate for Saturday set-up and for coming back to the church after Easter lunch for clean-up. Many thanks, indeed.

This year on Mother's Day, we are planning a special family day service with the theme, "We All Are God's Children". Children and their parents will serve as greeters, ushers, and lectors, and will assume many responsibilities for conducting the worship service. We want our children to enjoy and to feel comfortable in these roles, and we want to provide experiences that will nurture and encourage a love of church participation and service throughout their entire lives.

Beverly McDaniel





May 1	Marqua Brunette, Lou Churchill, Kyle Fisher, Katie Marie Hutt, Lauren Jones, Tim Pride, Larry Young
May 3	Louise Byrd, Cayla McLawhorn
May 4	Peggy Bowen, Barbara Knowles, Susan Messer
May 6	Pat Clemons, Brandi Kelly, Ina Joy Wicker
May 7	Amy Zinszer
May 10	Bobbie Cook
May 11	Mary Ellen Reedie
May 12	Lyman Barger, Natasha Lithway
May 14	Ella Ennis, Betty Heminway
May 15	Camryn Commander, John Wambo
May 16	Emily Smith
May 18	Con Davidenko, David Hurst, Glenda Patterson
May 19	Doug Smith
May 20	Jacob Brock, Anna Walrond
May 21	Bill Bradford, Alice Kinney, Scott Wattenbarger
May 22	Ashley Shores
May 23	Christina Cotton, Philip Cotton, John Sarno
May 24	Kevin Healey, Lynn Sarno
May 27	Malcolm Fisher
May 29	Hannah Hickman, Kelly Roberson
May 30	Tim Phillips

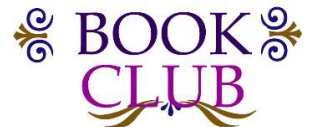


May 1	Roy Wood and Peggy Bowen
May 4	Robert and Sharon Carroll
May 5	Rich and Lenka Doran
May 11	Foster and Helen Jenings Lauren and Scott Jones
May 12	Denis and Lora Healey
May 13	Todd and Victoria Williams Larry and Kay Young
May 17	Michael and Deana Gailfoil
May 19	Chad and Margot Gall Tim and Monica Phillips
May 24	Patrick and Brandi Kelley
May 25	Bertram and Marla Churchill
May 28	Glenn and Sue Eddleman Ivan and Florencia Pereira Kevin and Maggie Wattenbarger
May 31	Richard and Donna Baird

## BOOK/KINDLE CLUB



Fourth Monday of every month:



5:30 p.m. at Panera Bread

6:30 p.m. at the Parish House for the discussion

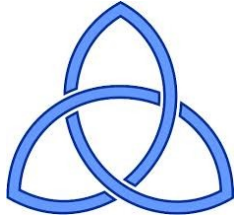
MAY 26TH: "The Death of Santini"  
by Pat Conroy

JUNE 23RD: "The Killing of Jesus"  
by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Last Sunday School will  
be May 18th!

Last Wednesday  
Programs will be May  
21st!

***Father, Son  
& Holy Coast***



***Mark your Calendars !***

***Shell Island Sunday***

***Shell Island Sunday IV!  
Holy Nativity  
Episcopal Church***

***June 22<sup>nd</sup>!***



**We are recycling!**

Holy Nativity has begun recycling paper!  
Please throw your paper in any bins marked for recycling!  
In the back of the church, as you leave please place your  
bulletins in the big basket!

Thanks! Let's contribute in making this earth that God has  
created for us a better place.



by Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

## Thank YOU!

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every member of our outstanding choirs and musicians at Holy Nativity. The music that they shared during Lent, Holy Week and Easter was beautiful and very well rehearsed. These dedicated people give their time and talents weekly to our life and worship at HNEC. They truly are our ‘Sung Heroes’! There are no ‘un-sung heroes’. God bless each one of them. Thank you to their spouses who share their time on rehearsal nights and have to sit alone in the pews on Sundays and to the parents of children for their continued support and efforts to get every child to rehearsals. I love all of you!

## The Chancel and Rite One Choirs

During the summer months, many members will be on vacations and weekends away during summer. We are always looking for new voices to join us. Summer Chancel Choir rehearsals are usually on alternate Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the church and Sunday mornings at 9:30. The Rite One Choir also practices on alternate Thursdays in the summer from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Feel free to contact me or the church office to make sure there is a rehearsal that night if you want to come. College students who are home for the summer and high school students are welcome to sing with either adult choir. We would love it if you would share your voice with us!

## Children’s Choir

This Children’s Choir is completing another banner year. We sang and participated in more worship services than any previous year. This is probably our most successful seasons yet, making this the ninth year I have lead them. I am always so proud of them, their dedication, and their never ending enthusiasm and energy. Their final musical offering this school year will be on Mother’s Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Children’s Choir will musically lead the entire service at 10:30. They have learned two very special songs, hymns, responses, communion music, and much more! That morning they will be wearing their new choir pins recognizing the number of years they have been singing with the choir and Fr. Tom will present the choir members with their certificates. This is always a special time for these beautiful children and their families.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the end of our final rehearsal for the school year, each child will receive their choir pins for participation in Children’s Choir. It is our pleasure to honor 11 children this year for their service in Children’s Choir. Those who receive their first year pins are Emi and Hannah Hickman. A second year pin will go to Grace Ennis. Those re-

ceiving fourth year pins are Mia Carroll, Beka Leebrick, and Kate Leebrick. Fifth year pins & trophies go to Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson, Chappell Syfrett and Sydney Syfrett. Ginny Leebrick will receive her pin for six years in the choir, making Ginny our very 6-year choir member!

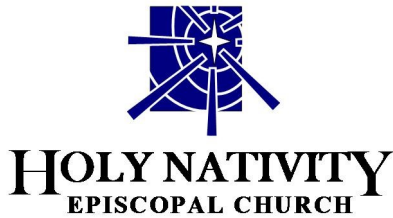
The participation of these fine children in the music ministry would not be possible without the commitment from their parents and a special thank-you goes to all of them. They are on summer break after May 7<sup>th</sup> & will resume rehearsals in September. We will continue to rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:15. All children in grades first through sixth are welcome. Please consider your child’s participation in this wonderful opportunity for sharing in the worship services and music ministry at Holy Nativity.

## We All Are God’s Children – May 11<sup>th</sup> Theme

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## May 18<sup>th</sup> Recital

Stacey Holliday and Mary Ellen Reddie will present a recital of piano and violin music on Sunday afternoon, May 18 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. Their program will include music by Vivaldi, Bach, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, and Williams. Donations to the music department of Holy Nativity will be welcomed. We are honored to have these fine musicians in our church family and Chancel Choir. Please make plans to attend and share in their special gift to our community. Don’t forget to invite your friends and family.



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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 - Judy Dickey  
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel  
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith  
Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette  
Church Organist - John Durgan  
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills  
Sexton - Lawrence Long  
Weekend Sexton - James Rahn  
Nursery Attendant - Callie Mills and Brynn Ledman*

## **THE VESTRY**

<i>Fr. Steve Bates - Rector</i>	<i>Mike Harding 13-16</i>
<i>Henry Breland 13-16</i>	<i>Betty Grammer 12-15</i>
<i>Edyth Brown 12-15</i>	<i>Brian Leebrick 14-17</i>
<i>Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden</i>	<i>Chris Mills 13-16</i>
<i>Carolyn Cramer 12-15</i>	<i>Hercules Pettis 14-17</i>
<i>Mark Godwin - Treasurer</i>	<i>Madge Smith - Clerk</i>
<i>Michele Hahn 12-15 Sr. Warden</i>	<i>Stewart Sumpton 14-17</i>
	<i>Todd Williams 14-17</i>

## **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *</i>
	<i>9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II**</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:30 am - Healing Eucharist</i>
	<i>5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist * and programs</i>

*\*Nursery Provided*

*\*\*Children's Church and Nursery Provided*



# Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for May 2014

May 4, 2014	May 11, 2014	May 18, 2014	May 25, 2014
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Monica Philips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Phyllis McLawhorn, Kaew Sumpton, Jane Burkett, Inge Churchill
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Betty Heminway  <b>10:30 am:</b> Mary Ellen Harding	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dawn Johnson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Tony and Jenny Collier	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Ursula Hixson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dorbre McMullen and Laura Johnson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe and Peggy Ferrante
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Terry Jangula and Tim Pride  <b>10:30 am:</b> Charles and Mary Bonham	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell  <b>10:30 am:</b> TBA	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Max and Joyce Dannecker	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan Johnson and Parker McClellan  <b>10:30 am:</b> John Thompson and Chris Mills
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Lou and Inge Churchill  <b>10:30 am:</b> Scott Clemons and Joe Ciccarelli	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews  <b>10:30 am:</b> Mike Dickey and Todd Williams	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker  <b>10:30 am:</b> Stewart Sumpton and Todd Williams	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend  <b>10:30 am:</b> Brian Leebrick and Mike Dickey
<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Eric and Lauren Stewart  <b>10:30 am:</b> Trevor Madden, Katie Marie Hutt, Shelby and Stevens Roberson, Ben Bradford, Jacob Brock, Chappel Syfrett	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder  <b>10:30 am:</b> Drew and Sean Dickey, Michael Watts, Paul Brust, Ryan Nelson	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Eric and Lauren Stewart  <b>10:30 am:</b> Jack, James, Joseph Thompson, Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Hannah Hickman, Camryn Commander	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder  <b>10:30 am:</b> Kyle and Claire Fisher, Beka, Kate, and Ginny Leebrick
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Brianna Fisher	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> TBA	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Don Hodges
<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Barbara Knowles	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Natasha Lithway	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Nancy Hebert	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Edyth Brown



**Only if you are unable to find a replacement** for the day you are scheduled, please call your lay ministry leader.

Acolytes: Mike Harding - 747-0601  
 Altar Guild: Inge Churchill - 265-6744  
 Chalice Bearers/Lectors: 8 a.m. Gayle Ahrens 235-4265  
 10:30 a.m. Edyth Brown - 265-4009  
 Greeters/Ushers: Terry Jangula - 874-2382  
 Sunday Sweets: Edyth Brown - 265-4009  
 Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith—588-8320



# 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4 The 3rd Sunday of Easter</b> 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	5	6	7 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study  4:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal (Last One)  5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm -five-thirty service and dinner	8 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work  5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9	10
<b>11 The 4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY! CHILDREN'S SERVICE!</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	12	13	14 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study  5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm -five-thirty service and dinner	15 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	17
<b>18 The 5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>HONORING OUR GRADUATES!</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Last Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel  <b>4:00 pm - Holliday/Reedie Recital</b>	19	20	21 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study  5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm -five-thirty service and dinner	22	23	24
<b>25 The 6th Sunday of Easter</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel  6:00 pm-Supper Club Mixer	26  Memorial Day! Office Closed!  Book Club 5:30 pm-Book Club at Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	27	28	29 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 	31