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the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

Bishop's Visit and Confirmations!
May 27, 2015, Wednesday at 6:00 pm!

After the service, everyone is invited to attend an Area Wide Farewell Picnic with entertainment for Bishop Duncan before his retirement. We will be cooking out hamburgers and hotdogs and please bring a side-dish to share!



We All Are God's Children!
A special Mother's Day Service by the children and youth.
Sunday, May 10th 10:30 am

Honoring our Graduates! May 17, 2015



Is your child graduating from High School this year? Please let us know so we can honor them on May 17th at the 10:30 am service!
Please call the church office at 747-4000.



May 3, 2015 at 9:15 am
Or
May 17, 2015 at 9:15 am

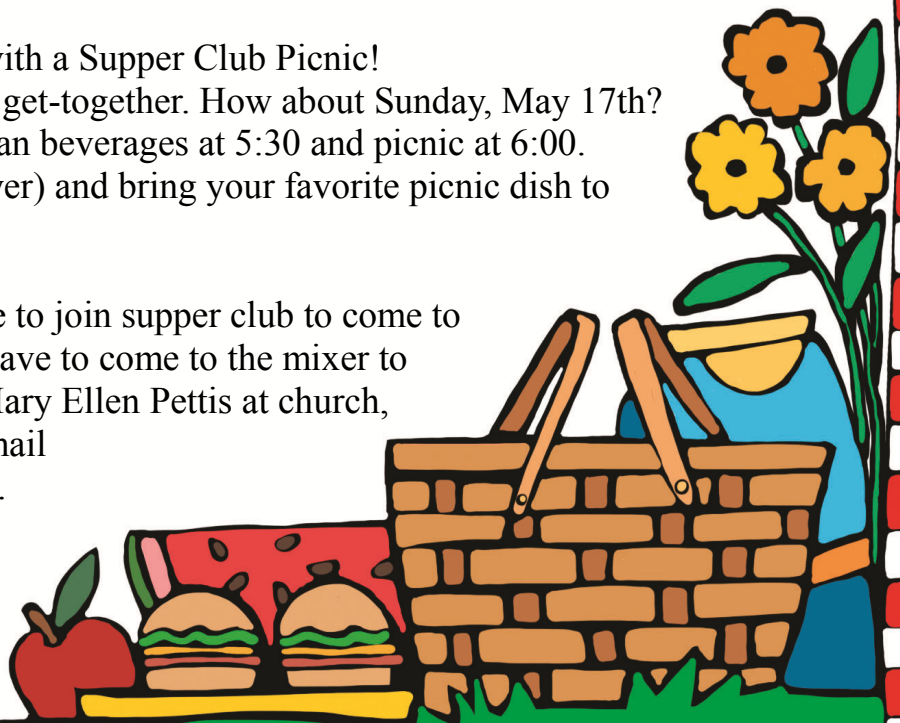
Have you ever wondered why we do the things we do?

Fr. Steve will lead us through the Eucharist and explain along the way the reasons and history of this part of our worship.

SUPPER CLUB MIXER!

Ok, it's time to mix it up with a Supper Club Picnic!
Yes, it's PAST TIME for a get-together. How about Sunday, May 17th?
We'll start with Episcopalian beverages at 5:30 and picnic at 6:00.
Sign up in the narthex (foyer) and bring your favorite picnic dish to the mixer.

As always you do not have to join supper club to come to the mixer. And you don't have to come to the mixer to join! Any questions, see Mary Ellen Pettis at church, call at 850-628-4700 or email trespiscus522@gmail.com.
See you at the picnic!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School has been a combination of Confirmation Class, Inquirers' Seminar and SS Bible Study for April, concluding with Instructed Eucharist in the sanctuary on May 3. We will resume our regular Sunday mornings on May 10. Sunday school for all ages recesses for summer break the end of May.

Tuesday morning Bible Seminar has begun digging into the Gospel according to John, with sessions May 5, 12, 19 and 26 before summer recess. All are welcome and invited, Tuesdays in the Mary Stuart Poole Library, ten o'clock to eleven-fifteen.

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It was so popular last summer, it's back!
Holy Nativity SummerTime returns on Wednesday, June 10th!
(That's the first Wednesday after school's out.)

SummerTime takes on the slower pace of summer, starting at **6PM** (note the time shift) every Wednesday with an informal worship service from the Daily Office, followed by a themed pot-luck supper and fellowship.

Each week, a pot-luck theme is selected and publicized...and you bring enough for your family and some extra to share. For example, if the themed pot-luck is spaghetti (which it will be one week!), you'll bring the cooked meat sauce (Ragu counts!) and a salad. Noodles and bread will be provided.

Fellowship time follows after supper and runs "until..." Adults visit, kids play or watch a movie.

Several kitchen volunteers are needed each week to assemble the meal as the dishes arrive, then clean up the kitchen afterwards. A sign up sheet is in Battin Hall, along with the tentative "themes" for the pot-luck each week. Please check it out and let us know how you're able to help.

It's not summer without SummerTime! Come and see what we mean! Starting June 10th at 6PM and every Wednesday during the summer.



Hello Youth!

Looking towards Summer and beyond. I recently attended the Adults Who Work With Young conference hosted by James Lawrence, Diocesan Youth Coordinator; Among the topic discussed was the Five Marks of Mission, a theme that as a youth group will be exploring and developing a program to guide our ministry in our church and wider community.



If you have any ideas or suggestions for the next season of the youth group please get in contact.

Calendar

29th May Resurrect the Room
6th May Real World Dinner
20th May End of Season Event

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SAVE THE DATE! SHELL ISLAND SUNDAY! JUNE 14, 2015



THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU....to everyone who showed up for our first “Spruce Up Saturday” before Easter!

We had about 35 here making ready our church and grounds for a big Easter welcome. With your help, the church sparkled to very positive remarks from visitors. With everyone’s help, we cleaned windows, vacuumed pews and floors, mopped floors, planted plants, spread pine straw (in the rain!), pressure-washed and de-stained sidewalks, polished wood, made and stuffed welcome bags, baked bread for welcome bags, dusted baseboards, clipped hedges, cleaned up the kitchen, hosed off the courtyard, cleaned mats and area rugs, and more!

Some have already suggested another Spruce Up Saturday, perhaps in the fall. Details to follow from the Hospitality Ministry.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

by Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

Thank YOU!

I would like to offer my sincere thanks & appreciation to each & every member of our outstanding choirs & musicians at Holy Nativity. The music that they shared during Lent, Holy Week & Easter was beautiful & very well rehearsed. These dedicated people give their time & talents weekly to our life & 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 them on rehearsal nights & have to sit alone in the pews on Sundays & to all of the parents (& grandparents) of children for their continued support & 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 & weekends away during summer. They are always looking for new voices to join in. Summer Chancel & Rite One Choir rehearsals will most likely have a flexible schedule so stay tuned for news as your new director takes over June 1st. Contact 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 & high school students are welcome to sing with either adult choir. All of Holy Nativity 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 & participated in more worship services than any previous year. This is one of our most successful seasons yet, making this the tenth year I have lead them. I am always so proud of them, their dedication, & never ending enthusiasm & energy. May is a busy month for them as they will sing on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 10th and the Bishop’s Visit on Wednesday, May 27th.

Last year we had a spectacular Mother’s Day Sunday led by families & youth & The Children’s Choir was the only choir for the entire 10:30 service. I am thrilled that we will have this same service style again this year. The children are so extremely excited & cannot wait to share their songs. They have learned three very special anthems, hymns, responses, communion music, & 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. Steve will present the choir members with their certificates. This is always a special time for these beautiful children & their fami-

lies. Be sure to invite your families & friends & bring a tissue or two & lots of cameras!

On May 6th each child who sang the entire year will receive their choir pins for participation in Children’s Choir. All children who sang with the choir during the year will receive a certificate but only those who participate for an entire year will receive choir pins.

It is our pleasure to honor 13 children this year for their service in Children’s Choir. Those who participated for less than a year include Will Melzer & Isabella Smith. First year pin recipients are Gigi Carroll, Ella Ennis & Bailey Melzer. A four year pin will go to Grace Ennis. Those receiving fifth year pins & trophies will be awarded to Mia Carroll, Beka Leebrick & Kate Leebrick. Sixth year pins & ribbons with medals will be presented to Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson & Sydney Syfrett. Ginny Leebrick will receive her pin & medal for seven years in the choir, making Ginny our very first 7-year choir member!

The participation of these fine children in the music ministry would not be possible without the commitment from their parents so a special thank-you goes to all of them. They will soon be on summer break & will resume rehearsals in September. Rehearsal will continue to be 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 & music ministry at Holy Nativity.

We All Are God’s Children – May 10th Theme – Mother’s Day

During the 10:30 service on Mother’s Day, May 11th, we will be celebrating the fact that we are all God’s children. The entire service will be filled with families & children participating as readers, ushers, greeters, & assisting during communion. The Children’s Choir will be the ONLY choir that morning & they will ‘lead’ all of the music for the service from the choir loft near the piano. They have also prepared some very special music for that morning. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to experience this beautiful celebration! See you in church!

Again, Thank YOU!



May 1 Marqua Brunette, Lou Churchill, Kyle Fisher, Katie Marie Hutt, Wes McClellan, Tim Pride, Larry Young
May 3 Louise Byrd
May 4 Peggy Bowen, Barbara Knowles, Susan Messer
May 6 Pat Clemons, Brandi Kelley, Ina Joy Wicker
May 7 Amy Zinszer
May 9 Richard Baird
May 10 Bobbie Cook, Philip Place
May 11 Mary Ellen Reddie
May 12 Lyman Barger, Natasha Lithway
May 13 Andrew Jeffery
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 4 Robert and Sharon Carroll
May 5 Rich and Lenka Doran
May 12 Denis and Lora Healey
May 13 Todd and Victoria Williams
 Larry and Kay Young
May 17 Michael and Deana Gailfoil
May 19 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

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

Children's Ministry May 2015 *by Beverly McDaniel*

May	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.
3	Meet Mrs. McDaniel in Theology Theatre	"Parable of Two House Builders" Floencia Pereira 319-4870 Tiffany Ennis 319-4265	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
10	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Mother's Day/Family Day "We All Are God's Children" and we all stay in church.	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
17	Last Sunday School Class until August	"The Ascension of Jesus" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Casey Cole 319-4376	Pat Spangler 215-5247
24	Happy Birthday, Dear Church	"Pentecost Day" Karen Shores 867-1084 Holly Melzer 896-0428	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
31		"Parable of the Mustard Seed" Sharon and Robert Carroll 784-6961	Katy Bradford 819-6277

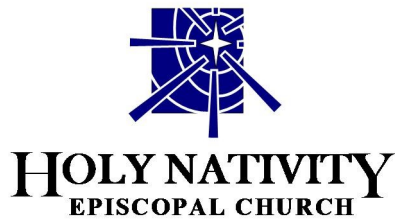
Many thanks go out to all of you who did so much to help make Easter at Holy Nativity a meaningful and memorable occasion for our children. Special thanks are due to Conway, Nancy, Madelyn, and Jonah Reeder for sharing their little chicks and bunnies with us, to Mr. Jeffery and the Youth Group for overseeing the Easter egg hunt and again to Mr. Jeffery for keeping everything on schedule; and to Mr. James and my darling daughter Kate for helping me set-up and clean-up. Many thanks, indeed.

This month brings three events that are special for our children. On Mother's Day, there will be 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.

Sunday, May 24, is the Day of Pentecost which is considered to be the birthday of the church so... birthday means ice cream and cake for Children's Church. Then, on Wednesday the 27th, Holy Nativity is hosting the Bishop's Retirement Party for the east part of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast so...a 6:00 worship and confirmation service followed by a big lawn party picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers, etc., and the wonderful Sharon Carroll and her talented friends will be providing great musical entertainment. Let's make this a great evening for our children...and for all of us.



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The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

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Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
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Nursery Attendants - Brynn Ledman, Emily Brock,
Abigail Dingus*

THE VESTRY

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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*