



the NATIVITY Scene

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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
Presents

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 7th
6:30 PM



Please join us for this beautiful service of scripture and music for the season presented by soloists, string quartet, organ, piano and The Chancel, Children's, and Rite One Choirs of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

All are welcome for a Christmas Potluck Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Turkey will be provided so please bring a holiday side-dish to share.

Coffee and dessert will be served after the service. Donations accepted and nursery provided.

Instructed Eucharist

November 13, 2016 at 9:15 am in the Church
Everyone is invited, but especially confirmation class members, to this informative class led by Fr. Steve about our Eucharist. Ever wonder why we do the things we do during communion?



Acolyte Rededication

November 13, 2016
10:30 am worship
Service



Don't miss this wonderful Sunday where all our acolytes rededicate themselves to their ministry!

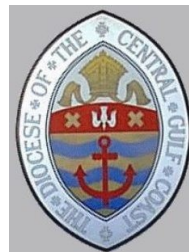
All acolytes will need to be at the church at 10:00 am.

Bishop's Visit and Confirmations

December 11, 2016

Confirmations at 10:30 am.

We will have a celebration brunch at 9:15 am! Beginning November 6, you can pick up a Brunch Card in the foyer. You can pick Pasties and Sweets, Fruit, or Egg Casserole (recipe included). When the cards run out we have enough food!



Confirmation Classes (Episcopal 101) begin

November 6, 2016 at 9:15 am.

If you or your youth would like to be confirmed and attend confirmation classes, please call the church office at 747-4000 or for youth: A. J. Jeffery at 319-1953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org or adults: Fr. Tom Weller at 532-0114 or twellerpc@gmail.com.

Or just come to the first class!



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Look for boxes and information in the foyer! Boxes filled with school supplies and toys are sent to children all over the world! The deadline to return your boxes is November 15th.

Food Bank

The holidays are right around the corner, and with them comes a real need among the less fortunate in our community. It is a time we give thanks for our blessings, and seek to share those blessings with those who mean the world to us. This holiday season, consider sharing gratefully with those outside our homes and church walls, and pick up a little extra for the Food Bank the next time you are at the grocery store. Whatever you give will extend the love of Christ to those who really need it in the midst of their economic distress, which is perhaps the most important of our ministries here at HNEC.

Backpacks

Will you be one of the 54? At present, the Backpack Buddies program is providing weekend food to 54 kids and their families. The teams are gathered (but there is always room for more!), and every week the Food Bank is alive with activity as our church family makes this ministry come alive. Please prayerfully consider whether you, or maybe a group of you, may be willing to sponsor a backpack for the year. The cost is \$250 to feed a family every weekend of the school year (miraculous in itself, when you consider it). If you would prefer to bring food, check out the list of suggested items on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Adult Christian Education Father Tom+

Ah! This is to remind everyone that "Episcopal-101" begins Sunday, November 6th as our specially focused Adult Sunday School Class for several Sundays. We'll meet 9:15 to 10:15 in Mary Stuart Poole Library at the east end of the brick sidewalk. Regular class members will be there, and folks who'd like to learn more about our wonderful Episcopal Church, and folks who are considering being Confirmed by Bishop Russell Kendrick when he comes on Pajama Sunday, December 11th for his regular visitation. Anyone who'd like to be on the Confirmation list who hasn't told Madge can come to class anyway and sign up. Remember, it's not just for Confirmands, it's fun and informative for all.

We'll be talking about who and what we are as Episcopalians -- members of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Bible, our beliefs and theology, a bit of our church's history, organization, worship, some of the terms you may have heard. We'll start November 6th. The second session, Sunday, November 13th, will be in the church with Father Steve leading his Instructed Eucharist. And the sessions, November 20 (no class Thanksgiving Weekend, November 27). There'll be a concluding, wrap-up question and discussion session on Sunday, December 4th.

Again, starting Sunday, November 6th in the Library. 9:15 to 10:15 and if you can't come on time, come on in late, lots of people do every Sunday, all invited, all welcome, and it's all good!

Tom+

HAPPENING Is Coming!! Feb 3-5 , 2017



This spring, our diocese will be hosting "Happening: A Christian Experience" at Holy Nativity in Panama City. 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. During the Happening weekend, there are activities designed for fun

and Christian community building among participants including: talks given by teenage staff and clergy, games, music, prayer, and unique worship experiences. Holy Nativity will be transformed over the weekend into a sacred space just for this event.

Youth Confirmation Classes

Start November 6th at 9:15 am in the Youth Room upstairs. Please call the Church office or AJ if you or your youth wishes to attend.

Renovation Rescue

With HNEC hosting the diocesan wide youth faith weekend **Happening** in Feb 2017, the time has come to transform some of our forgotten spaces in readiness. Join our youth and their families in battle as they renovate the three rooms in the two story building.

This will be a competition held over 24hrs and unveiled after the 10:30 service. Prizes and adulations awarded by an illustrious panel of experts.

If you would like to be part or have materials to donate please contact AJ 850-319-1953 or the church office.

The date will be announced with the teams and themes.

Love Thy Neighbor

Now in our third year the LOVE THY NEIGHBOR ministry has delivered over 90 parcels (30 in 2014 & 60 in 2015) of supplies to help the SOAR Program (Street Outreach and Recovery) assist the hundreds of homeless and vulnerable youth of Bay County. This year we are asking that you help us deliver over 100 parcels please view the wishlist of items and if able buy an extra with your shop or you can purchase all the items for one parcel. All is greatly appreciated.

Wet-wipes x 1 packet
Deodorant x 1 stick
Scarf, hat & gloves x 1 set
Toothbrush & paste x 1 set
Chapstick x 1 stick
Canned meals ring-pull x 4 cans
Emergency poncho x 1
Granola bars x 4 bars
Crackers x 4 packet
Fruit cups x 4
Candy bar x 2
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent

Christmas Lock-In

Do you know what date would be good? Friday or Saturday? We need a theme, adults to supervise and youth to attend. I want your ideas?

Looking forward to the fun,
A.J. Jeffery, Youth Director
319-1953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

Children's Ministry November 2016 *by Beverly McDaniel*

NOV.	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 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
6	"Jonah and the Great Fish" Anna Eberhard 404-405-8188 Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
13	"The Christmas Tree Story: The Prophets" Casey Cole 319-4376 Brent Faison 814-4490	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
20	"The Christmas Tree Story: The Angels" Sharon Carroll 960-5510 Elizabeth Moore 814-6629	Pat Spangler 215-5247
27	"The Christmas Tree Story: Jesus is Born" Karen Shores 867-1084 Krissy Oenbrink 890-4441	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

On All Saints' Sunday, November 6th, the children will be a part of the procession into the 10:30 service as we present our Saints Streamers recognizing acknowledged saints and those who "mean, God helping, to be one too". Every year we discuss people who live their lives to please God with such goodness that we believe they could become saints as well. Then we draw pictures or write their names on ribbons to make our streamers. Ask the children about them. Their nominees for sainthood are sometimes quite surprising. Please bring/send your children to Kids' Kingdom at 10:15 so we can line up for the procession.

Beginning on the 6th also, 9:15 Sunday School will be held in the Chapel Room in the two-story building during the adult and youth confirmation classes. The Chapel Room is the room closest to the Mary Stewart Poole Library where Fr. Tom is teaching so it is convenient for parents in the class. We would love to have a great big Sunday School group, so even if you are not in confirmation class, please come and bring your children. You will certainly enjoy sitting in with Fr. Tom's class regardless of when or if you have already been confirmed, and of course, you are always welcome to stay with us.

Wonderful Wednesdays will become even better for our children on November 9th when we incorporate Godly Play into our evening programs. This month Liz Ward will complete the third training session and obtain certification. We are delighted that she can lead us in offering this authentic, Montessori-based, Christian curriculum for our children. Florencia Pereira has taken the courses with Liz but is taking a baby-break before her final session. We are so proud of them.

Please begin asking your children to consider what they would like to do in the Christmas Pageant this year. The sign-up board will be out in Battin Hall on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A child may write his or her name for any part, however, when there are multiple names for a solo part (i.e. Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, male and female innkeepers, star, etc.), the names are placed in a basket for drawing to determine who gets the role. We want every child to love telling the Holy Nativity story through the pageant and to feel his/her and our church's special attachment to the Holy Nativity. If you have suggestions, comments, or questions, please call me.

Christmas Gift Cards!

'Tis the season to begin your holiday shopping by selecting exclusive gift cards offering unique and memorable gifts for EVERYONE on your Christmas list.

Prices range from \$30-\$1000 and gift collections are filled with top-quality, brand-name merchandise. Best of all, ALL PROCEEDS from the sale of the gift cards will support our Advent Outreach, to purchase Christmas gifts for the children in our "adopted" family!

Be sure to stop by the table set up outside Battin Hall Sunday mornings Nov. 27, Dec. 4, & Dec. 11, from 9am-12pm; as well as Wed. Nov. 30 from 5-7pm. For questions or to place an order by phone, call Karen Shores at (850) 867-1084.



This year's stewardship campaign is off-and-running, and many of you have responded to the call by already returning your pledge cards and time and talent sheets. Remember that your responses allow us to plan and budget for 2017, and ensure that Holy Nativity continues to be the sort of inviting and Spirit-filled place where our whole parish community experiences love and growth in Christ. Be a part of something bigger than yourself, and answer our stewardship call not only with a monetary pledge, but a commitment to apply your talents to grow God's kingdom.

Veteran's Day Chapel Holy Nativity Episcopal Church November 9, 2016 at 8:30 am



Holy Nativity Episcopal School will be honoring our Veterans during this special School Chapel Service.

All veterans are invited to attend!

By the grace of God
and with the affirmation of the people
The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick
Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
will ordain

Michael Patrick Dickey
Curtis Albert Kennington
Mary Elizabeth Payne-Hardin

to the
Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church
on
Saturday, the third of December
in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen
At ten o'clock in the morning

Christ Church Cathedral
115 South Conception Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: red stole



- Nov. 1 David Dawe, Karen Shores
- Nov. 2 Kaew Sumpton
- Nov. 3 Mary Richardson, Elizabeth Stewart,
Mona Ullmann
- Nov. 4 Max McCord, Mary Sexton
- Nov. 5 Sandy Ciccarelli, Betsy McLendon
- Nov. 6 Chantal Camenzind, Ann Leonard, Renee
Madden, Ann Rist
- Nov. 7 Abigail Dingus
- Nov. 8 Evelyn Jordan, Ginny Morrow
- Nov. 10 Terry Ullmann
- Nov. 11 Robert Carroll, Emma Jeffery, Ann Marie
Shores
- Nov. 12 Catherine Shores
- Nov. 15 Bob Hughes
- Nov. 16 Mary Bonham
- Nov. 18 Hodge McCloy
- Nov. 19 Joe Ferrante, Stewart Sumpton
- Nov. 22 Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson
- Nov. 24 Amy Russell, Rusty Smith
- Nov. 25 Florenca Pereira
- Nov. 26 Samantha Bates, Sean Dickey
- Nov. 28 Joy Thompson
- Nov. 29 Kate Watson



- Nov. 1 Matthew and Shana Duncan
- Nov. 4 Daniel and Holly Melzer
- Nov. 11 Jeffery and Susan Frazier
- Nov. 14 John and Mary Darrah
- Nov. 16 Kenneth and Hannah Davis
- Nov. 17 Ian and Lindsey Crelling
Max and Kirsten McCord
- Nov. 29 David Burris and Mary Mittiga

**Don't miss the most fun
night of the week!**

5:30 P.M.

Casual, come as you
are Eucharist!

Dinner and Programs to Follow



**Advent and Christmas
will be here soon!**

- Dec. 4: 9:15 am
A Morning With St. Nicholas
- Dec. 7: 5:30 pm Christmas Potluck
6:30 pm A Festival of Lessons and
Carols
- Dec. 11: Panama Party Sunday
Bishop Visitation Sun with Confirmations
9:15 am: Parish Brunch
- Dec. 24:
4:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service with
Children's Christmas Pageant and music
beginning 30 minutes before.
10:30 pm: Christmas Service with music
beginning 30 minutes before.

- 4:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm: *five-thirty* service with supper
afterwards
- 6:30 pm: Combined Choir Rehearsal
(rehearsing now for Lessons and
Carols if you want to join them!)
- 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Menu for November

- Nov. 2 Hamburgers and Hotdogs
- Nov. 9 Chicken and Rice
- Nov. 16 Meatloaf and sides
- Nov. 30 Pizza



HOLY NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER
2016

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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
Mr. Mike Dickey, Candidate for Holy Orders

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Mary Sexton
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendants - Catherine Churchill and Emily Brock

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Peggy Bowen 16-19 Jr. Warden
Beth Brock 15-18
Mike Dickey 15-18
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19

Jim Hixson 15-18
Brian Leebrick 14-17 Sr. Warden
Madge Smith - Clerk
Hercules Pettis 14-17
Kelly Roberson 16-17
Joy Thompson 16-19
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*



NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm -five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm -8:00 pm: Choir Rehearsals	3	4	5	
6 All Saint's Sunday FALL BACK! Change your clocks! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN! 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	7	 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	9 8:30 am-Veteran's Day School Chapel 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm -five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm -8:00 pm: Choir Rehearsals	10 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	11  VETERANS DAY	12	
13 26 Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST! 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel ACOLYTE DEDICATION	14	15	16 DEADLINE FOR OCC BOXES! 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm -five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm -8:00 pm: Choir Rehearsals	17	18	19	
20 The Last Sunday after Pentecost 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	21 School is out for Thanksgiving week	22	23	24		25	26
27 The 1st Sunday in Advent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	28 5:30 pm-Book Club At Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	29	30 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm -five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm -8:00 pm: Choir Rehearsals				

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for November 2016

Nov. 6, 2016	Nov. 13, 2016	Nov. 20, 2016	Nov. 27, 2016
Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller
Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and Joe Ferrante	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Kate Watson and Kacey McEwen
Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	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: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Lou Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Bob and Lisa McLendon
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: George McInnis and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, John Moore, Linda Taylor King, Michael Watts, Nadrew Collier, James Thompson, Tyler Shores	Acolytes 10:30 am: <i>All acolytes will vest and serve for the Acolyte Rededication Service.</i> Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Peyton Lam, Grace Ennis, Chappell Syfrett, Hannah Hickman, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Joseph Thompson, Stevens Roberson, Bailey Melzer, Emi Hickman, Kristina Dick, Milly Eberhard, Shelby Roberson, Mia Carroll	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Bekah Leebrick, Kate Smith, Nicolas Pereira, Samantha Smith, Ashley Doran, Madelyn Reeder, Kate Leebrick
Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran
Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Ellen Pettis	Tablecloth Ministry: Kacey McEwen



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

Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith - 588-8320