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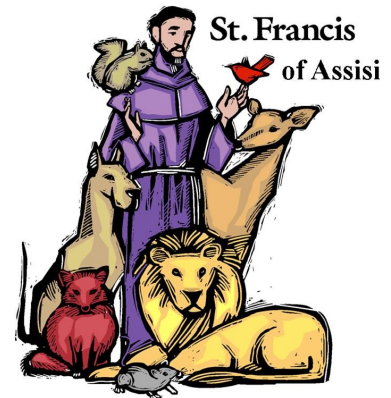
Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals

Join us Wednesday, October 3rd at two different times!

8:10 am on William's Field at Holy Nativity Episcopal School
5:30 pm in the Church with a cook-out afterwards

If your pet is unable to make the party,
bring a photo! If you don't have a pet, bring your
stuffed animal!



PARISH SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

Breakfast is being served on Oct. 7th at 9:00 am!
Starting this tradition...the Staff will sponsor this first one.
Maybe your group or ministry will want to sign up for the
next one.

Let's bring our early service and late service people
together and meet one another!

We will see you in the kitchen! Egg and sausage
casserole, muffins, and bacon!



*Hey all you guys & gals!
It's time for the Supper Club Fall Mixer!!
IT'S A SOCK HOP!!!
Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 pm*



*Bring a dish and wear your poodle skirt & bobby socks.
Slick back your hair or put it in a ponytail
and bop over to the Parish Hall for a great evening of
food, fellowship and fun!*



From Fr. Tom: Adult Christian Education

By the time you read this, Sunday school will have been in Fall Session for several weeks. We started out with a survey and discussion of The Letter of James, which the Lectionary had us reading for five Sundays. Now we have turned to the Gospel according to Mark, discovering Mark's agenda, his peculiarities, and his perfection. After Mark, before going on to more Scripture, we may pause to discover what General Convention gave us. There's a liturgy for blessing same sex commitments, which is authorized for trial use starting in Advent 2012. And there's a new liturgy for celebrating the life of pets who have died. We'll be reading and discussing those.

In weekday Bible Seminars we have a session in town on Tuesday mornings, gather in my HNES office *Through the Garage* before ten o'clock, then class from 10:05 to 11:15. We have a second, basically identical session at the beach on Wednesday afternoons, gather at St. Thomas by the Sea Episcopal Church, Laguna Beach before one o'clock, then class from 1:05 to 2:15. At the moment we are working our way through the Gospel according to Mark. We may take on Hebrews after that, depending on what the folks in the groups would like to do. All are welcome at either session or both. We have not only Episcopalians but folks who are Presbyterian and Methodist also. For more information, email me at twellerpc@gmail.com.

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SCHEDULE

October already?

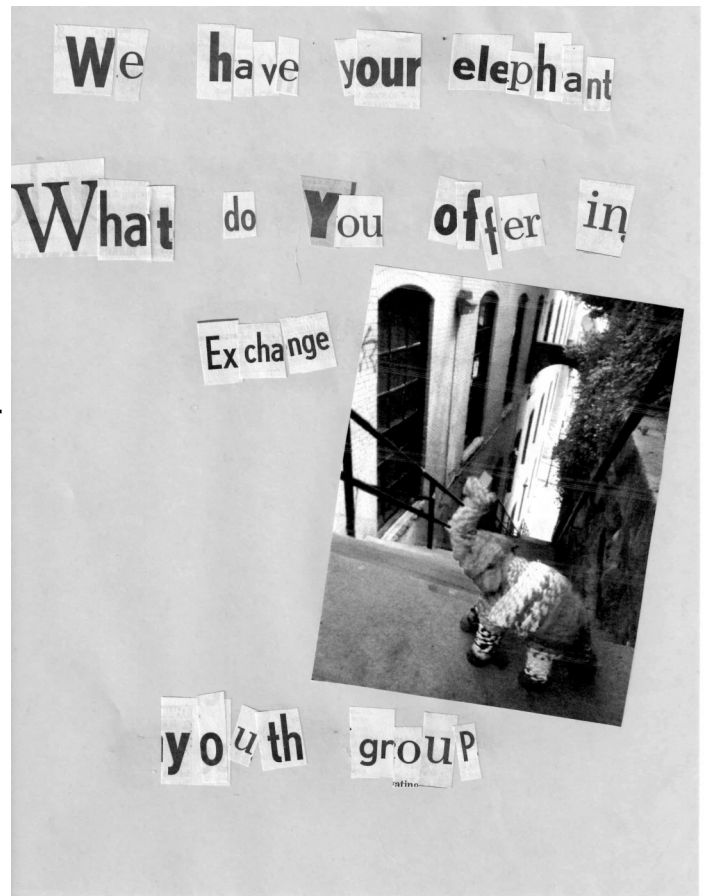
Our youth group programs continue on the "normal" schedule: Sunday School - every Sunday at 9:15am in the upstairs room. We have some pretty in-depth discussions of each week's readings, and then test Father Steve to see if he understands it as well as we do.

Wednesday nights - food, games, and a hidden biblical message (okay, it isn't hidden very well) every week. There is almost always dessert.

Youth Lector - once a month we get to read the Old Testament lesson at the 10:30 service. We will work on it during Sunday School, so you know it will be good.

I can't wait to see you all in the upstairs room!

Judy 248-6624 judydickey@gmail.com



BACKPACK MINISTRY



The Backpack Ministry is off to a great start, with the delivery our first load of 90 backpacks the week of September 10th. Going forward, we will need your help to continue to meet our commitment to the children at St. Andrews School. Every week we need juice boxes/pouches, canned meals such as Spaghetti-Os and Beef Stew, breakfast items such as instant oatmeal and breakfast bars, and canned snacks like Vienna sausages and beanie-weanies. Please no Pop Tarts (they get smashed) or green beans (these are kids, after all). Monetary contributions are also a big help. If you don't mind rolling up your sleeves and ministering directly, we always need folks to help stuff backpacks during the week, and to pick up and deliver backpacks at the school. We're also looking for ways to improve, so if you have ideas to share, please do.

Sound interesting? To learn more, call or email Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.

“FOOD FOR FURRY FRIENDS”

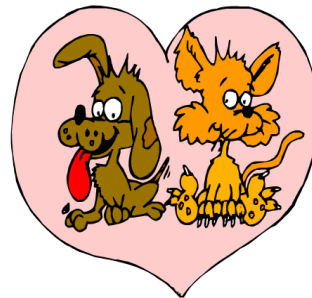
Benefits The Bay County Humane Society

The Children’s Choir is asking for your donations to help collect **“Food for Furry Friends”** in conjunction with our annual *St. Francis Blessing of the Animals* on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. The drop-off box will be inside the Kid’s Kingdom Building at the end of the hallway. Children’s Choir families will help deliver all collected items and the Children’s Choir is quite excited about their first ‘service project’. Please bring your donations on or before October 3rd.

Listed below is the “Wish List” for the Humane Society. They specifically request PURINA® food products to keep the animals on a consistent diet.

While animals await adoption and their new homes, there are other items that they could really use to ensure that the pets have a more comfortable stay in the shelter and assist in offsetting expenses. Thank you for your generosity!!!

PURINA® Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten Food
Large Dog Harnesses
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Brown Paper & Plastic Shopping Bags
33-Gallon & Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
Liquid Laundry Soap
Low-Dust Cat Litter



Rally Day Photos!



Children's Ministry October 2012

October	Sunday School 9:15 In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	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 Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
7	Tom Hairston 784-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Creation 4: Sun, Moon, Stars Judy Bennett 215-1579 Amy Russell 960-5263	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
14	Tom and Beverly	Creation 5a: Sea Creatures Lenka Doran 832-2768 Casey Cole 215-3727	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
21	Tom and Beverly	Creation 5b: Birds Charlie Commander 265-4400 Trey Hutt 814-7934	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
28	Tom and Beverly	Creation 6a: Animals and Man Candace Leebrick 522-9240 Kathy Brust 522-9240	Theresa Durgan 913-3471

Last month following our church remodeling, I called for volunteers to spend a Sunday afternoon blitz-cleaning the nursery, and indeed they did respond! For those of you who never use the nursery or even notice it, I issue an invitation to drop by and see how nice it is. Then, be sure to thank Sandy Ciccarelli, Kaew Sumpton, Jenny Collier, Holly Melzer, Kathy Brust, and Callie Mills for their down-and-dirty hard work. I especially thank them for being both so capable and SO MUCH FUN. See their pictures on the Children's Ministry poster.

In Children's Church, we are continuing with "In the beginning, God". We are giving thanks for all of God's creation. To give special thanks for our pets, please come on Wednesday, Oct. 3, for the annual St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals. This year, for the first time, the service will be in the church. This could be interesting. We want to help the Children's Choir collect "Food for Furry Friends", so please bring donations from the Humane Society wish list (elsewhere in this newsletter) or just give money to Miss Marqua and she will get it to the Humane Society.

I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions concerning our Children's Ministry at Holy Nativity. Please call me...265-8033.

Beverly McDaniel

♪ Music Notes ♪ from Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The Chancel Choir

Fall is arriving and weekly choir rehearsals are beginning to think of the seasons ahead of us. October means we will begin rehearsing for Advent and Christmas Eve services, as well as Lessons and Carols. If you come and join the choir now you are certain to get in the Christmas spirit early! New members are always welcomed and it is a great opportunity to 'try' choir and see how well it works in your life and your service to your Church. Regular Thursday Chancel Choir rehearsals begin at 6:30 and Sunday mornings we rehearse again at 9:30. Every rehearsal includes music, fun, fellowship, laughter and a time for prayer. What more could you ask for?

Rite One Choir

If you attend the 8:00 Rite 1 service and wish to sing with our choir, the Rite One Choir is just for you! Currently we sing about once a month but I am delighted to report that all of them are planning to extend their rehearsal time later this month by one hour so they can learn all of the music for the Lessons and Carols Service. Our rehearsals are in the church on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 and will soon extend to 7:30 until December. This more relaxed schedule works well in some people's lives – what about yours? Come and join us!

It's a busy time of year for our music ministry, but so rewarding to each of us. Please feel free to talk with me if you have an interest in serving God with your voice.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir began rehearsing September 12th and we are off to a great start!! So far, all but one child returned from last season and new voices have been added. The children continue to be enthusiastic and are already singing well together. They are singing consistently much more in-tune and with stronger, more confident voices. As part of our first few rehearsals we are learning how to use our pew hymnals and find hymns by their number and service music by the "S" preceding the number. Be sure to ask your child to show you where the 'service' music is within the hymnals! They will make their official 2012-2013 debut on Wednesday, October 3rd for the annual *St. Francis Blessing of the Animals*. We have chosen some delightful 'animal' songs and everyone is excited about making their special musical animal sounds. The Children's Choir is also sponsoring their first 'service' project, **"Food for Furry Friends"** to benefit the Humane Society. Look for details in the newsletter.

It is not too late for your child to come and sing with us. All children in grades one through six are invited and welcomed to join us for a fun-filled hour each Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Every rehearsal begins with prayer time and warming up of our voices and minds. Rehearsals are held in the choir office in the Kids' Kingdom Building. Please contact Marqua Brunette with any questions that you might have. The Children's Choir is a very special opportunity for children at Holy Nativity to grow musically and spiritually and to learn about serving in the church. We look forward to having your child join us!

Large Print Hymnals for Children Too!!!

Our blue spiral-bound large-print hymnals are perfect for ANYONE who would benefit from a larger font size.....even children! As children return to school and higher grades, many are becoming more confident in their reading, so why not practice in church? Parents are welcome to use one of these hymnals with your child. Not every hymn is printed but most of the more commonly used hymns are in the hymnal. Look for them on the back table in the church. Encourage your child's reading by helping them to sing along during the hymns.

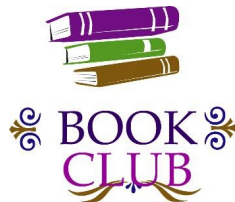


- Oct. 7 Bill and Ashley Eaton
- Oct. 9 Tommy and Jewell Harding
- Oct. 10 John and Lynn Sarno
- Oct. 13 Matt and Casey Cole
- Oct. 15 Bill and Katy Bradford
Tom and Renee Madden
- Oct. 18 Aaron and Holly Kuster
- Oct. 19 Alva and Allison Davis
- Oct. 24 Carol and Anne Harris
- Oct. 25 Conway and Nancy Reeder



- Oct. 1 P.J. Saluto
- Oct. 2 Ina Joy Conrad, Michele Dawe
- Oct. 3 Dylan Cazalas, Jillian Dingus, Elizabeth Zinszer
- Oct. 5 William Batteiger, Trevor Madden
- Oct. 8 Heinz Camenzind, Ursula Hixson, Lydia San Juan
- Oct. 9 Kalynn Pressly, Anna Smith
- Oct. 10 Sherry Davis
- Oct. 11 Mike Cazalas, Chris Mills, Edward San Juan, Julian Scott
- Oct. 12 Ann Yessman
- Oct. 13 Kathy Davis, Lance Sheffield, Michael Watts
- Oct. 14 Candace Leebrick, Carol Osborne
- Oct. 16 Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll
- Oct. 18 Beverly McDaniel, Zach Messer, Phillip Pack, Wayland Patterson, Mike Zinszer
- Oct. 20 Edwina McLane
- Oct. 21 Matthew Bruhn
- Oct. 22 Alice Allen, Sharon Carroll
- Oct. 23 Remy Godwin
- Oct. 24 Tom Hairston, Helen Hill
- Oct. 25 Ben Bradford, Gerry Clemons, Jennifer Josten
- Oct. 27 Tyler Shores
- Oct. 28 Betty Grammer, Mike Harding, Abigail Russell
- Oct. 29 Russell Knowles, Katy McClain, Theresa Townsend
- Oct. 30 Mark Godwin, Charles Knowles
- Oct. 31 William Bradley McLawhorn, Jack Thompson

*Join the Book/Kindle Club
this month!*



They will meet October 22, 2012.
5:30 pm at Panera Bread Restaurant
6:30 pm at the Parish House

They will be reading "Mama Makes Up Her Mind"
by Bailey White

Dear Holy Nativity Family,

Thank you so very much for my surprise retirement party. It was totally unexpected and such a pleasant surprise.

Many thanks to Tom and Donna Hairston for supplying the cake with the Publix Logo. It was delicious.

Thank you Fr. Steve for announcing my retirement.

Joe Ferrante



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

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Nursery Attendants - Callie Mills*

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Mary Ellen Pettis 11-14
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John Thompson 10-13*

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's
Sunday School (Aug. - May)
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*