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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
OCTOBER 8, 2014  
5:30 PM  
COOKOUT TO FOLLOW!**



**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRING THEIR PETS FOR  
THEIR ANNUAL BLESSING IN THE CHURCH!**

**IF YOUR PET IS UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU CAN BRING A PHOTO!  
THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL SING!  
PLEASE BRING YOUR "FOOD FOR FURRY FRIENDS" DONATIONS!**

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## Youth Group is Back!

It was great to see a big group of eager new members and regulars turn-up for our first Wednesday meeting. As we plan our calendar of events for the year we need your ideas, thoughts and opinions. Come Wednesday nights and share or email me, [aussie\\_aj@holy-nativity.org](mailto:aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org) There will be the regular events in the planning and some grand new events also.

We hope to build our youth group through experiences and fun, so keep watching for our calendar.

AJ, your Youth Director



## Be A Backpack Buddy!

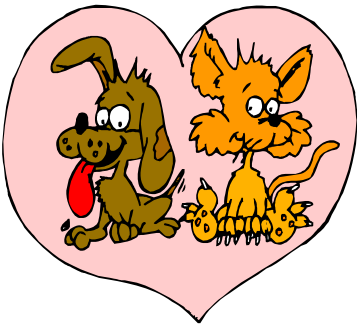
Every Friday during the school year, a student will receive a backpack loaded with two breakfast items, two lunches, and two dinners. Also included will be four snacks and six juice drinks. The cost is \$7 per week, and we will feed 98 students each week.

The cost to sponsor a single student for the 35 week effort is \$245. If you wish to sponsor all or part of a child's needs for the year, please make a tax-deductable donation of any amount. You can write a check, pay cash, or charge on your credit card. Just indicate that it is for the Backpack Ministry. To use your credit card, please fill out the yellow card in the pew on Sunday and place it in the offering plate, or email Kathy Mills, the church bookkeeper at [kathy@holy-nativity.org](mailto:kathy@holy-nativity.org) to find out what information she needs. We also have a "Square" Account to make the donation. Please see Fr. Steve or Kathy Mills for that.

You can also buy the food yourself and place it in the cart in the foyer. A list of suggested items are on the yellow card in the pew.

You can also volunteer to pack, shop, or deliver every week!

Please contact Mike Dickey at 248-6624/[mdickey@barronredding.com](mailto:mdickey@barronredding.com) or Jackie Rahn at 277-1099/[jackie5863@comcast.net](mailto:jackie5863@comcast.net) for more information.



## “FOOD FOR FURRY FRIENDS”

### Benefits The Bay County Humane Society

The Holy Nativity Episcopal Church’s 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. 8<sup>th</sup>. The drop-off box will be inside the Kid’s Kingdom Building. The Humane Society will pick-up all collected items and the Children’s Choir is quite excited about their annual ‘service project’. Please bring your donations on or before October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Leashes of all size

Peanut Butter

Washcloths, Bath and Hand Towels

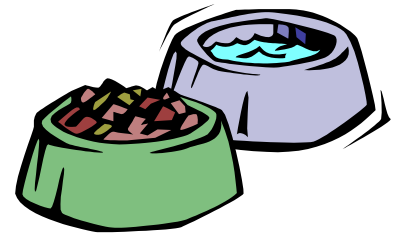
Paper Towels & Toilet Paper

Brown Paper & Plastic Shopping Bags

33-Gallon & Tall Kitchen Trash Bags

Liquid Laundry Soap

Low-Dust Cat Litter



## New Hospitality Committee Orientation Meeting

October 26, 2014 at 9:15 am

Calling all Greeters and Ushers!  
(And anyone interested!)

“One of the most difficult things to do in life is  
to walk into a church for the very first time.”

Let’s make every visitor that walks through our  
doors welcome and at home!



**Sunday 2:00 am  
October 26, 2014  
Don’t miss church!**

**CAJUN LOW COUNTRY BOIL  
SUPPER CLUB MIXER  
OCTOBER 19, 2014  
6:00 PM**



**Sign up at the Supper Club table in the  
foyer to come to the Mixer and to be in a  
Supper Club Group!**

**BayLights at Beckwith!  
An event fundraiser to benefit  
Beckwith Camp and Retreat  
Center**

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
4:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Low Country Boil 6:00 pm

Featuring: the Modern Eldorados  
Bring your lawn chair and  
sit by the bay!

\$100 raffle ticket admits two for  
dinner, drinks, music, door prizes,  
and an opportunity to win \$5,000!

Look in Battin Hall for the display  
and someone selling tickets!

**Wine Women and Backpacks  
October 30, 2014  
5:30 pm**



All ladies are invited!  
Meet in the food pantry room to stuff  
98 backpacks, bring your favorite  
wine, and then off to local restaurant  
for dinner!





- Oct. 1 P. J. Saluto, Edwin Stewart
- 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 Anna Smith
- Oct. 10 Sherry Davis, Rileigh Hickman
- Oct. 11 Mike Cazalas, Chris Mills, Edward  
San Juan, Julian Scott
- Oct. 12 Ann Yessman
- Oct. 13 Lance Sheffield, Jeff Watson,  
Michael Watts
- Oct. 14 Candace Leebrick
- Oct. 16 Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll,  
Emmarie Duncan
- Oct. 18 Beverly McDaniel, Phillip Pack,  
Wayland Patterson, Mike Zinszer
- Oct. 19 Emi Hickman
- Oct. 20 Cameron Johnson, Edwina McLane
- Oct. 21 Matthew Bruhn
- Oct. 22 Alice Allen, Sharon Carroll
- Oct. 23 Remy Godwin
- Oct. 24 Tom Hairston
- Oct. 25 Ben Bradford, Gerry Clemons,  
Jennifer Josten
- Oct. 26 Matheson Crelling
- Oct. 27 Tyler Shores
- Oct. 28 Betty Grammer, Mike Harding,  
Abigail Russell
- Oct. 29 Russell Knowles, Katy McClain,  
Theresa Townsend
- Oct. 30 Emily Brock, Mark Godwin, Charles  
Knowles
- Oct. 31 Jack Thompson

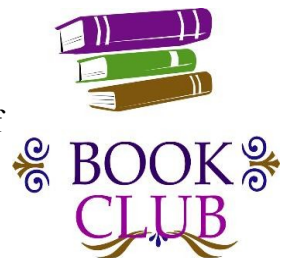


- Oct. 7 Bill and Ashley Eaton
- Oct. 9 Tommy and Jewell Harding
- Oct. 10 John and Lynn Sarno
- Oct. 13 Matt and Casey Cole
- Oct. 15 Bill and Katy Bradford  
Tim and Renee Madden
- Oct. 20 Scott and Katie Wattenbarger
- Oct. 24 Carl and Anne Harris
- Oct. 25 Conway and Nancy Reeder

### Kindle/Book Club

Everyone is invited to join the  
Kindle/Book Club!

They meet every 4th Monday of  
the month at 5:30 pm at Panera  
Bread by the Mall for dinner  
and then at 6:30 pm in the  
Church Office/Parish House for  
book discussion!



*October:* Fever Man about Appalachicola's Dr. John  
Gorrie, inventor of air conditioning. By V. M.  
Sherlock.

*November:* Heaven Is For Real by Lynn Vincent and  
Todd Burpo.

*December:* Share a Book Party. Bring your choice  
book to tell us about.

*January:* Traitor's Wife, a novel about Benedict  
Arnold's wife, by Allison Pataki.

*February:* Sugar Queen by Sarah Addison Allen, a  
Southern novel.

*March:* Evensong by Gail Godwin. A woman priest  
married to a male priest.

## Children's Ministry Schedule October 2014

October	<b>Sunday School 9:15 am</b> Gather in Kids' Kingdom	<b>Children's Church 10:30</b> In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the wor- ship 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 Volun- teer.
5	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Sharon and Robert Carroll 784-6961	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
12	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Kathy Brust 814-8014 Tiffany Ennis 319-4268	Kaew Sumpton 814-8014
19	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Jenny and Tony Collier 215-6554	Pat Spangler 215-5247
26	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Trey Hutt 819-7934 Charlie Commander 819-5850	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Have the children and youth told you about our Sunday School Field Trip to the Panama City Central Fire Station? We visited there on the Sunday after September 11<sup>th</sup> to recall the service and sacrifice of those who died while dutifully trying to save others. To show our appreciation, we took cookies and doughnuts for the fire-fighters and said "thank you" many, many times. Michael Watts was remarkably articulate in explaining why we were there and in thanking them for allowing us to feel safe and secure knowing they are on call to help us. Moreover, we thanked God for their bravery and willingness to serve. Just as we were finishing our tour, excitement broke out as an alarm sounded announcing an actual fire call. We were escorted out in a hurry, making our field trip quite an adventure.

Please note the accompanying pictures. We at Holy Nativity can be very proud of the way our children represented us. They were very well-behaved, well-spoken, polite, and attentive...and they could obey orders and move quickly when required to do so. We can also be grateful to Coach Jeffery, who is so much fun for the children as well as the youth, to the parents who drove and brought treats and doughnuts, and to Mr. James who made extra cookies for us. We are hoping to take additional Sunday School Field Trips throughout the year. Let me know your ideas.



Beverly McDaniel

by Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

## The Chancel Choir

Fall has arrived and weekly choir rehearsals are back on schedule. October is always the month when our folders are filled with the seasonal music for Advent, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve services. 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? Also look for The Chancel Choir on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, for a special Evensong Service, as part of the regular Wednesday Evening Services.

## Rite One Choir

If you attend the 8:00 Rite I service and wish to sing with our choir, the Rite One Choir is waiting 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!

## Special Event Singers

Many people in our congregation are only available to commit to singing in the choir for limited time periods. This time of year is perfect for those who wish to sing for Lessons and Carols and/or Christmas Eve. If you plan to sing with us, PLEASE plan to begin regular Thursday rehearsals NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16. It is unfair to those who have been at every rehearsal to need to go back and review what has already been learned because someone joins us late. Everyone involved will learn their parts much better with more voices at rehearsals. Please speak with Marqua Brunette for further details. It's a busy time of year for our music ministry, but so rewarding to each of us. Feel free to talk with me if you have an interest in serving God with your voice. We look forward to your voices joining us.

## Children's Choir

The Children's Choir began rehearsing September 10<sup>th</sup> and we are off to a great start! Nearly every child returned from last season and new voices have been added. I am happy to report that three of the four new voices are younger children. This is so important to guarantee and ensure a continued Children's Choir program for years to come at Holy Nativity. The children remain enthusiastic and are already sounding nicely together. They are singing consistently in-tune and with strong, confident voices. They quickly responded to some of our familiar songs for review and we have begun new ones. This will keep all on their toes. Not all of our children are reading yet, but the older kids love to help and assist. There is always such a warm feeling of love at choir rehearsals and everyone is accepted so beautifully into the mix. They are learning songs quickly and becoming a Christ-center group of young musicians.

The Children's Choir will make their official 2014-2015 debut on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for the annual ***St. Francis Blessing of the Animals***. We have a delightful new song for this year which is sure to become a favorite for years ahead. The Children's Choir is also sponsoring their 'annual service' project, **"Food for Furry Friends"** to benefit the Humane Society. Look for details in the newsletter. Once that is over, practice will move towards Christmas Eve and the Christmas Pageant! Stay tuned.

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 – 5:10 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. Eager students in kindergarten are also welcome. 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!



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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 - Andrew Jeffery*

*Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel*

*Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith*

*Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette*

*Church Organist - John Durgan*

*Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills*

*Sexton - James Rahn*

*Nursery Attendants - Brynn Ledman, Emily Brock,  
Abigail Dingus*

## **THE VESTRY**

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector*

*Henry Breland 13-16*

*Edyth Brown 12-15*

*Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden*

*Carolyn Cramer 12-15*

*Mark Godwin - Treasurer*

*Michele Hahn 12-15 Sr. Warden*

*Mike Harding 13-16*

*Betty Grammer 12-15*

*Brian Leebrick 14-17*

*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 11:30 am - Healing Eucharist*  
*5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist \**  
*and programs*

*\*Nursery Provided*

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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service and dinner 5:30 pm-Youth Group	2	3	4 2:00 pm-5:00 pm -Harding Anniversary Party
<b>5 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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	6	7 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	8 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM <b>5:30 pm-BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND COOKOUT!</b> 5:30 pm-Youth Group	9 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10	11
<b>12 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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	13 Office closed for Columbus Day!	14 10:00 am-Bible Seminar 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	15 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service and dinner 5:30 pm-Youth Group	16 5:30 pm-The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17	18
<b>19 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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 <b>6:00 pm-Supper Club Mixer</b>	20	21 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	22 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service and dinner 5:30 pm-Youth Group	23 5:30 pm-The Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-The Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24	25
<b>26 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost FALL BACK!!</b> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages <b>9:15: Hospitality Committee Meeting</b> 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	27 Book Club 5:30 pm-Book Club at Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	28 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	29 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service and dinner 5:30 pm-Youth Group	30 5:30 pm-Wine Women Backpacks	31 	

# Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for October 2014

Oct. 5, 2014	Oct. 12, 2014	Oct. 19, 2014	Oct. 26, 2014
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Max and Joyce Dannecker, and Inge Churchill	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Hebert, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Phyllis McLawhorn, Kaew Sump-ton, and Inge Churchill	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nancy Bre-land, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica and Alex Phillips  <b>10:30 am:</b> Sandy Cic-carelli	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Ursula Hixson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Tony and Jenny Collier	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dorbre McMullen  <b>10:30 am:</b> Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Larry and Kay Young  <b>10:30 am:</b> Charlie and Cassie Commander
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Mark and Nina Godwin	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan  <b>10:30 am:</b> Dick and Nancy Hebert	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson  <b>10:30 am:</b> Charles and Mary Bonham	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Terry Jangula and Tim Pride  <b>10:30 am:</b> Steve Dick ad Bill Bradford
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker  <b>10:30 am:</b> Brian Leebrick and Joyce Dannecker	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend  <b>10:30 am:</b> Brian Leebrick and Scott Clemons	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Lou and Inge Churchill  <b>10:30 am:</b> Edyth Brown and Mike Dickey	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews  <b>10:30 am:</b> Todd Williams and Stewart Sumpton
<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder  <b>10:30 am:</b> Jack Thomp-son, Jacob Brock, Michael Watts, Paul Brust Shelby Roberson and Stevens Roberson	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Lauren Stewart  <b>10:30 am:</b> Drew Dickey, Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Andrew Collier, Hannah Hickman	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder  <b>10:30 am:</b> Ben Bradford, Joseph Thompson, Camryn Commander, Grace Ennis, James Thompson	<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Lauren Stewart  <b>10:30 am:</b> Sean Dickey, Ginny Leebrick, Chappell Syfrett, Kate Leebrick, Beka Leebrick
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Michael Lovchuk	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Lisa McLendon	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Daniel Melzer	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Holly Melzer
<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Teresa Durgan	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Barbara Knowles	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Natasha Lithway	<b>Tablecloth Ministry:</b> Nancy Hebert



**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