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Wonderful Wednesdays will resume September 4th!

- 4:45 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Casual *five-thirty* Holy Eucharist
Followed by supper and programs!
(Menu: Hamburgers and Hotdogs)
- 6:30 pm "Godly Play" for the younger children
"Club 45" for children 4th and 5th Grade
Youth Group 6th—12th Grade
Adult Choir Rehearsal (starting Lessons and Carols rehearsal)



Acolyte News!



We have a need for Torch Acolytes!
Please contact Beth Brock at
bethbrock96@comcast.net if you are interested
in becoming an acolyte or to ask questions.

Acolyte Training Day
Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 6:25 pm – 6:50 pm
Please plan to attend for training or refresher.

How our world changes! Youth Group is Back!

Wednesday night youth group for youth 6th grade through 12 grade.

We will be doing our usual catch-ups, chats and noise on Wednesday nights, planning a couple of events and looking at impacting our community!

We are hoping to get across to Diocesan youth events...
Happening Youth Event is in Daphne, AL in Feb 2020!

If you have or need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me
aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org or 850-319-1953.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Fr. Tom every Sunday morning at 9:15 am!

YeeHaa!! After ten months of post-Hurricane Michael exile to Battin Hall, our adult Sunday School class is at long last back to meeting in the Library. Still neatening up work to be done in there, but plenty of space, new carpet, new walls, new ceiling, new lights, new paint, it's all good and getting better, best. Remember, we meet between Sunday morning services, 9:15 to 10:15 in Mary Stuart Poole Library, down the brick road, past Smith Pavilion, under the oak tree to the library building. Come one and all, college age up. No registration, no homework, just study and fun chat. Sometimes out of control, usually somewhat orderly.

Generally, we invest our hour in Bible study looking at one or more lectionary readings for the Sunday, with varying approaches, often a modern Bible study technique that's some combination of historical, source, textual, redaction criticism and open discussion; with no question that cannot be raised and no subject that cannot be explored. For a Sunday or two, we're going to be looking at history of the Bible coming together, language of the scriptures, recognition and acceptance, closing the OT and NT canons, and translations into various languages over Time such that we have what we have today, which includes hundreds of translations into various languages worldwide, and several dozen English language translations, ancient and modern.

Come, come early, come late as most of us do, bring your coffee from the church kitchen and wander over to join us.





Greetings for Reverend Steve

Some of you may be aware of an annoying and frequent phenomenon happening from those who make a living hacking clergy email accounts and requesting money. This whole thing started about two years ago and almost every clergy person I know has been affected. The hackers will create an email address that is similar (but not exact) to my own address and then send emails to address they're able to extract from our parish website. Sometimes they'll even copy and paste things like my photo to the email to make it seem more legitimate. I am, however, grateful to the hackers for using a 15-year-old photograph.

Please know that I will never solicit money from you via email. If you receive something from me that doesn't seem quite right, please feel free to call me to confirm if it was me or not. I imagine it takes a certain level of intelligence and skill for these hacker idiots to pull this off, but unfortunately there seems to be a whole industry of people who simply want to make a living by taking advantage of others.

Blessings,
Steve+

2019 September Children's Ministry by Beverly McDaniel

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Godly Play Storytellers and Doorkeepers Nursery Volunteer for 3rd Sunday 10:30 Worship Service Club 45 Volunteers

The Blessing of the Backpacks/Rally Day was extra special for Children's Ministry this year because we were able to meet in our own spaces for the first time since Hurricane Michael. Although we still have work to do, the Godly Play and the Nursery room are recognizable as such. Many thanks go to Sandy Ciccarelli, Kaew Sumpton, and Katie Wattenbarger for their contributions toward restoration of the Nursery, and we could not have cleared Battin Hall of all of our furniture, books, boxes, etc. without the hard work and heavy lifting of Liz and Miracle Matt Ward (He can fix anything!), and Isaac; James and Joseph Thompson, Tyler and Ashley Shores, the Leebrick Sisters: Ginny, Beka, and Kate; Ella Ennis, and of course, AJ Jeffery. Club 45 (for 4th and 5th grades) will have their own room in the two-story building so we will need more volunteers with good backs when it is ready.

Please notice the openings for volunteers mentioned above. The storm and resulting loss of rooms slowed development of Godly Play teachers but those of you who attended the training day last year and understand Montessori philosophy and practices will be ready to teach after observing Liz, Florencia Pereira, Lindsey Crelling, Karen Shores, and...Ivan Pereira. We will be calling on many of you to contribute time, talent, and innovative ideas for advancing our children's Christian Education. I believe that you will be blessed indeed to work with our Holy Nativity children...and their parents. As always, your questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome by phone/text (850-832-8324), or email (bmcdaniel00@aol.com).



Sept. 1 John Durgan
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn, Julia McLane
 Sept. 4 Liam Cramer
 Sept. 5 Phyllis Walker
 Sept. 6 Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson
 Sept. 7 Pat Spangler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole, Susan Young
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, Gene Wicker
 Sept. 11 Emma Crelling
 Sept. 12 Syndey Fuller, John McLendon
 Sept. 13 Grady Oenbrink
 Sept. 14 Tom Weller
 Sept. 16 Chad Barton
 Sept. 17 James Cosper
 Sept. 18 Richard Bruhn, Jennifer Gailfoil, Victoria Williams
 Sept. 19 Rob Doll
 Sept. 20 Lucy Dozar, Anne Harris
 Sept. 22 Eric Berry
 Sept. 23 Powell Ennis
 Sept. 25 Donna Jangula, Eric Stewart
 Sept. 26 William Cantrell, Olivia Clemons, David Smith
 Sept. 28 Charles Coley
 Sept. 29 Mia Carroll, Denis Healey, Oliver Pettis, Samuel Shores
 Sept. 30 Judi Lawrence



Sept. 2 Bob and Judy Hughes
 Sept. 8 William and Monica Cramer
 Sept. 11 A.J. and Emma Jeffery
 Sept. 12 John and Susan Messer
 Sept. 14 Lou and Inge Churchill
 Sept. 16 Aaron and Karen Shores
 Sept. 17 Greg and Amy Russell
 Sept. 27 Henry and Nancy Breland
 Sept. 29 Dan and Robin Finley
 Doug and Caroline Smith
 Sept. 30 Terry and Donna Jangula

BAYLIGHTS

September 27 - 29, 2019

A Weekend of Fun & Fellowship in Support of Beckwith!

Friday Sept. 27th - 6:30pm

Undercroft Cafe and Sean of the South

Saturday Sept. 28th

Youth and family activities all day - 12:00pm Bishop's BBQ - 2:00pm Diocesan Ultreya

Live ticket draw down for a chance to win 7 nights in Tuscany, Italy or the Caribbean Island of Antigua with \$2,500

Silent Auction available starting at noon - vacation homes, weekend retreats, trips, hunting, fishing, art

5:00pm Ticket draw down and Music with Rock Bottom
Sunday Sept. 29th - 10:00am Closing Eucharist

Registration is Open! Go to BeckwithAL.com/Baylights
We have Draw Down tickets at Holy Nativity for purchase! \$100 each
See Fr. Steve or Madge to purchase draw down tickets!



September Calendar

- Sept. 1: 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am: Adult Sunday School
10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite Two
- Sept. 4: 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm: five-thirty service followed by Supper
6:30 pm: Children's and Youth programs
Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Sept. 8: 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am: Adult Sunday School
10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite Two
- Sept. 10: 6:00 pm: EfM Alumni Dinner and program
- Sept. 11: 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm: five-thirty service followed by Supper
6:25 pm: Acolyte Training
6:30 pm: Children's and Youth programs
Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Sept. 12: 2:00 pm Supper at Grace volunteer time
- Sept. 15: 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am: Sunday School
10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite Two
- Sept. 17: 2:00 pm - Book Club
5:30 pm: Cookie Decorating Class
- Sept. 18: 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm: five-thirty service followed by Supper
6:30 pm: Children's and Youth programs
Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Sept. 22: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am: Sunday School
Vestry Meeting
10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite Two
- Sept. 25: 4:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm: five-thirty service followed by Supper
6:30 pm: Children's and Youth programs
Adult Choir Rehearsal

Cookie Decorating Class Scheduled! September 17, 2019 5:30 pm DATE CHANGE!



Jamie, the head pastry chef at Buster C's Cookies will be teaching us how to back and decorate those beautiful butter cookies (regular and gluten-free options) just in time for tailgating and the holidays.

The cost is \$30 a person and your bottle of wine to share. Please RSVP to Nina Godwin at nwgodwin@gmail.com.

A Note from Mary Ellen Harding

Dear Holy Nativity Family,

Words seem inadequate to express the gratitude Mike and I feel towards everyone in our church family for your notes, words of encouragement, visits and of course your generosity!

We are trying to settle into our new normal in Tallahassee. If you are ever over this way we would love to see you. There will be visits back to Panama City at which time we will delight in seeing each of you again.

Blessings,
Mary Ellen Harding

Prayer changed our lives. Thank you!
John 14:13

Mark Your Calendar for October Events!

October 2: St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Pets

5:30 pm - followed by supper
If your pet can't attend, bring a photo!



Please join us for A Community Service of Healing and Thanksgiving

Commemorating the first anniversary of Hurricane Michael

October 10th • 6:00 pm

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church

All are Welcome! Community Supper to follow!

October 20: Pig Roast For Beckwith! Sunday at 5:00 pm

Come and enjoy a wonderful meal and all in support of our Diocesan Camp, Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center in Fairhope, AL!



Laundry Love Ministry Clean Clothes Matter Love and Dignity

Every other month Holy Nativity's ministry, Laundry Love, is held 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at The Wash Depot on 11th street right by the Public Library. We share our Laundry Love time with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. They provide volunteers the other months.

Our eager volunteers show up, set up an area with a table in the sitting area where we provide quarters, laundry detergent, and other cleaning supplies to whoever comes in and needs a little help. Always on hand are some snacks and water to give out, along with coloring books and crayons for the children.

They have encountered all kinds of people with their own story. A young lady that came in with no shoes who lives in her car. A man who has been out on a fishing trip for 18 days. A family of 5 who had bags and bags of clothes to wash. Many people displaced after the hurricane and living in substandard trailers. For the family of five we gave them around \$38 in quarters to wash and dry their laundry. The ministry spends around \$300 on average a month.

If you would like to be part of this important ministry to our community, please contact David Smith at 850-774-6475 or david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com. If you would like to donate toward this ministry, please note on your check to Holy Nativity, "Laundry Love".

"If I had clean clothes people would treat me like a human being."

Established 2003 in Ventura California, Laundry Love (LL) washes the clothes and bedding of low/no income families and person(s) across the U.S. Partnering with diverse groups and laundromats nationwide, we brighten the lives of thousands of people each month through love, dignity, and detergent. Please go to laundrylove.org to find out more about this nationwide ministry.

Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Bryon Matthews, Karen Tucker	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phil- lips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Danneck- er, Gene and Kath- leen Wicker
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Brad- ford	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Alan and Jeannette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jan- gula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Susan and Chris Young	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Ian Crel- ling	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Ken and Hannah Davis	Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Walker 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and Mi- chael Fuller	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: D. W. and Jani Smith
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and The- resa Townsend 10:30 am: George McInnis and Lisa McLendon	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: TBA	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Jo- anne MacPhee 10:30 am: TBA	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: TBA	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: TBA
Acolytes 10:30 am: Paul Brust, Grady Oen- brink, Emma Crel- ling, Finn Oen- brink	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jenny, Bekah, Kate Lee- brick, Payton Lam, Ashtyn Williams (shadow)	Acolytes 10:30 am: Grace Ennis, Lauren and Carson Berry, Celia Stamps	Acolytes 10:30 am: James Thompson, Bailey and Will Melzer, Isaac Ward	Acolytes 10:30 am: Tyler Shores, John, Alex, Tom Moore
Lector at 10:30 am	Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am TBA
Tablecloth Ministry: Shani Lee	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crel- ling	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick



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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

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Director of Music - John Durgan
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Nursery Attendants - Kimberly Gailfoil, Catherine Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Tricia Berry - 18-21
Beth Brock- 16-19
Ian Crelling 16-19
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Mike Harding 17-20
Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden

Brian Leebrick 18-21
George McInnis 17-20 Sr. Warden
Ivan Pereira 18-21
Mary Ellen Pettis-18-21
Kelly Roberson 17-20
Madge Smith - Clerk
Joy Thompson 16-19

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*
