



the NATIVITY Scene

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Fr. Tom: Adult Sunday School

The covid has changed a lot about what happens in life, what we do and how we do things. One change has been in our Sunday morning adult Sunday School class. We've gone from a usual Sunday morning gathering of twenty or more to nine or a dozen, sometimes just a few of us. We do appropriate social spacing, and we open doors for air circulation, and some are wearing facemasks. I'm guilty of not wearing a mask during class, and I won't make an excuse for that and I'll do better one way or other.

We also have been streaming our Sunday School class sessions via iPhone and whatever technology is involved. That has been of mixed success. The sessions are "saved" and when I later go online to watch the saved sessions, the video is okay, but almost invariably the sound, the audio, has been totally unsatisfactory. Even allowing for my aged hearing and earphones, the sound is objectively too dim to understand, which is frustrating to try to "attend" and enjoy. Because of this, I'm contemplating knocking off the live streaming, and I'd appreciate hearing from anyone who's tried to watch. If nobody comments, I'll take that as concurrence that it's not proved worthwhile.

Here's another thing. For the Sunday School class, I've been posting on my +Time blog and emailing out to class members, every Monday,

the lectionary Propers (Bible readings) for the upcoming Sunday, along with anything extra I might want to say. That is finished now. As of January 1, 2021, the diocese and Episcopal Church are again doing the Good Book Club that we did several years ago, starting with the Gospel according to Mark. I'll be the contact person for HNEC. My intent is to publish each day on my +Time blog ("Father Tom's Blog" that is linked on HNEC webpage holy-nativity.org), the day's designated reading from Mark, along with whatever commentary, either something I want to say, or, if available, a link to something the bishop or presiding bishop has published. I think the covid sheltering is a great opportunity to do something like this, and I'm looking forward to it (although I'm not intending to continue after the study of Mark). Again, my plan is to write something to go along with each daily reading from Mark, publish it in my +Time blog (plasmorettime.blogspot.com), link each day's post on my Facebook page as usual, plus link each day's posting on our Holy Nativity Episcopal Church Facebook page.

So, those two things going and ongoing for Adult Christian Education at HNEC!

Pax
Tom+



- Jan. 1 Sylvia Mormile
- Jan. 2 Julia McArthur, Edwina McLane
- Jan. 3 Peggy McLane
- Jan. 4 Beth Brock, Cynthia Fuller
- Jan. 5 Juliette Josten, P.D. Landreth
- Jan. 7 Doug Messer
- Jan. 8 Mitch Leonard, Carolyn Parell
- Jan. 10 Logan Sheffield
- Jan. 11 Nina Godwin
- Jan. 13 Stacy Herring, Michelle Niziol, Katie Wattenbarger, Todd Williams
- Jan. 14 Jeffrey Ice, Karen Seubert
- Jan. 16 John Darrah, Kristina Dick
- Jan. 18 Brynn Ledman, Liz Ward
- Jan. 19 Brody Fuller
- Jan. 23 Kathy Brust
- Jan. 24 Liz Smith
- Jan. 26 Jay McRae
- Jan. 27 Robin Finley, Bob McLendon, Mary Troxell
- Jan. 28 Rhonda Miller, Beatrice Provencher, Austin Syfrett
- Jan. 30 Janae Syfrett



- Jan. 1 Max and Kirsten McCord
- Jan. 7 Charles and Melissa Coley
- Jan. 9 Johnny and Elizabeth Moore
- Jan. 12 Alvin Peters and Cecile Scoon
- Jan.. 16 Robert and Ashley Ice
- Jan. 22 Wes and Anna Eberhard
- Jan. 23 Edward and Mary Kathryn San Juan
- Jan. 28 Stewart and Kaew Sumpton

Not ready to return to in person church?

Online Offerings:

- Sunday 9:15 am Adult Sunday School
- Sunday 10:30 am service
- Wednesday 5:30 pm service

You can go directly to our Facebook page or go to www.holy-nativity.org/echurch and click on the "view live services" tab. Look for reminder's in your email and on Facebook.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

Our Wednesday Night Activities will resume February 3, 2021



- 5:30 pm: Casual Eucharist in the Pavilion
- 6:00 pm: Supper
- 6:30 pm: Programs for all ages



**January 24, 2021
9:15 am
Look for more information soon!**

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for January 2021

Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Roupp, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker
Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill, Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Hutt and Wes Eberhard	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
NOT ACTIVE DURING PANDEMIC				
Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Nancy Breland	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker
Acolytes for 10:30 Ashtyn Williams	Acolytes for 10:30 Leebricks	Acolytes for 10:30 Leebricks	Acolytes for 10:30 Leebricks	Acolytes for 10:30 Lauren Berry
Lector at 10:30 am Jenny Collier	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Mike Harding	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk
Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:
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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

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Director of Music - John Durgan
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Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Deana Gailfoil
Nursery Attendants - Emily Brock & Kaew Sumpton*

THE VESTRY

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Tricia Berry - 18-21
Ian Crelling 16-20
Tiffany Ennis 16-20
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 16-20
Gene Wicker 20-23*

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I
9:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II*

Wednesday 5:30 pm - five-thirty casual service followed by supper and programs
