



the NATIVITY Scene

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2021



Due to the pandemic, our services and events might have changed. We will follow the Diocesan guidelines of social distancing and wearing masks when inside the church buildings.

- Mar 28 **Palm Sunday** (service begins in the courtyard)
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Children's Chapel (Live on Facebook)
- Mar 29-31 **Morning Prayer** at 7:30 am
Join us in the church Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for Morning Prayer. A great way to start your day during Holy Week.
- Mar 31 **Stations of the Cross** at 6:00 pm (Online only service)
A devotion consisting of prayers and meditations observing the final hours and events of the Passion of Jesus. This service will not be in person and you can view it online.
- Apr 1 **Maundy Thursday** Service at 6:00 pm (Live on Facebook)
This service of Holy Eucharist will commemorate the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.
- Apr 2 **Good Friday** Service at 12 noon (Live on Facebook)
This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament.
- Apr 4 **Easter Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two (Live on Facebook)
An additional service is being added for Easter Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Kids can expect special Easter treats in lieu of our annual Easter egg hunt.

*For any questions about any of these services, please contact the office at 747-4000
or madge@holy-nativity.org.*

Adult Christian Education: Father Tom

Last week of February and I'm writing this on a clear, blue day, from 7H looking south across St Andrews Bay over the white sand beach of Shell Island and into the Gulf of Mexico as it disappears over the horizon. Our doors are open wide to a gentle breeze in the sixties, and Spring is as much at hand as the kingdom of God. It's hard to imagine that here in America people froze to death in last week's bitter cold weather, but it happened: how can we reconcile that with how we see ourselves as a nation - - not looking for an answer, it's a rhetorical question. Or, more apt, a theological one.

We are having our adult Sunday School class on schedule every week, 9:15 to 10:15 in the parish library, through the double doors of the single story building at the end of the yellowing brick road just past Smith Pavilion. On these five Sundays in Lent, our first few minutes are devoted to Confirmation Class, which, seeing that nobody registered with Madge to be confirmed when the bishop comes on Mothers' Day, we have reconfigured as Confirmation Lite. Without the booklet and presentations of prior years, Confirmation Lite is a topic brief.

Sunday Lent One, a chat about our call as Christians: love God love Neighbor, Jesus' Summary of the Law, the "Will You?" questions of the Baptismal Covenant, and our Scripture, Tradition & Reason Anglican approach to theology, sin and the Bible.

Sunday Lent Two, our dominical sacraments Baptism and Holy Communion, including what we've lost about both in the covid pandemic, sharing the water with the congregation, and the common chalice, the shared cup of Wine, the Blood of Christ; and looking for what we've gained in what we've lost.

Sunday Lent Three, we may break out EOW and the BCP and discover commonalities hidden in each of our nine Eucharistic Prayers, as well as distancing from medieval theology of Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer.

Sundays Lent Four and Five, it's pretty informal, so who knows! Come and see! Or turn on and tune in, it's all being live-streamed on HNEC Facebook page.

Sunday Lent Six is Palm Sunday, so we may do something different, possibly something outrageous.

With covid precautions, attendance has been light, we social distance properly, there's plenty of room at the table for three or four more people. For everyone who's being especially cautious, it's all available live on our parish Facebook page; and Madge is saving each session so anyone who wants to can watch it later; which is what I do on Sunday afternoons or Monday mornings.

Starting each session with our Bible Quiz from the Sunday PCNH, then the Collect for the Day, Confirmation Lite, then after ten or fifteen minutes we phase into our regular Sunday School class of Bible study, on the view that Bible study is the most important, most interesting, and most fun part of what we do as gathered Episcopalians; which is itself central to confirmation training.

Tom+

Wonderful Wednesdays!

(Wonderful Wednesdays are on a tentative schedule due to the cold weather. Please check your emails with updates).



5:30 pm: Casual Eucharist

6:00 pm: Supper (Soup Suppers during Lent!)

6:30 pm: Programs for all ages

We need your soup!! On Wednesday nights in Lent (not March 17th due to Spring Break) you can sign up to bring your favorite soup/stew! The sign up sheet is on the table in the church kitchen area or email Madge at madge@holy-nativity.org.



March is on!

Come and see us Wednesday night in the pavilion or message us!

Confirmation classes have begun and we are looking forward to Bishop Russell's visit in May.

If you are interested in learning the Live Stream system please let us know.

Stay safe, health and see you soon.

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Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Supper!



The Baptismal Covenant, Page 304 in the Book of Common Prayer

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
- People* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* I will, with God's help.

Children's Ministry March 2021 By Beverly McDaniel

Unlike most holidays, Easter does not sneak up on us. Observing Lent keeps us aware of the season and what it means to us as Christians. We are devoting ourselves to contemplating Jesus's life on earth and his suffering and crucifixion. Lent gives even greater impact and joy to the celebration of his glorious resurrection. Isn't that the point of Lent?

Easter has become not just a religious observance but a secular holiday as well. The restrictions made necessary by the pandemic have not affected our Lenten practices. More than likely, the reduction of social and other events actually provides more opportunities for introspection and evaluation. The secular trimmings that go with Easter are easily adapted, but not so with our religious traditions. Almost all of our Easter traditions involve fellowship, being together, showing love for each other...and we at Holy Nativity believe that these are especially important for our children. Although we won't be singing "Little Gray Donkey" on Palm Sunday, and there won't be a big Easter Egg Hunt, we want Easter to be special for them. We want to make it "meaningful and memorable" for them.

Please talk with your children at home about Lent, how Jesus was mistreated and he felt sadness and sorrow like we do. He did not have to bear that, but he did it for us. Ask them questions not just for facts; probe their spirituality. Then enjoy celebrating the Easter Resurrection with them. Be sure to say the "Alle____" word a lot.





Mar. 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell,
David Grossman
 Mar. 6 Catherine Churchill
 Mar. 8 Terrell Hartzog
 Mar. 9 Cassie Casady, Alex Lovchuk,
Sam McLane
 Mar. 10 Andrew Collier, Cole Jansenius
 Mar. 12 Tom Caldwell, Oliver
Provencher
 Mar. 14 Russell Brock, Noah Patterson
 Mar. 15 Lauren Presser
 Mar. 18 William Cramer
 Mar. 19 Boyd Faison
 Mar. 21 Laney Lee
 Mar. 22 Tommy Harding, Kay Young
 Mar. 24 Nancy Breland, Georgie
Hartzog
 Mar. 25 Michael Hauser
 Mar. 26 Teresa Durgan
 Mar. 27 Anda Gagnet, Paul Hunt,
Nicolas Pereira
 Mar. 28 George McInnis
 Mar. 31 Grace Smith



Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway
 Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores
 Mar. 10 Sean and Natalie Lathrop
 Mar. 11 Nathan and Bethany Nowak
 Mar. 15 Jimmy and Sue White
 Mar. 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker
 Mar. 23 Brent and Lori Faison
 Mar. 27 Bob and Lisa McLendon

Important Websites for you to visit!

[Holy Nativity Episcopal Church | Panama City, FL \(holy-nativity.org\)](http://holy-nativity.org)

[The Online Book of Common Prayer \(bcponline.org\)](http://bcponline.org)

[Home | Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast | United States \(diocgc.org\)](http://diocgc.org)

[Home – The Episcopal Church](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

[BECKWITH - HOME \(beckwithal.com\)](http://beckwithal.com)

<https://www.wilmerhall.org>

[Murray House Assisted Living \(murrayhouseliving.com\)](http://murrayhouseliving.com)

**ARRIVE FOR THE PROCESSION,
NOT JUST THE RECESSION**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS MARCH 14TH**

memegenerator.net

**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.

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for March 2021

Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28 Palm Sunday
Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris	Altar Guild: Dan and Robin Finley, Joanne MacPhee, Nancy Roupp	Altar Guild: Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Max and Joyce Dannecker	Altar Guild: Joanne MacPhee and Kaew Sumpton
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
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Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Nancy Breland	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Laura Johnson 10:30 am: George McInnis	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Edyth Brown
Acolytes for 10:30 Lauren Berry	Acolytes for 10:30 John Moore	Acolytes for 10:30 Tyler Shores	Acolytes for 10:30 Stevens and Shelby Roberson
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:
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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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Sexton - Deana Gailfoil
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THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
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Kelly Roberson 2022
Madge Smith - Clerk
John Thompson 2024
Gene Wicker 2023

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

<i>Sunday 8:00 a.m. -</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite I</i>
<i>9:15 a.m. -</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>10:30 a.m. -</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite II</i>
<i>Wednesday 5:30 pm -</i>	<i>five-thirty casual service fol-</i>
<i>lowed</i>	<i>by supper and programs</i>