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# the NATIVITY *Scene*

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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

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## **Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Series 2022**

### ***The Footsteps of Jesus***

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a virtual pilgrimage of the Holy Land led by the staff of St. George's College in Jerusalem. A couple of years ago several of us from Holy Nativity travelled to Israel as part of the "Footsteps of Jesus" course. It was my hope that we could do this again this summer but until the pandemic is further behind us, the timing didn't seem right. This virtual pilgrimage features many of the sites we visited and is led by the faculty who led our course. Hopefully another trip can be planned for next year. If you have any potential interest in a Holy Land Pilgrimage, you won't want to miss this. Each video is approximately 15 minutes long which will leave us time for questions, discussions and of course, fellowship. Steve+

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Jerusalem

March 16<sup>th</sup> – No programs or  
worship (Spring Break)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bethlehem

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Nazareth and Galilee

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Jesus: Death,  
Resurrection and Ascension

Each Wednesday

Worship – 5:30

Soup Supper – 6:00

**Soup Sign up sheet is in the  
foyer**

Program – 6:30



## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm**



We will feast on pancakes, sausages, and gumbo before Lent begins!

Find the baby in the King's Cake and you will win reserved seating and parking on Easter Sunday!

Donations will be accepted.  
We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and to clean up afterwards.  
A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

## **Ash Wednesday Services**



**March 2nd**

**7:30 am and 6:00 pm  
with imposition of ashes.**  
(No Wednesday Night dinner  
or programs)

## **Bishop's visit and Confirmation Classes scheduled!**

Bishop Russell will be here on Mothers Day, May 8th for his visit and for Confirmations and Receptions at the 10:30 am service.

Confirmation Classes will start March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. Please call the church office at 850-747-4000 or email Madge at [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org). Youth and adults will have their own classes.



## Adult Christian Education: Fr Tom

Our first Confirmation Class half-session will be Sunday, March 6th. "Half-session" because it will be the first half of our regular Sunday School hour, a half-hour of Episcopal-101, then the second half of our 9:15 to 10:15 gathering will be our regular Bible study so that there is no mistake in anyone's mind about what comes first in the Episcopal Church! Scripture, Tradition, and Reason, with Scripture always first, foremost and prime. And it will be an opportunity for folks to experience the Bible in our church.

We anticipate having four such half-sessions, the last three to be scheduled to accommodate folks who are interested in being Confirmed when the bishop comes in May. They'll be scheduled to avoid other calendar commitments, including when I'm preaching and including the Parish Retreat at Beckwith in April.

**And now I have a question....** Linda and I are no longer coming out to the Wonderful Wednesdays, because after a great deal of uneasiness anyway, and then one scary event at sunset and dusk into dark, we are avoiding driving after dark. But we're missing the Wednesday mid-week fellowship at church. So, **I'm wondering if there are others who don't come out Wednesday evenings and are missing it**, who would come to a midweek mid-day event? Say, Wednesday noons from maybe 11:00 to 12:30, that included, briefly, Eucharist, Bible Study of the Sunday's Readings, and Lunch? If several folks would like to commit to this for, say, a couple of months to try it out, I'll organize it, mentor it, and provide the lunch. Anyone, it doesn't have to be elderly. If you are interested, please tell me [twellerpc@gmail.com](mailto:twellerpc@gmail.com) or madge [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org) and if there's enough response I'll work it out.

### We're ready to start up Supper Club "Dining Out" again!

We will gather at Alice's on Bay View on Sunday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m. We'll start with cocktail time and then grab a seat for a nice Dutch-treat dinner. While we are together we can mull over the plans for Supper Club. This is adults only and we ask that you sign up so that we can have an idea of how many we will be. For those concerned with the closeness/exposure of a restaurant, we will have the restaurant to ourselves and plenty of space. There is also an outdoor dining area. Alice is normally closed on Sunday evening but will open just for us. Please call or text Mary Ellen Pettis at 850-628-4700 or email at [trespiscs522@gmail.com](mailto:trespiscs522@gmail.com). We are looking forward to rekindling some of that wonderful Holy Nativity fellowship that some of us have been missing terribly since Covid interrupted our lives.

## Backpack Food Ministry

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Backpack Buddies through the Souper Bowl contest. It is a tremendous help as our numbers continue to rise. As of February 18 we are serving 106 children per week with the expectation that more will be added.

If you would like to join the fun, we would love to have you. Those that for whatever reason cannot meet during a regular packing session are welcome to pop into the Backpack Room and pack a few bags at your convenience. Any amount of time makes a huge difference for these children!

## Laundry Love Ministry—We need volunteers!

Laundry Love™ is a nation-wide program that partners local organizations with community laundromats to help wash the clothes and bedding of anyone in need (laundrylove.org).

We share volunteer time with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church every other month on the last Thursday of the month 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Total Laundry Services on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, by the Bay County Library. We provide detergent, dryer sheets, coins for the machines, etc. Our volunteers assist in handing out the supplies. Our upcoming dates are February 24<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please think and pray about being part of this very important ministry in our community. We need volunteers and we have a great time! If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Holy Nativity and note: Laundry Love. You can also donate online through our website. Please click the other tab and note Laundry Love.

For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact David Smith at 850-774-6475 or david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com.



## Attention Church Ladies! Bunko Night Scheduled!



We are delighted to announce that we are bringing bunko back for all the ladies at the church to enjoy. The celebration committee will be hosting a get together once a month for bunko, or a cooking lesson, or an arts

and crafts tutorial on the third Tuesday of every month. Please mark your calendars for our first Bunko game on **Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30pm**. Fun, fast, and easy. Don't worry, we'll teach you how to play in two minutes. The cost is \$30 and a bottle of wine. Pizza and salad will be provided. Please reserve your spot early by calling or texting Nina Godwin (850-814-9282) or Jennifer Ethridge (850-960-6050).



Holy Nativity's Children's Choir is always recruiting new members to rehearse on Wednesday evenings (4:30) and perform on special Sundays.

Contact Leigh Gladden  
for more information!  
763-354-9316  
lgladden@hnes.us

The March is on! Cameras, Confirmation and Confinement (well a lock-in)

I will be training youth to operate the church livestream camera system, so if you want to learn just let me know or visit during Wednesday night or Sunday 10:30 services.

Youth Confirmation Classes start the March 6th, this will be an informal information session and provide some insight into the process. Just let myself or the church office know if you want to attend.



#### Dates

Intro class March 6th

No Class March 13th or 20th due to Spring Break

Instructed Eucharist with Fr. Steve April 3rd

We are trying to plan a lock-in for the youth possibly in April. What dates work for you? A Saturday night of fun and activities with some "tidy-up work" around the church Sunday before a service.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A.J. Jeffery, Youth Director  
aussie\_aj@holy-nativity.org  
850-319-1953



Children's Choir singing at 10:30 am



Ginny Leebrick serving communion with the Presiding Bishop at the Convention



A.J. Jeffery processing with our Banner during the Closing Eucharist at the Convention



# Birthdays

Mar. 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell,  
David Grossman  
 Mar. 6 Catherine Churchill, Bella  
Roberson  
 Mar. 8 Terrell Hatzog  
 Mar. 9 Cassie Casady, Alexander  
Lovchuk  
 Mar. 10 Andrew Collier, Cole Jansenius  
 Mar. 12 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. 24 Nancy Breland, Georgie  
Hartzog  
 Mar. 25 Mike Hauser  
 Mar. 26 Teresa Durgan  
 Mar. 27 Anda Gagnet, Paul Hunt,  
Nicolas Pereira  
 Mar. 28 George McInnis, Chloe  
Roberson  
 Mar. 31 Grace Smith



# Anniversaries

Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway  
 Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores  
 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



HOLY NATIVITY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FAMILY RETREAT AT CAMP BECKWITH

Friday, April 22-  
Sunday April 24, 2022

Experience the outdoors and  
fun activities all weekend!

All Ages Invited! 0-99 years  
 \$120 per person  
 (Accommodation)  
 Upgrades & Downgrades Available  
 Includes room, activities,  
 & 5 meals

Contact Church Office or Tricia Berry to register!  
 407-456-0232 TNE1025@hotmail.com



# LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE  
 FUN! A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN  
 THE CHURCH FOYER OR  
 CONTACT TRICIA BERRY  
 (INFO ABOVE)

# Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for March 2022

Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Dan and Robin Finley, Joanne MacPhee, Nancy Roupp, Tricia Berry	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Barbara Knowles	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie McInnis
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan <b>10:30 am:</b> Max and Joyce Dannecker	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> John Thomp- son and Chris Mills	<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> Tim Phillips and Tim Pride <b>10:30 am:</b> Linda Weller and Lori Bates
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Ursula Hixson <b>10:30 am:</b> Jani Smith	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Marla Church- ill <b>10:30 am:</b> Ian Crelling	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Phyllis Hunt <b>10:30 am:</b> Michael Fuller	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica Phil- lips <b>10:30 am:</b> Jani Smith
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Joanne Mac- Phee and Theresa Town- send <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe Ciccarelli and Lisa McLendon	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe Ciccarelli and Kelly Roberson	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gene and Kath- leen Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> Lisa McLen- don and Scott Clemons	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Joanne Mac- Phee and Theresa Town- send <b>10:30 am:</b> Brian Lee- brick and Nancy Breland
<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Kate Leebrick, Bailey and Will Melzer, Carson Berry	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Ashtyn Williams, Char- lotte Eberhard, Esteban Pereira, Laney Lee	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Brody Fuller, John Moore, Alex Moore, Tom Moore	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Beka Leebrick, Isaac Ward, Evan Ward, Mathison Crelling
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Tom Ledman	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Michael Lovchuk	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Holly Melzer

## Ash Wednesday Lay Ministers: March 2nd

Chalice Bearers: Theresa Townsend and Lisa McLendon

Acolytes: Kate Leebrick, Nicolas and Estaban Pereira

Ushers: Terry and Donna Jangula

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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/Video Production- AJ Jeffery*  
*Director of Music - John Durgan*  
*Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith*  
*Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel*  
*Children's Choir Director - Leigh Gladden*  
*Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills*  
*Sexton - Deana Gailfoil*  
*Nursery Attendant - Kaew Sumpton*

## **THE VESTRY**

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector*  
*Tricia Berry 2023*  
*Joe Ciccarelli 2024*  
*Ian Crelling 2022 Sr. Warden*  
*Anna Eberhard 2024*  
*Tiffany Ennis 2022*  
*Mark Godwin - Treasurer*  
*John Hutt 2024*

*Joanne MacPhee 2023*  
*Ivan Pereira 2022 Jr. Warden*  
*Kelly Roberson 2022*  
*Karen Shores 2023*  
*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 with Children's Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday 5:30 pm -</i>	<i>(Sept.-May) five-thirty casual service followed by supper and programs</i>