

March 2022 Volume 26, Issue 2

the NATIVITY Scene

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

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 9th – Jerusalem
March 16th – No programs or
worship (Spring Break)
March 23rd – Bethlehem
March 30th – Nazareth and Galilee
April 6th – 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



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: March 1st 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 6th at 9:15 am. Please call the church office at 850-747-4000 or email Madge at madge@holy-nativity.org. Youth and adults will have their own classes.



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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.

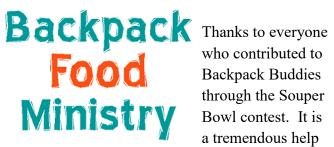
And now I have a question.... Linda and I are no longer coming out to the Wonderful Wednesdays, because after a great deal of uneasiness anyway, and then one scary event at sunset and dusk into dark, we are avoiding driving after dark. But we're missing the Wednesday mid-week fellowship at church. So, 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 or madge 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

trespisces522@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.



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!

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Laundry Love Ministry—We need volunteers!

Laundry LoveTM 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 11th 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 24th and April 28th.



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 March 2022 Page 5

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

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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





Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway

Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores

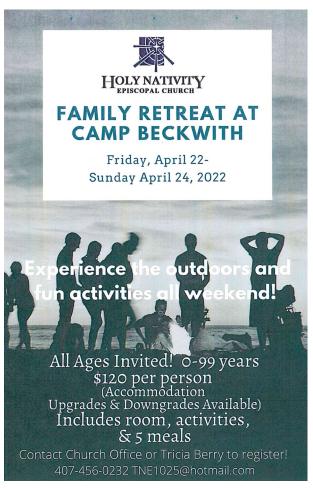
Mar. 11 Nathan and Bethany Nowak

Mar. 15 Jimmy and Sue White

Mar. 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker

Mar. 23 Brent and Lori Faison

Mar. 27 Bob and Lisa McLendon



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

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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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I
Adult Sunday School
Holy Eucharist - Rite II with
Children's Chapel

Wednesday 5:30 pm - (Sept.-May) five-thirty casual service followed by supper and

programs