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Another Step

Slowly but surely, we are returning to worship as we knew it prior to the restrictions necessitated by the pandemic. Beginning on Sunday, April 3rd we will resume using the common cup as part of communion. There will be other changes happening that day such as resumption of our corporate reading of the psalm and things you may or may not notice. And as we are able to schedule a reorientation program for acolytes, altar guild, chalice bearers and ushers (after the rush of Easter) our worship will finally return to the way we've known it.

I want to make sure that everyone remembers that at communion, receiving in one kind (bread or wine) is theologically receiving in full. If you just want to receive the bread and not the wine that's fine! If you want to receive the bread and intinct (dip) the wafer in the wine, that's fine too. I want to make sure that everyone understands that in this most holy sacrament your choice in how to receive is your choice. For the time being we will continue to stand by the chancel steps to offer the bread and wine rather than having everyone line up and kneel at the altar. Frankly, this has proven to be more time efficient and inclusive for those who might have difficulty kneeling at the altar. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

God love you,
Steve+

Steak and Bake for Wilmer Hall

May 1, 2022

5:00 pm

Join us for hot off the grill steaks, baked potatoes, and fixin's that you'd expect. Come on out to benefit a great cause, enjoy a great meal, and spend some quality time with your family and friends.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Please fill out and put in the offering plate. The cost is \$25/adults and youth and \$10/children. You can write a check or pay online through our website. Just note "Steak and Bake". More info on your sign up sheet.

The deadline is April 24th.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2022



- Apr 10 **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*)
- Apr 11-13 **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.
- Apr 13 **Stations of the Cross** at 6:00 pm
A devotion consisting of prayers and meditations observing the final hours and events of the Passion of Jesus.
- Apr 14 **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 15 **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 17 **Easter Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am Easter Brunch (Bring your favorite Easter Food!)
9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two (*Live on Facebook*)

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

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



Palm Sunday Clean Up Day!



Join us on April 10th for a church clean up day! After the 10:30 am service, we will spruce up the campus for Easter Sunday. Bring your gloves and yard tools.

Instructed Eucharist April 3, 2022 at 9:15 am

All are invited, especially our confirmation students, to join Fr. Steve as he explains about our Eucharistic traditions and why we do the things we do.



By Beverly McDaniel

Have you noticed that recently there are some changes in the worship services? In April, you may again have a choice in how you receive the Eucharist. You may continue the adaptations that we have used for best safety practices during the worst of the pandemic, or you may return to the "regular" traditional ways unrestricted by Covid protocols. Regardless of which you prefer, the how is not as important as the what and why.

Next Sunday, April 3rd, Fr. Steve will present an Instructed Eucharist in the church at 9:15. Although this was planned for the confirmation classes, everyone is welcome to come. We can ask questions, and we can recall and reaffirm our Eucharistic Communion with God and with each other. There will be a program for the children in the Godly Play room, and the nursery will be open.

The Second Sunday in April is Palm Sunday. The 10:30 service opens in the courtyard as we picture Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem riding on the back of a "Little Grey Donkey". Following the worship service, please stay for cleaning and sprucing up for Easter. Please bring old cleaning cloths. Children's Ministry areas really need damp-wiping of shelves and toys, dusting Godly Play materials, and rearranging the nursery. If possible, please plan to stay through the afternoon and we will order pizzas for lunch.

Please join us for Wonderful Wednesday Evenings for Lenten Soup Suppers after the more casual 5:30 service. Children's Choir practice is at 4:30 and they are having fun. They also sing very well, and they are getting better and better.

Our children are getting a special experience during Lent this year. Twice per week, Liz Ward is exploring the Godly Play, "Faces of Easter" series, with our children. Having the time to probe a more spiritual context of Easter, Liz expertly progresses the story in sequence on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays at Children's Church. Ask your children to tell you about it and ask what they wonder about. If they do not give you an interesting answer, let me show you pictures of how engaged they are. They are thinking, and they are wondering...the middle schoolers are as well.

The traditional Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt at Holy Nativity will be between the services. You are welcome to help by bringing plastic eggs and bags of candy to the nursery on Sundays or Wednesday a. Please leave in baskets (out of sight and out of reach) in the built-in cribs near the first door. If the eggs come pre-filled, please check to avoid chewing gum, peanuts, and small choking hazards. Many thanks go to those of you who have already agreed to help the children show kindness, respect, and love for one another. We are celebrating the resurrection of the one who gave us that rule. Thanks Be to God.

Bishop's Visit 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.

Look for more information coming soon about this wonderful Sunday.

We will also be honoring our Graduates!
If you have a high school graduate, please let us know! Contact the church office at 850-747-4000 or madge@holy-nativity.org



What? Easter is nearly here!!

The youth have been preparing Bishop Russell's visit in confirmation classes, our church is alive with the numbers of youth investigating their faith.

Please join us Palm Sunday for a Spring Spruce UP!

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!

Hope to see you over the next few busy weeks!



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Adult Christian Education: Fr Tom

"Friends 'n neighbors!" was always how Bishop Charles Duvall used to address us as he opened clergy conferences, which I attended from returning to the diocese from Pennsylvania in 1984 until about 2001 or so, maybe 2009, I don't really remember. I officially retired from parish ministry in 1998, at which point ceases a clergyman's obligation to attend clergy gatherings. You can go if you want to, let them know you're coming, but I'm not big on meetings. In fact, I'm big on No meetings. Although Monday morning Staff Meetings at Holy Nativity have been fun, both in person and our ZOOM meetings introduced by covid. Not so much the Staff Meetings we had when Arnold Bush was our Interim Rector, Arnold loved loooooonng meetings, and loooooonng sermons. Once when I told him his sermons were too long, that he lost people's attention after about twenty minutes, he just laughed and said "That's what my wife says too!" Arnold was a trip!

Anyway, friends 'n neighbors, this is my April update on adult Christian education at Holy Nativity. My adult confirmation class sessions for Spring 2022 are finished, it all concludes with Fr Steve's Instructed Eucharist in the church from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday, April 3rd, then Bishop Russell Kendrick is due here on Sunday, May 8th, which is Mothers Day.

For Adult Sunday School classes, Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:15 in Battin Hall. I am class mentor unless I am preaching, then Dr Dan Finley takes it. I usually offer some sort of discussion of one or more of the Lectionary readings for the Sunday, though I am committed to switching on the spur of the moment to anything a class member brings that the class would enjoy discussing. Dr Dan's class just finished reading Exodus, and next they are going to read and discuss Jesus' Parables.

With love and gratitude to Father Steve for calling me at my beach church office in April or May 2009 and inviting me to return to Holy Nativity, at eighty-six coming up on eighty-seven this September, I am somewhat past "beginning" to feel my age, and so over the coming months I will be cutting back on commitments, people to see, places to go, and things to do. Phasing along for the rest of this year through Christmas, I hope to still be able to help if he needs me, but I have books to read and blogposts to write. Stay tuned!

Fr Tom

Birthdays

Apr. 2 Jim Sandlin, Duncan Scott, Chris Stamps
 Apr. 3 Avery Wattenbarger
 Apr. 4 Alyssa Shores
 Apr. 5 Mac Bonham, Mason Wattenbarger
 Apr. 9 Anna McCord
 Apr. 10 Sarah Dick
 Apr. 11 Deana Gailfoil
 Apr. 13 Parker McClellan
 Apr. 16 Rich Doran, Wylie Roupp
 Apr. 18 Rosemary Cramer, Gregory Presser
 Apr. 19 Bethany Nowak, Esteban Pereira
 Apr. 20 Ben Lee
 Apr. 22 Henry Breland, Steve McClain, Joseph Parell, Stephanie Pettis, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson
 Apr. 23 Mandy Lark, Wyatt Syfrett
 Apr. 25 Ella Cole, Robert Dozer
 Apr. 26 Adam Cantrell
 Apr. 27 Faith Smith
 Apr. 28 Abram Jeffery
 Apr. 29 Bailey Melzer, Madge Smith
 Apr. 30 Alvin Peters

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

Anniversaries

Apr. 8 Joseph and Cristina Jansenius
 Apr. 9 David and Madge Smith
 Apr. 16 Max and Joyce Dannecker
 Paul and Phyllis Hunt
 Michael and Susan Young
 Apr. 17 Chad and Sunny Barton
 Apr. 20 Jim and Kelly Roberson
 Apr. 21 Chris and Kathy Mills
 Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis
 Apr. 22 Dan and Laura Johnson
 Apr. 30 Jeff and Kate Watson

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

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

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS APRIL 10TH!

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for April 2022

April 3	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 17 Easter Sunday	April 24 Parish Retreat
Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris, Katy Bradford	Altar Guild: Dan and Robin Finley, Nancy Roupp, Tricia Berry
Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Ian Crelling, Daniel Melzer, John Hutt and Trey Hutt	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Tim Pride 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills
Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Michael Fuller	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Hunt 10:30 am: Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Jani Smith
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: George McInnis and Lisa McLendon	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Nancy Breland	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Lisa McLendon and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes for 10:30 Brody Fuller, Bailey Melzer, Will Melzer, Carson Berry	Acolytes for 10:30 Beka Leebrick, Charlotte Eberhard, Evan Ward, Isaac Ward	Acolytes for 10:30 Ashytn Williams, John, Alex, and Tom Moore, Tyler Shores	Acolytes for 10:30 Tyler Shores, Grady Oenbrink, Finn Oenbrink, Laney Lee
Lector at 10:30 am Jenny Collier	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY AT 6 PM

Chalice Bearers: Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee

Acolytes: Beka and Kate Leebrick

Ushers: Terry and Donna Jangula

GOOD FRIDAY AT 12 NOON

Chalice Bearers: Joe Ciccarelli and Scott Clemons

Ushers: Terry and Donna Jangula

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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
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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>
