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**MAY 8, 2022
THE BISHOP'S VISIT
CONFIRMATIONS
HONORING OUR GRADUATES
MOTHER'S DAY**



Join us for this very special Sunday! We will have a brunch at 9:15 am in celebration of our members being confirmed or received, our graduates, and Bishop Russell's visit.

Please bring a brunch dish to share!

Confirmations and honoring our graduates will be at the 10:30 am service.



We will honor our graduates, Andrew Collier, Mark Brust, Samantha Smith, Sydney Syfrett, Hunter Lark, Zachary Cox, Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson, and Jack Thompson (graduating from FSU), Molly Grace Bradford (graduating UF Cum Laude)

If you have a graduate in your family this year, please let the church office know.
madge@holy-nativity.org or 850-747-4000.

**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.

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". If you haven't paid, you can pay at the door.

**The deadline is over but you can
contact Hercules Pettis to see if you
can still order a steak.
850-628-4007
All are welcome!**

CELEBRATION ON MAY 18TH!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 18th, our special last Wednesday Night of the season!

We will have a cookout, oysters, a waterslide for the kids, live music, and our special guests will be Bishop Russell and Eleanor Reeves and they will be here to talk about the Diocesan "Go Forward" campaign.

4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: Church Service

6:00 pm: Cookout and fun!



We have Shell Island T-Shirts but we have to order ASAP! The order has to be in by tomorrow, Friday, April 29th.

Let us know if you want a short sleeve (\$25) or a long sleeve with UPF protection (\$30) and also don't forget your size.

Please email Madge today at madge@holy-nativity.org for your order. You can also pay online through our website or bring a check to church. Please note "Shell Island T-Shirt".

Shell Island Sunday is May 15th!

Look in the foyer for our Shell Island Sunday display! You can sign up if you need a ride to the Island.

The service begins at 11 am.
We will have our 8 am and 10:30 am services at the church as usual.

Bring a side dish for the church picnic after the service!
Meat will be provided.

Family Retreat 2022

Many more photos on our Facebook Page!



By Beverly McDaniel

Many thanks go to all of you who helped to make our Easter celebration so glorious this year. For the Palm Sunday Spruce-Up, some of us gardened to add fresh plants and flowers to the church landscaping while others organized and straightened inside. I am particularly grateful to those who helped clean the Godly Play classroom and the nursery. I even saw children windexing the windows. I also appreciate the artistry of the EYC youth group in sorting and classifying the Easter Eggs in preparation for the hunt. On Easter, we all were so glad to get to have Easter Brunch together at the church, and the children were excited and delighted to have the Easter Egg Hunt here again.

Please test us. Ask your children WHY we celebrate Easter. Throughout Lent, Liz Ward taught the outstanding Godly Play series, "The Faces of Easter" every Sunday for Children's Church and on Wednesday Evenings. Ask your children what they know about Easter. As I have told you before, if they do not give you an interesting answer, let me show you pictures of how engaged they were. They were thinking and they were wondering...the middle schoolers and I were as well. We want the children to have fun and celebrate Easter, but we also want them to know what we are celebrating. Remember: May their childhood church experiences be "Meaningful and Memorable", even when they are as old as I am now.

The month of May is bringing more opportunities for meaningful and memorable and fun events at Holy Nativity. On this coming Sunday, the Children's Choir will sing at the 10:30 service, and the Steak and Bake dinner benefitting Wilmer Hall is that evening.

Sunday, May 8th, is a triple-big event.

#1. It is Mother's Day.

#2. It is the day when we honor our graduating seniors.

#3. It is Confirmation Day...Bishop Russell comes Holy Nativity to CONFIRM the people who want to join our church. We give thanks and welcome our new members of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

Sunday, May 15, is Shell Island Sunday. Need I say more?

Wednesday, May 18, is a Ta-Da! Gathering to give thanks for our church, for its programs, and for each other... A water slide, Ms. Sharon's music, an oyster shucker, and lots of fun. (The Bishop may come back for this.)

Thanks Be to God!

MAY!! It seems every year this end of the school year gets busier! Take time to enjoy and reflect on how we have made it to this point.

With Graduations and events please check the What's Happening email and the bulletin for the latest info.

May 8th Mother's Day, Honoring the Graduates and Confirmation! The youth have been preparing for Bishop Russell's visit in confirmation classes, our church is alive with the numbers of youth investigating their faith.

Don't forget May 18th is the last Wednesday night and it's going to be a celebration!



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Birthdays

May 1 Emerson Cantrell, Lou Churchill,
 Kat Hutt, Tim Pride, Larry Young
 May 3 Robert Jansenius
 May 4 Leigh Gladden, Barbara
 Knowles, Susan Messer
 May 6 Pat Clemons
 May 9 Hayden Henneberg
 May 12 Jimmy Calton, Natasha Lithway
 May 13 A. J. Jeffery, Grayson Williams
 May 14 Ella Ennis
 May 15 Camryn Commander
 May 18 Con Davidenko, David Hurst,
 Glenda Patterson, Marie Presser,
 Margo Provencher, Christy
 Smith
 May 19 Doug Smith
 May 20 Jacob Brock
 May 21 Bill Bradford, Alice Kinney,
 Walker Stamps, Scott
 Wattenbarger
 May 22 Ashley Shores
 May 24 Elizabeth Bonham, Carl Harris
 May 27 Mary Riehle
 May 29 Kelly Roberson
 May 30 Dianna Hawthorne, Tim Phillips

Anniversaries

May 2 Mac and Garrett Bonham
 May 4 Robert and Sharon Carroll
 May 5 Rich and Lenka Doran
 May 12 Denis and Lora Healey
 May 14 Hansson Henneberg and Melanie
 Coulliette
 May 16 Robert and Lucy Dozar
 May 17 Michael and Deana Gailfoil
 May 19 Tim and Monica Phillips
 May 24 Alan and Jeannette Tremaine
 May 25 Bert and Marla Churchill
 May 28 Ivan and Florencia Pereira
 Kevin and Maggie Wattenbarger
 May 29 Jason and Christy Smith

Adult Christian Education: Fr Tom

May, a busy month! The bishop's coming, Shell Island Sunday, and Sunday School goes on. There'll be no class on May 8, when we have a brunch to celebrate graduates and to honor Bishop Russell; but class on May's other four Sundays! I'll mentor the first and last Sundays May 1 and May 29, and Dr Dan will mentor the middle two, May 15 and May 22. Going into the summer, the June newsletter will have something to say about adult Sunday school class recessing for a break, and then resuming along with the Fall 2022 semester of school!



Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for May 2022

May 1	May 8 Mother's Day Confirmations/Bishop Honoring Grads	May 15 Shell Island Sunday	May 22	May 29
Altar Guild: Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Mary Bonham	Altar Guild: Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen	Altar Guild: Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie McInnis	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles
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	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Hutt and Trey Hutt	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Ian Crel-ling and Daniel Melzer	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 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 Walker 10:30 am: Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Jani Smith	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Michael Fuller
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: George McInnis and Lisa McLendon	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Nancy Breland	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: George McInnis and Lisa McLendon
Acolytes for 10:30 Kate Leebrick, Emma Crelling, Mathison Crelling, Isaac Ward	Acolytes for 10:30 Brody Fuller, Lauren Berry, Will Melzer, Carson Berry	Acolytes for 10:30 No acolytes	Acolytes for 10:30 Ashtyn Williams, Finn Oenbrink, Alex and Tom Moore	Acolytes for 10:30 Tyler Shores, Nicolas and Esteban Pereira, Mathison Crelling
Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Jenny Collier	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Tom Ledman	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran

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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>