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# the NATIVITY Scene

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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*



## The Blessing of the Pets

**Wednesday  
October 5, 2022  
5:30 pm**

**Followed by a cookout!  
If your pet can't attend, please  
bring a photo!**

**Look inside for our Children's  
Ministry Report:  
They are collecting items for  
the Animal Shelter! A list of  
items needed and dates to  
bring them are included.**

## Pig Roast for Camp Beckwith!

**Sunday  
October 30, 2022  
5:00 pm.**

Join us for this annual event where we will enjoy delicious food and support our Diocesan Camp and Retreat Center.

Sign up forms will be on the Welcome Table along with a payment basket. \$20/adult and \$10/child. You can also pay online through our website. Please indicate it's for the Pig Roast.



## BACKPACK BUDDIES NEWS

### BACKPACK BUDDY SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 23!

Join us for a celebration of the Backpack Buddy Ministry as we wrap up our 10th year of providing weekend food for our Buddies. We will have packing demos and introduce our new mascot BB! It will be the perfect time to bring a little something extra for the grocery cart or the collection plate (note Backpack Buddy on your donation).

#### OCTOBER PACKING SCHEDULE

October 3 – 7 TEAM NINA

October 10–14 TEAM SCOTT

October 17–21 TEAM TREY

October 24–28 TEAM MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

It's easy to be a Backpack Buddy ----- pack, stock, pray, donate! You don't have to commit to a schedule!

Questions? Contact us at [backpackbuddiesh-nec@gmail.com](mailto:backpackbuddiesh-nec@gmail.com)



#### Time to celebrate with a Diaper Shower on Oct. 2nd!

The Church Ladies are hosting a diaper shower for Molly Sostheim (daughter of Joy and John Thompson) on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30 am service and everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to, please bring a package of diapers.



#### Adult Sunday School Sunday's at 9:15 am

All are invited to join Dr. Dan for our Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 am every Sunday in the Library. Have a cup of coffee and tune in to what the current Bible topic is for the day. Currently discussing the book of Isaiah.

In October  
the class  
will be  
studying  
the Gospel  
of Luke.



## **Our Wonderful Wednesdays are in full swing!**

4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 pm: Church  
6:00 pm: Supper is served  
6:30 pm: Programs for all ages

*You don't want to miss the most fun night  
of the week!*



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### *Ladies Events for October!*



#### ***Bunko!***

*Remember to come and play Bunko on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per person plus an appetizer and wine to share. Last month's grand prize was \$100!*

#### ***Cooking Class!***

*Come and join chefs Miles and Miranda on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 pm for an Italian cooking class as we learn to bake an Italian loaf of "You Won't Believe It's Gluten-free" bread and a "Fabulous and healthy heritage" lasagna. Cost is \$35 and an adult beverage to share. RSVP by sending Nina a text to 850-814-9282.*



## YOUTH IS BACK!!

So great to be back on Wednesday nights!! Enjoyed catching some old faces and hope to see some new ones in the coming weeks.



We will be running our usual Wednesday Night fun and fellowship, as well as planning some activities.

The Youth Group will be packing for Backpack Buddies Wednesday, September 28th, after the service and meal. All are welcome.

Trivia Nights, community outreach and of course Backpack Buddies.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT INTERESTED IN COMING TO YOUTH GROUP!

Do you have a new driver in your family? As a church we would like to offer a blessing of the car keys to protect new drivers and all who travel with them. Please let the church office know.

Livestream Assistant

Everyone enjoys the livestream services, but help is needed maybe once a month. Training provided and recognition in the weekly bulletin!

Ideas for Youth Ministry?

Do you have an idea for youth ministry or a passion to lead an activity? Let us know.

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## GO FORWARD: CAMPAIGN FOR THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST



The Go Forward capital campaign is an opportunity to shape the future of the Diocese and Beckwith through endowments, program investments and physical improvements. Gifts can honor a family member or friend through both outright gifts and pledges of up to five years.

Go to Holy Nativity's website, [www.holy-nativity.org](http://www.holy-nativity.org).  
Click on the Online Giving Tab, then click on the Go Forward tab.

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October 2022  
By Beverly McDaniel

At Holy Nativity, we have many blessings. Some of these are also “proper noun” events. In August, our backpacks were blessed and Fr. Steve prayed for students, teachers, and all of us as the new school year began. Now in early October, we celebrate the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. He loved nature and the animals that lived in God’s beautiful world. Francis set an example for us to follow in caring about all of God’s creatures. The Holy Nativity Episcopal Church’s Children’s Ministry and Youth Group are asking for your donations to help collect “Food for Furry Friends” (and fish and frogs, etc.) in conjunction with our annual St. Francis Blessing of the Animals service. (Wednesday evening, October 5th.) Drop-off baskets will be in the foyer and in Kids’ Kingdom. Please bring your donations on Sundays and Wonderful Wednesdays on or before the 9th. If your pets have already been blessed, they are welcome to be twice-blessed. Pictures and stuffed animals are also welcome. Mr. Jeffery and the “Big Kids” may have some entertainment planned for us after supper. This will be fun.

Listed below is the Wish List for the Humane Society and animal shelters. They specifically request Purina food products to keep the animals on a consistent diet. While animals await adoption and their new forever homes, there are other items that they could use to ensure that the pets have a more comfortable stay in the shelter and to assist in offsetting expenses. Thank you for your generosity!

Purina Dog, Cat, Puppy and Kitten Food  
Large Dog Harnesses  
Leashes of all sizes  
Peanut Butter  
Washcloths, bath and hand towels  
—(old and faded are fine)  
Paper Towels and Toilet Paper  
Brown Paper Bags  
33 gallon and tall kitchen trash bags  
Liquid Laundry Soap  
Low-Dust cat litter



# Birthdays

Oct. 2 Ina Joy Conrad  
 Oct. 4 Alex Moore, Tom Moore  
 Oct. 8 Ursula Hixson  
 Oct. 10 Sherry Davis  
 Oct. 11 Ashley Ice, Chris Mills, Edward San Juan, Julian Scott  
 Oct. 13 Lance Sheffield, Ashley Steiner, Jeff Watson  
 Oct. 14 Candace Leebrick, Jani Smith  
 Oct. 16 Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll, Elizabeth Stamps  
 Oct. 18 Beverly McDaniel, Wayland Patterson  
 Oct. 19 Krissy Oenbrink, Matthew Ward  
 Oct. 21 Mary-Elise Morrow  
 Oct. 22 Alice Allen, Mary Shepard Bonham, Sharon Carroll  
 Oct. 25 Ben Bradford, Gerry Clemons, Jennifer Josten  
 Oct. 26 Matheson Crelling, Hamilton Henneberg, Josh Ice  
 Oct. 27 Diego Pereira, Tyler Shores  
 Oct. 28 Mike Harding  
 Oct. 29 Dan Finley, Katy McClain, Theresa Townsend  
 Oct. 30 Emily Brock, Mark Godwin, Chuck Knowles

# Anniversaries

Oct. 7 Matthew and Liz Ward  
 Oct. 8 Michael and Cynthia Fuller  
 Oct. 9 Will and Mandy Lark  
 Austin and Janae Syfrett  
 Oct. 13 Matt and Casey Cole  
 Oct. 14 Jimmy and Carol Calton  
 Oct. 15 Bill and Katy Bradford  
 Oct. 16 Victoria Williams and Jim Dunham  
 Oct. 20 Scott and Wattenbarger  
 Oct. 24 Carl and Anne Harris  
 Oct. 25 Conway and Nancy Reeder

Shell  
 Decorating  
 Class!  
 Thank you  
 Judi  
 Lawrence for  
 being our  
 instructor!



## Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for October

October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie McInnis	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris, Katy Bradford
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Russell and Beth Brock	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Tim Pride <b>10:30 am:</b> John Hutt and Trey Hutt	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan <b>10:30 am:</b> Ian Crelling and Daniel Melzer	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> John Thompson and Chris Mills	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Tim Pride <b>10:30 am:</b> Charles and Mary Bonham
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Phyllis Hunt <b>10:30 am:</b> Mary Ellen Pettis	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica Phillips <b>10:30 am:</b> Jani Smith	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Ursula Hixson <b>10:30 am:</b> Michael Fuller	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Marla Churchill <b>10:30 am:</b> Jenny Collier	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica Phillips <b>10:30 am:</b> Mary Ellen Pettis
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee <b>10:30 am:</b> Scott Clemons and Nancy Breland	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gene and Kathleen Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> Lisa McLendon and Joe Ciccarelli	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Joyce Dannecker and George McInnis	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gene and Kathleen Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> Kelly Roberson and Ian Crelling	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Joanne MacPhee and Theresa Townsend <b>10:30 am:</b> Nancy Breland and Brian Leebrick
<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Kate Leebrick, Bailey and Will Melzer, Evan Ward	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Beka Leebrick, Grady and Finn Oenbrink, Esteban Pereira	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Ashtyn Williams, Emma and Mathison Crelling, Isaac Ward	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Brody Fuller, Jackson and Laney Lee, Alex Moore	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Tyler Shores, Nicolas and Esteban Pereira, Charlotte Eberhard
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Daniel Melzer	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Holly Melzer	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Ivan Pereira	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Jenny Collier



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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>
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