



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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MAY 14, 2023
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Join our children as we celebrate Mother's Day!



ACOLYTE RECOGNITION!

**HONORING OUR
GRADUATES!**

If you have a graduate in your
home, please contact the
church office at
madgejsmith@gmail.com or
850-747-4000.



Bishop's Visit on May 21st Confirmation Service at 10:30 am



Bishop George Young will be visiting us on May 21st for our yearly visit. (Bishop Russell Kendrick is currently on sabbatical.)

We will celebrate his visit and our confirmands with a brunch at 9:15 am.

**Please bring your
favorite brunch food!**

Packin' It In for the Summer May 23rd at 4:30 pm

It's hard to believe that another school year is about to come to an end. We have had a very fun and successful year thanks to the donations of time and money from our wonderful church family.

We'd like to say thank you and bid a fond farewell to the backpack classroom until next year.

We hope everyone on the backpack committee will join us for the final packing of the year on May 23rd at 4:30 followed by happy hour and something (still undetermined) to munch on around 5 pm.

With all of us pitching in, we'll have that vehicle packed in no time and then it's time to raise a toast and take a break until next year because We're packin' it in for the summer!

Wednesday Night Blowout!
Join us for our last Wednesday Night
of the season!

May 10th

5:30 pm: Worship

6:00 pm: Cookout- hamburgers and hotdogs
and oysters!

Kids: bring your swimsuit for the waterslide!

Summer is almost here!



Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

Our “Interim” Director of Children’s Ministry, Beverly McDaniel has let me know of her intention to retire at the end of May. Almost 15 years ago, I asked Beverly to take on this position following her retirement as Head of School at Holy Nativity Episcopal School. She wasn’t sure she wanted to take it on at the time, so I was able to convince her to assume this role as an “Interim” Director. And the rest is history.

Beverly has long been a force in the education of children not only here at church, but hers is a legacy throughout our community that is unequaled. She knows the kids by name. She knows their parents (and their people), she knows their stories and she is a master at recruiting the involvement of people throughout the parish recognizing that it truly does take a village. That kind of love and commitment is more than just a job. It has truly been a ministry that reflects who she is as a person, an educator and a disciple of Jesus Christ. As the middle school religion teacher at Holy Nativity School, I can assure you our kids know the Bible better than most of their peers (even the Baptists!). Beverly is one of a kind and she will be missed.

I’m please to let you know that our own Liz Ward will assume the role of Director of Children’s ministry in June. Liz has long been an integral part of children’s ministry here and I’m excited that she has agreed to take on this position. Her enthusiasm and creativity are infectious, and I know you’ll join me in welcoming her and supporting her in this new role. I’m excited to hear about her plans for the next program year and I know you will be too. Welcome Liz!

Beverly has been insistent that we not have any kind of retirement recognition. But I learned long ago to sometimes ignore her ☺. Since the month of May is already so booked, we will have a time this summer to not only thank her for her years of service but also to welcome Liz into her new role. Beverly is not going anywhere. She’ll still be at Holy Nativity and has the intention of supporting Liz in making our children’s ministry the best we possibly can. Please join me in thanking both Beverly and Liz for their commitment to our children and our parish.

God love you,
Steve+

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 "What's Happening" and the bulletin for the latest info.

Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day and Honoring the Graduates! Come and bring your Mom! Celebrate all these special ladies do for us all! Also acknowledge the success of our graduates and their next life adventure.



Confirmation Service, Sunday, May 21st, The youth have been preparing for Bishop George Young visit in confirmation classes,. Our church is alive when youth investigate their faith.

Don't forget, May 10th is the last Wednesday night and it's going to be a celebration! Service, food and fun!

Thank-you for another adventurous season of Youth Ministry.

A.J. Jeffery, Youth Director
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CORONATION CELEBRATION TEA



On May 6, 2023, please join us in Battin Hall for Holy Nativity Episcopal Church's "Coronation Celebration Tea." We will be celebrating the royal coronation of British King Charles III (Windsor-Mountbatten) which will take place at Westminster Abbey in London. Although the viewing time is not yet available, our tea is planned for 2 pm. Join us for tea, light food and sweets while celebrating the new king and head of the Church of England.

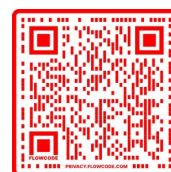
We are looking for twelve table-hosts and volunteers to provide tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets. Tea will be provided. Table Hosts will be responsible for decorating their table along with being the table host and will need to pay \$20. The sign up sheets are in the church foyer. Look for the Coronation Tea table.

Reservations are \$20.00 per seat with 12-tables and seven-seats-per-table. All proceeds will go to charity. The deadline for payment is April 23rd. There are 3 ways you can make a payment.

Write a check and note "Coronation Tea" on your check.

Pay cash and note on your envelope "Coronation Tea"

Pay online through our website, www.holy-nativity.org. After clicking the online giving tab, click on "other" or scan this QR code to take you there.



For additional info, contact Nancy Roupp at cavaliergirls@gmail.com or 850-693-5825.

Children's Ministry

May 2023

By Beverly McDaniel

Easter 2023 was a glorious day at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, and this is my gratitude newsletter. Thank you, Lord, for the beautiful Easter weather. The brunch was lovely, and we are grateful to all who brought delicious dishes, and to you who helped with set-up and clean up and table decorations, and decorating the church, to those of you who donated candy and eggs, and to the Youth Group who helped stuff eggs, hide eggs, and direct the hunt.

To celebrate this essential part of our faith and its accompanying traditions requires dedication and effort, so all of us appreciate and benefit from the work of our volunteers. Sharing in these special whole church occasions draws us together, strengthening our sense of Christian community and offering our children the security and comfort of their church family.

Do you notice (more often than not) the kindness and consideration shown by our "big kids" for the younger ones, and how the younger children admire and follow the examples set by the older ones? (We rarely fail to point out this important responsibility.) We appreciate the wonderful families that we are blessed to work with as we come to know and love your children and grandchildren. We are so glad that you want them to be here.

We can all be thankful for the intangible rewards and blessings that our children receive by taking part in religious festivals and church activities. The events are not just for parties and playtime. Worshipping together and sharing traditional occasions make long-lasting memories for our children. Will we ever forget the streamers that flew like exclamation marks after the children's outstanding Easter song that concluded that joyful Easter service this year?

To add meaning to the memories, our Godly Play lessons and Bible stories in Children's Church and on Wednesday Evenings during Lent have focused on the crucifixion and resurrection...what happened and why it is so important to us now. Quiz your children to know their levels of understanding. Their perceptions and their questions are always interesting, sometimes funny, and sometimes quite thought provoking.

May is usually a happy time for the children at the church. May 14th is Mother's Day and Miss Leigh has chosen a beautiful song for the children to sing. She will be teaching it to them during Children's Church and we can practice a little on Wednesday Evenings. Please encourage your children to take part in singing for you. They delight all of us. This is also the day that we thank our acolytes and congratulate our high school graduates. The children will be taking part in the service, acting as greeters, readers, and ushers.

The following Sunday holds special significance for our older children. We teach them that confirmation is the public affirmation of their own decision to accept Jesus and follow his teachings. We as Christians must do all in our power to support each other in a life with Christ, and we too can promise, "We will".

For some of us, we are almost as proud and happy at confirmations as the families, and at a church like Holy Nativity, we often feel like family. We promised, "We will", at their baptisms, praised their performances (Mother's Day?), complimented their Easter outfits, admired so many homemade birthday cards and a folded airplane get-well-soon card, Auburn orange and blue wooden beads, plastic beads, braided bracelets, Cherished Angel earrings, cheered their victories and cried over losses (especially pets and occasionally boyfriends). How grateful can we be? So much love! So much fun! And to be rewarded by believing that we are serving God and following his will. We are nurturing children to "Love God and love one another".

Birthdays

May 1 Emerson Cantrell, Kat Hutt, Tim
Pride, Scott Thompson
 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
 May 14 Ella Ennis
 May 15 Camryn Commander
 May 18 Con Davidenko, David Hurst,
Glenda Patterson, Margot
Provencher, Christy Smith
 May 19 Doug Smith
 May 20 Ellis Barton, 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, Tom 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 18 Alan and Paula Hart
 May 19 Tim and Monica Philips
 May 24 Al 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

The Church Calendar is always
 on the homepage of the
 church's website.
www.holy-nativity.org



INSTRUCTED EUCCHARIST May 7, 2023

Everyone is invited to
 join Fr. Steve on May 7th
 at 9:15 am as he
 teaches us about the
 Eucharist and why we do
 the things we do during
 the service.



Reagan Duffy
 Easter 2023

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for May 2023

May 7	May 14 Mother's Day	May 21 Bishop/ Confirmations	May 28
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	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris, Katy Bradford
Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Al Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Lyn Weick	Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Hunt 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: Scott Clemons and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Ian Crelling	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: George McInnis and Lisa McLendon
Acolytes for 10:30 Jackson Lee, John, Alex, Tom Moore	Acolytes for 10:30 Brody Fuller, Grady and Finn Oenbrink, Wyatt Syfrett	Acolytes for 10:30 Grady and Finn Oenbrink, Tom and Alex Moore	Acolytes for 10:30 Nicolas and Esteban Pereira, Isaac and Evan Ward
Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira

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The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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Children's Choir Director - Leigh Gladden
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Deana Gailfoil
Nursery Attendant - Kaew Sumpton

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Jim Hixson 2026
John Hutt 2024

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Joanne MacPhee 2023
Ivan Pereira 2022 Sr. Warden
Karen Shores 2023
Madge Smith - Clerk
John Thompson 2024
Gene Wicker 2023

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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