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the NATIVITY Scene

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

Shell Island Sunday is September 17th!

Service at 11 am at the island. Both regular services will be held at the church.

Come in your own boat, hitch a ride with a friend, or sign up if you need a ride. A display is on the Welcome Table where you can also sign up to order a T-Shirt and Long Sleeve Shirt (Prices and details there).

Parish Picnic after the service. Bring a side dish and meat will be provided. Please bring your own beverages.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
BEGIN FOR THE FALL
ON SEPTEMBER 6TH!



5:30 PM: Worship

6:00 PM: Dinner is served

6:30 PM: Programs for all ages

Join us for the most
fun night of the week!



Join The
Holy Nativity
**CHURCH
CHOIR**

Where:
The Choir Loft

All
WELCOME
To Join Us!

When:
On Sundays
When you
Can

We Need You

{ PRACTICE IS EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:00
Starting September 10th 2023
AFTER THE 8:00 SERVICE
IN THE CHOIR LOFT }

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOHN DURGAN AT
jrdurgan@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS!

Children's Choir will continue to meet every other Sunday during children's church at the 10:30 AM service. We will soon be working on our Lessons & Carols piece; if your child is unable to attend the 10:30 children's church time but would like to sing with us, email me at lgladden@hnes.us. We will find a way for them to learn the music and be able to perform with us. I would love to add some additional performance opportunities to our regular church services, and I am open to resuming Wednesday evening children's choir rehearsals if there is interest!



Backpack Buddies Ministry News!

Backpack Buddies hit the ground running with a major packing event on August 24th. Thank you to ALL who came out to get the shelves stocked and ready for our Buddies! Our Backpack Room has seen some major improvements during the summer, including new LED lighting and door handle. Thank you AJ! We had an eye catching and informative flyer in the bulletin to kick off our new year. Thank you Joanne!

TEAM NINA is packing the first week Aug 28 – Sept 1.

Packing Schedule for September:

Sept 4 – 8 TEAM TREY

Sept 11 – 15 TEAM ALICE (formally Team Scott)

Sept 18 – 22 TEAM DEPT OF YOUTH (1)

Sept 25 – 29 TEAM MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Would you like to be part of the BACKPACK BUDDY MINISTRY? Be part of a Team or form a new Team?

Help with stocking, inventory, double bagging? There are many ways to help! Contact us at backpackbuddieshne@gmail.com for more information!





BAY LIGHTS
AT BECKWITH
SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1
MUSIC, FOOD & FUN ON WEEKS BAY

Register and Purchase Tickets @
www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

Friday, Sept. 29th
6:30pm - \$25.00
Music by Casey Kearney
(with Fr. Richard Proctor on the drums)
Includes dinner, beer & wine
Bring a lawn chair
www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

Saturday, Sept. 30th
Live ticket draw down
\$100
www.TuscanResort.com
www.AntiguaCaribbeanBliss.com



Weekend Includes

Friday, Sept. 29th
6:30pm Music and dinner

Saturday, Sept. 30th
12:00pm Bishop's BBQ
2:00pm Diocesan Ultreya
5:30pm Music Entertainment
6:00pm Low Country Boil
8:00pm Last ticket drawn
Fun activities for the family
Football games shown
in Wilson Hall



Live Ticket Draw Down
Win a week in Tuscany, Italy
or Antigua for 2 or 4 people
\$100 ticket
Purchase tickets at
www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights
You do not have to be present to win

Trips do not expire and can be taken at any time
in 2024 or later
Winner chooses their destination

Madge Smith has tickets for
the draw down!

\$100 each

madge@holy-nativity.org

850-747-4000

You can catch Madge at
church on Sunday morning
to buy tickets also.

It's good to be back!! Thank-you to all those who attended the Season Kick-Off, surprisingly no one got stained!!

Please see the plan for Sept in youth.

Wednesday, Sept 6th
Fun and Play enjoy the first Wednesday night.

Wednesday, Sept 13th
Children, Music and Youth Ministry Meet N Greet
Church campus Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, Sept 20th
Youth Group First Backpack Buddies - Guest speakers and info.

Wednesday, Sept 27
Youth Group Planning Session for Blessing of Pets & Trunk N Treat

We have two people interested in learning the Livestream Cameras, great for service hours and new skills! Are you interested please let me know. Training is coming soon.

Do you have a 10-12 grader? Happening youth event is coming and you can register now or contact me to assist. To find out about what Happening is all about and/or to register go to <https://www.diocgc.org/happening>. It will be held Sept. 8-10 at St. Simon's on the Sound in Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

Please contact A. J. Jeffery at aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org for more information about Youth Group!



Children's Ministry

By Liz Ward

Blessing of the Backpacks was a wonderful event and we were happy to see many of our children there to enjoy the back-to-school celebration. Now school has begun, the days are getting shorter, and Fall is coming! We have lots of plans for this season in Children's Ministries, but we need more volunteers to bring those plans to fruition. There were very few volunteers that signed-up at the Children's Ministry board during Rally Day. If you didn't have a chance to sign-up and would like to volunteer to help in Children's Ministries or in the Nursery please contact lizward@holy-nativity.org. We need help in many different ways, from leaders and teachers of both younger and older children, to craft supply organizers, photographers, expert tower & train track builders, and snack providers. There are so many ways to support this vital ministry and encourage our future generation of Christians as they learn to Love God & Love their Neighbors. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and this is also true in our church, as children look up to the adults they see here, as examples of faithful Christians. Please consider serving our children by volunteering!

We are looking forward to beginning our Wonderful Wednesday programs starting Sept. 6, with an evening of fellowship and unstructured play. Our weekly Children's Program will begin the following Wednesday. Did you know that Fr. Steve includes the children in many aspects of our Wednesday night 5:30 pm service? They enjoy this experience and begin to learn how to serve in our sacred space around the altar. Following the service, we come together for dinner and fellowship time, as well as some unstructured play time for the children outside (with parent supervision). The Children's Program starts at 6:30 pm and runs until 7:30 pm. Our program will vary depending on the week and will include learning about our church & stories from the Bible using a Godly Play approach, involving the children and their families in some of our church service projects, praise & worship time together, opportunities for creative expression, games and activities, and of course SNACKS! If you'd like to join your child, we are always happy to have you. Although our lives are busy, we hope you can set aside this special time on Wednesdays and join us at church whenever possible. Come and see what we are up to each week as we begin our new year of Wonderful Wednesdays!

Nursery Playtime!



Birthdays

Sept. 1 John Durgan
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn
 Sept. 5 Phyllis Hunt
 Sept. 7 Maggie Shuler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole, Susan Young
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, Gene Wicker
 Sept. 11 Emma Crelling
 Sept. 12 Sydney Fuller
 Sept. 13 Grady Oenbrink
 Sept. 14 Tom Weller
 Sept. 15 Lyn Weick
 Sept. 16 Chad Barton, Robert Weick,
 Victoria Williams
 Sept. 18 Jennifer Gailfoil, Alan Hart,
 Carmen Shuler
 Sept. 19 Rob Doll
 Sept. 20 Lucy Dozar, Anne Harris, Lisa
 Lindsey
 Sept. 23 Powell Ennis
 Sept. 25 Cheryl Duffey, Donna Jangula
 Sept. 26 David Smith
 Sept. 29 Mia Carroll, Denis Healey
 Sept. 30 Reece Casady, Vicki Hightower,
 Judi Lawrence

Anniversaries

Sept. 1 Greg and Leigh Gladden
 Sept. 11 A. J. and Emma Jeffery
 Sept. 12 John and Susan Messer
 Sept. 16 Aaron and Karen Shores
 Sept. 17 Greg and Amy Russell
 Sept. 21 Trey and Angie Hutt
 Sept. 27 Henry and Nancy Breland
 Sept. 29 Dan and Robin Finley
 Doug and Caroline Smith
 Sept. 30 Terry and Donna Jangula

The Church Calendar is always on
the homepage of the church's
website.

www.holy-nativity.org



COMING SOON

October 4:

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the
Animals

October 22:

Pig Roast for Wilmer Hall

October 25:

Trunk or Treat

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for September 2023

Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17 Shell Island Sunday	Sept. 24
Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris, Katy Bradford	Altar Guild: Dan and Robin Finley, Joanne MacPhee, Nancy Roupp, Tricia Berry	Altar Guild: Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Joyce Dannecker, Melanie Cox	Altar Guild: Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Pride and Tim Phillips 10:30 am: Ian Crelling and Daniel Melzer	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Linda Weller	Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Hunt 10:30 am: Jani Smith	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Lori Bates	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Michael Fuller
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee and Cheryl Duffey 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Nancy Breland	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Wicker 10:30 am: George McInnis and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Laura Johnson and Cheryl Duffey 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Ian Crelling
Acolytes for 10:30 Jackson and Laney Lee, Charlotte Eberhard, Scarlet Jernigan	Acolytes for 10:30 Bailey and Will Melzer, Emma Crelling, Wyatt Syfrett	Acolytes for 10:30 No acolytes due to Shell Island Sunday	Acolytes for 10:30 John, Alex, and Tom Moore, Isaac Ward
Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Paula Hart

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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
Office Administrator - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Liz Ward
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
Beth Brock 2026
Joe Ciccarelli 2024
Anna Eberhard 2024
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Jim Hixson 2026
John Hutt 2024

Terry Jangula 2026 Jr. Warden
Joanne MacPhee 2023
Ivan Pereira 2022 Sr. Warden
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>