



# the NATIVITY

## August 2024 Scene

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*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

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### **Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks!** **August 4, 2024**

Join us for this fun Sunday!

Lay Ministry Fair all morning.  
Waterslide for the kids!

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite One

10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite Two with  
Blessing of the Backpacks

11:30 am: Parish Potluck  
Bring a side-dish to share.  
Meat will be provided.

Kids: don't forget your backpacks  
and swimsuits for the waterslide!

# Children's Time in June





# Children's Ministry

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I hope everyone has had a great summer and enjoyed the “green growing time”, as we call this part of our liturgical calendar in the Godly Play Room. Do you know the colors of the liturgical calendar and what they mean? Because of the stories we tell in Godly Play many of our children do! This summer we have enjoyed some smaller groups of children, and their visiting family and friends, in Children's Church & Children's Choir on Sundays. We have blended lessons from Godly Play with lessons from the Episcopal Church's online resources, as we have learned and wondered together this summer. We all enjoyed our supply priest's visits and their lessons for us during Children's Time, and were so happy to have Rev. John Talbot join us as our interim Rector. The children practiced and performed the song “As a Little Child” by Joseph Martin to welcome him, and did a lovely job with Mrs. Gladden directing and accompanying on piano. The Children's Choir are now practicing to sing on Rally Day, at the 10:30 service!

I have had several families ask recently about having a Sunday School class for the children between services on Sundays. I would love to have this opportunity available for our children but need volunteers to make this happen! If you are interested in your child attending, assisting with the class, or teaching the class please contact me, chat with me at church, or sign up on the interest sheet that will be at the Children's Ministry table on Rally Day.

As the summer break is coming to an end, our minds begin to turn towards school, and we look forward to Rally Day at HNEC! This is a wonderful tradition at our church, and a favorite way to begin the school year for students of all ages, their teachers, and school staff. This service and celebration includes prayers, praise, blessings, thanksgivings, and goodies! We hope you will join us on Rally Day and bring your backpack for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30am service on August 6. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit and towel too, for the water slide fun after lunch! An additional water play area for our littlest church members will be provided, with thanks to AJ Jeffery for providing this safe option for our littles. In order to make Rally Day a success it takes many hands and helpers! Please watch for the Sign Up Genius link coming to your email, and help us by volunteering for one of the needed positions, including supervising the waterslide, providing extra help in the nursery, passing out our goodie bags to the students getting ready to start school, and more!

Our Nursery attendant, Taylor Hall, is doing a great job in the Nursery with our little ones. She will provide extra coverage on Rally Day with extended Nursery hours from 9:30am-12:30pm. We continue to find ourselves in need of additional adult and teen volunteers to help us in the Nursery each Sunday, as well as during special events. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can volunteer with or be a supporter of Children's Ministries, please visit our Children's Ministry table and sign up during Rally Day, or contact Liz Ward at [lizward@holy-nativity.org](mailto:lizward@holy-nativity.org) for more information about our Children's Ministry and Nursery at HNEC.

We are looking forward to lots of fun together this Fall as we plan for our Wonderful Wednesdays programs! Watch for more details to come! Enjoy the last few weeks of Summer and we hope to see you on August 4 for our Blessing of the Backpacks & Rally Day celebration!



School is starting Aug 12 th ! Where did the summer go?  
Who knows, but it is time to start thinking about  
our **BACKPACK BUDDIES!**

- Major Stocking Event the week of Aug 19. Look for announcements of day and time so you can join us and see the famous Knowles Conveyor!
- First packing is the week of Aug 26.



COMING SOON

October 2nd  
St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the  
Animals

October 30th:  
Trunk or Treat

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August is the end of summer vacation, the return to school and the beginning of Youth Group Season at Holy Nativity!!



Important dates:

**Youth Group Season Kick-Off Wednesday, August 21st.**

- **Food, Fun and Games 5-7pm at the Church**

First Wednesday Night program, September 4th!

- Service, Dinner and yard game fun!

Wednesday nights are for your 6th graders and up to make an impact and experience Holy Nativity and the wider Episcopal church.

Church based Scavenger Hunt, September 11th

- Hear the plan for the DEPT OF YOUTH and the ministries we are involved with.
- Complete or Compete in a church based scavenger hunt.

Calendared events will be advertised along with our regular events on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Our regular events include supporting the Back-pack Buddies program, Love Thy Neighbor program supplying "survival" packs to homeless youth at Christmas and cooking for the Wednesday night meal.

We also offer options for Youth seeking community service project hours during Wednesday nights and Sunday services.

Please contact [aussie\\_aj@holy-Nativity.org](mailto:aussie_aj@holy-Nativity.org) or the [Church Office](#) for more information.

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**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS FOR ALL, BEGIN  
ON SEPTEMBER 4TH!**



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!

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## Birthdays

Aug. 1 Katy Brust, Ashlyn Pack  
 Aug. 3 Sunny Barton, Ian Crelling, Mary Ellen Pettis  
 Aug. 4 Brent Faison, Johnny Moore  
 Aug. 5 Joyce Dannecker, Holly Melzer, Joan Morrow  
 Aug. 6 Penny Hutt  
 Aug. 8 Ivan Pereira, Nancy Reeder, Lisa Walters  
 Aug. 9 Lily Bradford, Melanie Cox, Laura McClain  
 Aug. 11 Max Dannecker, Mary Lark  
 Aug. 12 Millie Eberhard, Elizabeth Moore  
 Aug. 13 Mary Sittman  
 Aug. 15 Cecile Scoon, Andrew Wattenbarger  
 Aug. 16 Gordon Akst,  
 Aug. 17 Allison Bennett  
 Aug. 18 Rhiannon Bennett, Tristan Bennett  
 Aug. 19 Greg Kinsey  
 Aug. 20 Caroline Smith  
 Aug. 21 Mike Gailfoil  
 Aug. 22 Maggie Smith  
 Aug. 23 Theo Barton, Brian McClain  
 Aug. 26 Anji Dunlap  
 Aug. 27 John Hutt, Aaron Shores  
 Aug. 28 Lee Scott  
 Aug. 29 James Oenbrink, Jonah Reeder  
 Aug. 30 Georgia Duke

## Anniversaries

Aug. 3 Brian and Candace Leebrick  
 Aug. 7 Allen and Pat Nease  
 Aug. 21 Ted and Anda Gagnet  
 Chris and Elizabeth Stamps  
 Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson  
 Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride



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

[www.holy-nativity.org](http://www.holy-nativity.org)

## Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2023

August 4 Rally Day Backpack Blessing	August 11	August 18	August 25
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Marla Churchill, Barbara Knowles, Amy Russell	<b>Altar Guild:</b> McInnis Tim Phillips Monica Phillips Mary Mittiga David Burris Katy Bradford Mimi Morrow	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Dan Finley Robing Finley Joanne MacPhee Nancy Roupp Tricia Berry	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Gene Wicker Kathleen Wicker Joyce Dannecker Melanie Cox Madge Smith
<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> Ian Crelling Daniel Melzer	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan <b>10:30 am:</b> Al Temaine Trey Hutt	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> John Thompson
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Phyllis Hunt <b>10:30 am:</b> Bert & Jo Munn	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica Phillips <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe Ciccarelli	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Donna Jangula <b>10:30 am:</b> Jani Smith	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Marla Churchill <b>10:30 am:</b> Michael Fuller
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Cheryl Duffey Joanne MacPhee <b>10:30 am:</b> Lisa McLendon George McInnis	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Laura Johnson Joanne MacPhee <b>10:30 am:</b> Nancy Breland Brian Leebrick	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Theresa Townsend Cheryl Duffey <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe Ciccarella Scott Clemons	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Lisa McLendon Ian Crelling
<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Jackson Lee, Nicolas Pereira, John Moore, Brody Fuller	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Carson Berry, Emma Crelling Tom Moore Issac Ward	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Laney Lee Scarlet Jernigan Alex Moore Esteban Pereira	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Wyatt Syfrett Matheson Crelling Scarlet Jernigan Evan Ward
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Ivan Pereira	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Paula Hart	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Daniel Melzer	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran



# Holy Nativity Community Park

## *An Outreach Opportunity for our Neighborhood*

For many years, we shared a vision of making good use  
of the property behind the two-story building.

Help us make this dream a reality.

Look for the display in the lobby for information.

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### **DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST**

*The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop*  
*The Very Rev. John M. Tober - Interim Rector*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

*Youth Director/Video Production- AJ Jeffery*  
*Director of Music - John Durgan*  
*Office Administrator - AJ Jeffery*  
*Children's CE Director - Liz Ward*  
*Children's Choir Director - Leigh Gladden*  
*Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills*  
*Nursery Attendant - Taylor Hall*

### **THE VESTRY**

*Tricia Berry 2023*  
*Beth Brock 2026*  
*Joe Ciccarelli 2024*  
*Lenka Doran 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>
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