

The Herald

June, 2022

Inside This Issue

Worship Schedule	1
Rector's Letter	2-4
April Vestry	
Minutes	5-9
Vacation Bible	
School	9
Parents Night Out	9
Servants of the	
Lord	10
Daughters of the	
King	10
Prayer 80th	
Convention	10
Outreach	11
Happening in June..	12
Our Birthdays &	
Anniversaries	13
Our Mission &	
Vision	14
Staff & Vestry	14

Worship Schedule Sunday's 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Online &

In-person worship:

Masks are recommended
for those with health
conditions or those not
fully vaccinated

Online at

<https://>

[www.facebook.com/
nativitypsl](https://www.facebook.com/nativitypsl) OR

<https://>

[www.youtube.com/
nativitypsl](https://www.youtube.com/nativitypsl) OR

[Instagram.com/Nativitypsl](https://www.instagram.com/Nativitypsl)

Drive-Thru

Communion

First Sunday of the
Month

11:30AM to 12:30PM

When the day of
Pentecost came,
they were
all together in
one place.



Acts 2:1



Happy Birthday Church!!!!

That's right, Pentecost is the birth of the Church as we know it! Join us for a special time of connecting, coloring and snacking June 5 at 9:15AM!

This is the day we celebrate Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to be our advocate, our friend, and our guide! People from all over the world came to Jerusalem that day and heard the good news, but then something amazing happened! People took the Good News about Jesus back with them on their travels.

Mother Tracy is asking us to do the same thing! At our children & family Sunday on May 22 our Children each received a Jesus to take with them on their adventures this summer (extras are available). I hope they and you will take a picture on your travels and tag us @nativitypsl on Instagram or Facebook, or email, or print them up so we can see all the places Jesus came with us this summer.



Adults, bring a bulletin from churches you visit while away, kids bring something from your camps. Each time you go out and come back in this summer we will add to our Pentecost Collage of all the places we brought Jesus, prayed, and played this summer!



Take Me Out To The Ball Game:

Thursday, June 30 at 6:10PM We'll meet near the box office, tickets are \$9 and Snacks and Drinks are \$1

Don't miss Nativity Night at the Mets and this chance to have fun and meet new and old friends!

Whether you journey near or far here is a Prayer For Your Family Vacation:

Dear Lord,
Please bless this time of vacation. Help my family to get along, to enjoy one another. May we be able to see the wonder You instill within the chaos of our days – whether we vacation near or far away from home. On this everyday, normal day that's somehow still outside of our routine, help me to embrace my family, this time of vacation, and the ordinary, yet extraordinary, gifts You've given.

Open my eyes to see that vacation will end but the memories of it will remain and give me the strength to make them sweet. Pour some of that strength into my very being and bring me through to the end of vacation with a thankful heart and unceasing praise.
Amen.



Praying with Pride: One of the joys of the Nativity family is our commitment to be a place where all are welcome. In a world that can be filled with harshness, cruelty, judgement and hate we commit to love one another as Jesus loved us, and so for the month of June we will pray a special set of prayers of the people:

Prayers of the People, Let us pray:

Holy One, we believe that your love will find a way to heal our wounded world, and that suffering and poverty will end. For we believe in your persistent love.

All: God help us be your love in the world. Send us to those who suffer.

We believe that you have made us who we are, in your image, a beautiful community of race and culture and sexual identity. You declared us 'good'. We celebrate this diversity, for we believe in your creative imagination.

All: God help us make it safe for all to live with integrity, for barriers to tumble down, and for all to live in peace. Send us out to change the world.

We believe we are all members of one body. We share a heart with those who suffer violence, who live in fear, who are cast out because of their sexuality or any other reason. We ache with them, for we believe that you love without exception.

All: God help us reach out in love. Send us into the world proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.

We believe that we are not yet perfected. We fear. We judge. We cause harm by our action and our inaction. But we still turn to you for help, for we believe in your forgiveness.

All: God help us to receive your forgiveness. Send us into the world to forgive.

We believe that the liberation of those in captivity did not end with Moses leading slaves out of Egypt, it did not end with Jesus' death and resurrection, but even today you are still pulling humanity out of darkness into the light. For we believe in the Reign of God on earth.

All: God give us courage and stamina. Send us into the world to lead.

We believe it is not too late for those filled with hate to learn to live in love. For we believe in your heart-transforming power.

All: God help us love even those who hate. Send us out with love for all.

We believe that our prayers do matter, and so we offer them now for the people and places that long for relief from suffering. (pause for people to add their own intercessions, silently or aloud). For we believe in the power of prayer.

All: God remind us that we are not alone. Send us into the world to be a soft landing place for all who suffer.

We believe in gratitude. We offer thanks to those brave souls who risk much for others. We offer thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us, which we name now, silently or aloud. (pause while people add their own intercessions) For we believe that your love and grace surround us on every side.

All: God give us eyes to see your goodness in the world around us. Send us into the world in gratitude.

We believe that church is an imperfect but well-intentioned collection of souls. Even though we often fail to understand your Gospel, even though we often lack the courage to take risks for justice, even though we have not always welcomed your beloved outcasts, still we see that you have not abandoned us. For we believe that you still hope in us.

All: God help us to be a better community. Send us into the world as the life-changing, liberating church you imagine. All this we ask in the name of your Holy Trinity. Amen.

Mother Tracy+

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tracy Duggan", followed by a plus sign "+".

2022 April Vestry Minutes
Tuesday * April 19, 2022, * 10:00am

Present: **Rector Tracy Dugger, Sr. Warden Vasco Coombs, Jr. Warden Ron Herman, Wendy Chadbourne, Terry Garman, Michelle Jarski, Judy Klimczak, Rose Skeete, Bunny Webb**

Absent: **Viola Gittens**

Formation: Vestry members collected and listened to our Spiritual Stories

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Rector's Report Respectfully Submitted by Mother Tracy Dugger:**
 - a. **Policies and Procedures Meeting** a meeting of this group needs to be scheduled, I'm hoping for May.
 - b. **Pastoral Care:** 1 hospital visit, 1 hospice visit, 1 home visit, 2 phone visits
 - c. **Missions and Outreach:**
 - i. **Stations of the Cross:** Have been quite successful and rewarding with an average of 10 people attending each Friday.
 - ii. **Easter Outreach Baskets:** Were blessed and delivered with gratitude. Our connection with the schools lets us know that approximately 1000 families in the county school system are experiencing homelessness. We sent a basket to one of these families, currently staying in a hotel.
 - d. **Diocesan:** Attended Deputation to General Convention Meeting on 3/24, attended BACAM, Bishop's Advisory Council for Aspirants to Ministry on 3/24 and 3/25. My role on these committees is to ensure our diocese continues to prepare new leaders, as more and more clergy retire, and is taking its place within the councils of the wider church.
 - e. **Youth and Family:** 3/27/22 The kids participated in an illustration of baptism and the body of Christ with dissolving rice paper. The kids also participated in distributing palms and reading Howie's Broken Hee Haw for Palm Sunday.
 - f. **Continuing Education:** Experiments in Ministry Team next meeting is May 2.
 - g. **Staff:** The executive committee met with Melissa on 3/21 to discuss transition from interim to permanent Financial Minister position. The caveats would be to update our systems to streamline workflow, and to remain flexible as to the day of the week that she is in office during the church's busy seasons, as she is also employed parttime at another church. The committee agreed to explore this upgrade and rewrite the job description in light of new duties with new software in the summer.
 - h. **Upcoming Travel:** April 27-29 Province 4 meeting as Diocesan Representative, May 16-18 Continuing Education for 2nd of 3 Missional Leadership Cohort Gatherings.

2. Senior Wardens Report, respectfully submitted by Vasco A. Coombs
 - a. We were both updated on Deacon John's condition, and after meeting with Mother Tracy, both Ron and I went to see him at Treasure Coast Hospice in Stuart. Later that afternoon, I was again updated that he had passed.
 - b. Mother Tracy updated us both, that she will be meeting with Kendra to start putting together the VBS (*Vacation Bible School*) syllabus for June.
 - c. **Holy Week – Palm Sunday**, services 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 10. We will have our regular *Healing Service* on Wednesday, at 10:00 AM, with the *Tenebrae Service* at 7:00 PM. *Maundy Thursday*, (*no foot washing*) at 7:00 PM, *Good Friday Services*, 12:00 (Noon) and 7:00 PM. *Easter Sunday*, April 17, *Sunrise Service* 7:00 AM, Rite-1, 8:00 AM, Rite-11, 10:30 AM with incense. **Note:** Myself and Ron along with our Team, will be doing the setup of tents, as well as getting the equipment for music outside, for the outdoor chapel.
3. Junior Warden's Report, respectfully submitted by Ron Herman
 - a. Lighting Project: I will purchase from Amazon a Solar Street Light, 500w 44800 lumens, this item has a 30-day return policy, costing \$219.00. We would initially attach it to a tree to make sure it is what we need. The motion detection light we tried provided ample light but needs to run dusk-dawn
 - b. Consultant Plans: Part of Boaz was to have the plans for expansion of the church redrawn. I am working with the previous Architects, EDB and Associates located in Vero Beach, FL, they designed Wolfe Hall, to obtain drawings to show not only the vestry but the entire congregation what the extension of our present Sanctuary would look like. By the time of the meeting, I will be in touch with them and should have a cost for these drawings. I am also working with Quest Contracting to furnish us with a cost for this addition once we obtain the drawings from EDB.

Bunny Webb made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Wendy Chadbourne seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

2022 March Vestry Minutes, respectfully submitted by Judy Klimczak.

Ron Herman made a motion to accept the 2022 March Vestry Minutes as submitted

Bunny Webb seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

Items to Discuss and/or Decide

Program Conversions: Change from Quickbooks, Icon, and Paychex, to ACS Realm.

Implementation of change to occur over summer, overseen by Melissa

Data Conversion from Icon & QuickBooks (Optional) \$500.00

Realm® Connect \$129.00

Realm® Accounting \$99.00

Monthly Investment Total Realm® Connect \$72.00
Realm® Accounting \$46.00
Realm® Payroll \$32.00
MinistrySmart™ Staff Pass Pro (Optional) \$7.20
Monthly \$157.20

Judy Klimczak made a motion to approve program conversions and resulting expenditures as stated.

Ron Herman seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

Review of Easter/Holy Week: Highs and Lows of special services. Vestry agreed that Easter/Holy week service were well received. Discussions were held with the following outcomes. Put Easter Egg hunt on the outside sign. Coffee hour will stay in between services. Advertising blurbs for special services will be developed and published to draw more attendees.

Labyrinth: Introduction to idea, is this something of interest? Discussed options for location, timing and structure. Discussed the benefits of adding a labyrinth for day retreats. A survey of parishioner interest will be developed in the future. Ron will pursue additional information for this project.

Mother Tracy made a motion to further explore the addition of a labyrinth at Nativity.

Michelle Jarski seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

Repair of bricks in memorial garden update? Handout showing damage was given out. Ron stated it will cost \$500 to \$1000 to repair. He will get estimates.

Possible Pentecost Picnic and Global Music Fest: June 5th. Will explore the development of a Pentecost Coffee Hour outside, with a possible steel band and children's games. Leave the Music Festival, highlighting our diversity and cultures, for the Fall, when it is cooler outside. Discussed highlighting activities and special services through media. We are in the middle of our website remodel, so those were not advertised there yet, but it is planned for the future. These are currently advertised on Facebook, but with limitations.

Bunny Webb made a motion to continue to explore these options.

Ron Herman seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

The Vestry discussed the purchase of an accordion door and header to finish the wall in Wolfe Hall and hide the items stored there. Cost is \$1000 to 1200 to complete.

Bunny Webb made a motion to approve a maximum of \$1500.00 to complete these changes.

Terry Garman seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

Vestry discussed the addition of an outside light to improve safety at Nativity. Ron Herman asked for approval of up to \$500 for additional light on the building. The funds would come from the Building Fund.

Ron Herman made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 from the Building Fund for additional lighting.

Bunny Webb seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

Vestry Clerk: On 05/01/2022, Judy Klimczak's commitment to one year service as Vestry Clerk will end and she will resign her duties. Parishioner Starr Coulter has volunteered to become the new Vestry Clerk effective May 1, 2022.

Judy Klimczak made a motion to approve Starr Coulter as the new Vestry Clerk, effective 5/1/22.

Vasco Coombs seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

April 2022 Treasurer's Report, respectfully submitted by Terry Garman.

The financial health of Nativity continues to improve. Our expenses are properly managed and our income has been sufficient to pay all bills on time, including the extra principal payment. The finance committee met April 11, 2022, to determine whether or not adjustments to the budget are necessary. First quarter income and expenses were reviewed and the consensus was that no adjustments are necessary. The first quarter Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual is attached for your review. Numbers are good for first quarter, but there were some large pledges received at that time. These may be quarterly or annual pledges, which will show over time. We welcome Wendy Chadbourne as a new member of the Finance Committee.

Ron Herman made a motion to approve the March 2022 Financial Report as submitted.

Wendy Chadbourne seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.

CALENDAR INFORMATION:

April 27-29 Province 4 Deputy meeting in Alabama, Rev. Mary supplying Wednesday

May 16-18 Missional Leadership Cohort meeting in Minneapolis Minnesota (No supply yet)

June 13-17 Vacation Bible School in the afternoons 1:30 to 4:30 PM from

July 4th-15 Mother Tracy out of town due to General Convention, Rev. Mary supplying July 10th.

Motion:

Don Herman made a motion to adjourn the April 2022 Vestry meeting.

Bunny Webb seconded the motion.

The Vestry voted to approve.



Register at <https://forms.gle/FQPCQonYMv1Enxjm8>

Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out is an opportunity to drop off your children ages 4 - 12 where they will be cared for by trusted adults in a safe environment. Please join us for our next PNO on Friday, June 3, from 7:00PM - 9:30 M. We are going to have an ice cream social, play games, and watch a movie. Parents Night Out will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume again on Friday, September 2. Please contact Elaine Clem or the church office for additional information.





I hope everyone had the opportunity to listen to Mother Tracy's wonderful sermon on Maundy Thursday. If not, here is the link to give a listen (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzuJoLYZL-k>). I ask that you go specifically to the 34 minute mark. We are in need of people to serve as readers, acolytes, ushers and greeters during our Sunday morning services.

If you are interested in any of these vital roles, please contact Elaine Clem via email (eg_clem@bellsouth.net) or call the church office at 772.434.0401.

Thank you for your consideration.



Three of our members attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Cocoa Beach, on May 1 for the installation of their Chaplain and the blessing of their new banner. Their banner was made by our member, Roma Bramble, and was beautiful. She has also created the banner for our Chapter and banners here at Nativity. A Memorial Service for Annette Brett was held during our meeting. It was decided that our Chapter will meet at Bonefish Mac's, 662 SE Becker Road, Port St. Lucie, for lunch on June 18 at noon for a very, very short meeting and then enjoy good food and good fellowship. All members are invited to attend. If you are planning on attending, please let me or Alvie Flournoy know by June 10.

We will NOT meet in July and our next meeting will be the third Saturday in August.

Blessings,
Dotti Johnson

Prayer for the 80th General Convention Baltimore, Maryland

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who will take counsel at the 80th General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Summer is fast approaching and we know many will be traveling. When you are home, please think of food items for our monthly families. We especially need mashed potatoes, canned fruit, corn, green beans, and jelly/jam over the summer months. Food donations will still be collected on the shelves in the Narthex. Your donations continue to be welcome and appreciated.

Throughout the summer, please collect items for our fall rummage sale to be held on Saturday, September 24. Adult shoes, women's purses and CHILDREN'S items; clothing, toys, and books will be welcome for the sale. We will NOT be accepting adult clothing again this year, except for jackets, sweaters, and outerwear. Holiday items are always a big hit, but please confine lights to boxes or sealed bags. Sign up sheets for volunteers, times to drop off items, help set up and clean up and other information will be coming in the September Herald. Again this year, we will leave items up until after services on Sunday, September 25, so Nativity members may do some last minute shopping.

Thank you for your continuing support and donations. We will continue to work with the Council on the Aging, School Social Workers and Nativity Parishioners to meet the needs of our community. If you know someone we could help, please contact the office or Mary Justice.

God Bless You!

Outreach Ministry

HAPPENING IN JUNE

Friday, June 3 Parent's Night Out

Sunday, June 5 **The Day of Pentecost—Wear RED**
10:20AM Flag Raising
11:30AM-12:30PM Drive Thru Communion

Monday, June 13—
Friday, June 17 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 19 Father's Day

Saturday, June 25
8:00AM Men's Breakfast at Dawn's Café

Thursday, June 30 Nativity Night at the METS. Purchase your tickets and meet
6:10PM at the stairs. \$ Night—Military Appreciation Week



AUGUST

Friday, August 5 at 8:00PM for Family Movie Night in the Field
Featuring "Despicable Me"

Sunday School resumes Sunday, August 7. "Social Sunday" will be held between the Services to meet new folks and folks coming back.





6/01	Nilcia Diaz	6/09	Audrey Coombs
6/03	Elizabeth Brooks	6/10	Dotti Johnson
6/03	Tyler Cox	6/11	Gladys Siekierka
6/03	Kirsha Wallace	6/14	Les Mesecher
6/03	Doug Warren	6/14	Iverine Raffington
6/04	Glenn Chadbourne	6/18	Evie Dugger
6/05	Xenia Beckford	6/20	Jascent Gobern
6/05	Lois Cardinale	6/22	Bob Carey
6/07	Richard Fryatt	6/30	Ashley Rucker
6/08	Dorri DeRienzo	6/30	Al Skeete



6/07	Maureen & Karl Wallace	6/16	Neysa Batiz & Juan Maldonado
6/07	Jane & William Shaver	6/20	Rose & Al Skeete
6/09	Yvonne & John Robertson	6/23	Susan & John Montgomery
6/11	Joyce & Bob Velzy	6/30	Karen & Glen Pender
6/11	Celia & Pete Szelwach		

BIRTHDAYS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY

7/02	Vasco Coombs	7/08	Eula Bryan
7/06	Becky Davis	7/09	Migan Holder
7/07	Ann Boatswain		

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY

7/01	Reneie & Evens Latortue	7/06	Carol & Victor Cyrus
------	-------------------------	------	----------------------



First Std
U.S.
Postage

1151 SW Del Rio Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

Jesus loves...

**The Mission of
Nativity:**

You

UNITED BY GOD'S
GRACE

Loving and Serving
ALL People in Christ's
Name

Contact Us: Tel: (772) 343-0401 Fax: (772) 343-0760
Email: office@nativitypsl.com Website: www.churchofthenativitypsl.com
Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM-2:00PM

Nativity's Vision Statement

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach and robust growth.

Church Leadership

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer,
Bishop of Central Florida
The People of the Church of the Nativity,
Ministers
The Rev. Tracy M. Dugger, Rector
Ms. Carol Armstrong, Parish Administrator
Mr. William Dugger, Facilities Minister
Mrs. Hazel Graham, Minister of Music
Mrs. Melissa Lewis, Bookkeeper
Assisting Clergy:
The Rev. Robert G. Brandt,
Retired Assistant Priest

Vestry Members

Vasco Coombs, Sr. Warden
Ron Herman, Jr. Warden
Terry Garman, Treasurer

Wendy Chadbourne
Viola Gittens
Michelle Jarski
Judy Klimczak
Rose Skeete
Bunny Webb