



The Herald

October 2024



From the Senior Warden ...

Happy October Nativity Family,

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I am grateful for your participation in our Eleven Question Survey. We had 50 responses, which included the 32 attendants at our Town Hall. These responses gave our Search Committee a solid foundation to complete the “why” come to Nativity for candidates. We will be working with Canon Brust to complete our responses to the questions for the portfolio placed on the Diocese Website. Once we have completed our responses from the eleven questions, we will send our completed document to everyone by email, and hard copies will be available in the Narthex.

Our committee chairpersons met, and I am really excited about our upcoming events. We will have so many opportunities to work and worship together. I am asking that you consider participating in these events as you are able and making this an amazing adventure together.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

Join us Online!

facebook.com/nativitypsl

or

youtube.com/nativitypsl

or

Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

With Fall comes colds, flu, viruses, and the list goes on. During our Vestry meeting, the decision was made to receive communion by intinction (a consecrated bread, often in the form of a small wafer, is dipped into the consecrated wine, symbolizing the body and blood of Christ). We will no longer offer the chalice as a common cup until further notice.

Please pray for all affected by Hurricane Helene, especially those still missing. Below is a prayer shared by Nadine Craig, DOK:

God, you are in the midst of those who suffer, May all affected by natural disasters feel your healing presence. God, you are in the hands of those who reach out Help responders in their courageous work.

God, you are in the hearts of those compassionate ones, Whose prayers cry out for their families, Whose prayers cry out for their

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neighbors, Whose prayers cry out even for strangers, Bless and comfort those who mourn.

God, you are in the still small voice, The gentle whisper that follows, May our ears always hear, May our hearts always cry out for one another, May our hands always reach out to one another, And may we always walk like you walk, In solidarity with those who suffer, And so reflect your presence and comfort. Amen.

[Prayer adapted from Catholic Relief Services
by Episcopal Relief & Development]

Deborah Benway,
Sr. Warden

Daughters of the King



After a two month break our Chapter met on Sunday, September 22nd between services. Nadine Craig, Diocesan DOK President, came down from Daytona Beach and presided at the meeting. She gave out various items from the Fall Assembly that was held on September 21st. A discussion was held regarding meeting times and it was decided to hold the meetings on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m.

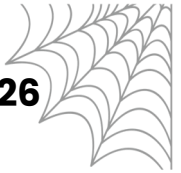
Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. in Wolfe Hall. All ladies are invited to join us for coffee and prayers.

Blessings, FHS
Dotti Johnson



Halloween Fest 2024

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with the local community while enjoying fellowship with one another and our neighbors. There will be a bounce house; popcorn machine; games & prizes; and Trunk or Treat.



Many volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. Specifically, we are looking for help with the popcorn machine, games, bounce house monitor, and decorated vehicles to pass out candy for Trunk or Treat. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex (volunteers should arrive at 2:30 PM). We would also appreciate donations of candy and juice boxes. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Elaine Clem via email at eg_clem@bellsouth.net or call the church office.

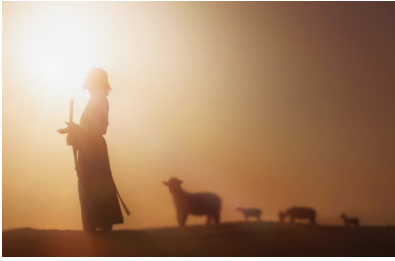


Parents' Night Out



Welcome Committee

BE A GOOD SHEPHERD: SUPPORT THE WELCOME COMMITTEE



Are you aware that Nativity has a “Welcome Committee?” We do! We have three members from the 8:00 a.m. service (Dennis Gallagher, Elsa Craig, and Ron Herman) and five from the 10:30 a.m. service (Mary Mosley, Gladys Siekierka, Karen Schlitt, Ruth McFarlane, and Janet Smartt).

As a “Pew Shepherd,” you can help us identify visitors who may be receptive to learning more about our church. Our task is to give new people information about Nativity, invite them to tour the church or attend coffee hour, and, most importantly, provide follow-up through the information we gather from the yellow Connect Card in the pews.

You can help by introducing yourself to someone you don’t know, asking them if they are new to the church or just visiting, and inviting them to connect with one of us after the service. Also, and this is important for true shepherds, learn their names. Nativity has always been known as a welcoming church, and we want to keep that reputation. With your and God’s help, we can attract new people with a smile and a hello.

Flower Guild

“Consider the lilies of the field and how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”
(Matthew 6:28)



The Flower Guild of the Church of the Nativity has been hard at work providing flowers for the altar over the summer months with several donations from parishioners in honor of their loved ones. As we plan for the Fall, we want to remind parishioners that we hope to share our flower arrangements with people who are sick or shut in, so, if you know of someone who would like to have the gift of flowers, please let me or one of the Flower Guild members know so that we can arrange for delivery after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We are thankful that a new committee will be reinstating the **Harvest Sunday Ingathering on November 17.**

Harvest Sunday

November 17, 2024

*We are thankful to the new Committee,
Rose Skeete, Mary Justice, and Roma Bramble,
for bringing back this special day.
Questions? Please contact Rose, Mary, or Roma.*



Men's Breakfast September 2024



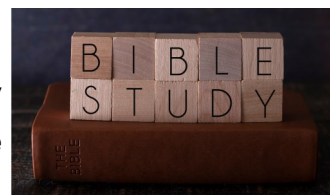
Book Study Ministry

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together ... But encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
(Hebrews 10:24-25)*

Fall is here, and some of our usual church activities have begun. However, if you have been feeling a bit isolated due to the Covid Crunch or want to experience a renewed sense of fellowship and spiritual awareness with church friends, the Nativity Book Study Ministry might be something to consider. I have had a Bible Book Study Group for women at my house since Advent 2023. From the perspective of the members, it has been a welcome addition to our spiritual growth as well as a chance to meet new friends. Most of us are older women who have gone through several changes in our lives. (Who wouldn't have as we age?) We are a diverse group with different backgrounds, some of whom have met for the first time through this study group. And we are continuing because we love Nativity and are praying for a new priest and pastor who will revitalize our church. Meanwhile, over the years,

Diocesan studies have shown that home study groups have moved churches forward spiritually while developing fellowship and lay leadership, something that would undoubtedly be a plus for an incoming priest.

If you feel that God is calling you to either host or participate in this Ministry, please contact Mary Mosley at 772-370-3498 or mosleym48@bellsouth.net. I am glad to support and assist you.



Our group is currently utilizing the LifeGuide Bible Studies program, which you can find on Amazon. We're delving into the fascinating topic of "Women of the Old Testament" this fall, but your choice of study material is open as long as it aligns with the mission of our parish. We warmly welcome couples and men to join us on this enriching journey.

Our Choir Has Returned ...



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



1: Madison Errickson, Darcy Miller
5: Sally Lippincott
6: Karen Dowling
11: Elaine Barr
12: Luis Diaz
13: Elinor Townsend
14: Maria Andreacchi
15: Katie Dempsey
16: Melvin Lee
17: Kamarri Lee
18: Aidan Baker, Joni Sayers
19: Jeannette Ward, Brooke Burrige,
Wendy Moore
22: Marie-Ange Genece
24: Kathy Regan, Eva Sutcliffe
25: Karen Schlitt
26: Wendy Chadbourne
27: Nella Morgan
31: Whitty Herman, Phyllis Brandt,
Anthony Donegal



3: Colby & Katie Dempsey
5: Jack & Dotti Johnson
10: William & Yvonne Broestler
12: David & Linda Horan
14: Dennis & Barbara Zebosky
18: Bob & Gwyn Carey
21: Ralph & Wendy Moore
23: Dennis & Elaine Gallagher
29: Calvin & Margaret Lewis

Outreach Ministry

We are at the beginning of the busiest time of the year for the Outreach Ministry. We will be delivering Thanksgiving Food Baskets to thirty-six families in need of assistance. We are again collaborating with Council on Aging, School Social workers, and our monthly community members.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving Baskets, our Outreach Pantry is in need of:

- Canned yams or sweet potatoes
- Stuffing
- Cranberry jelly
- Gravy
- Boxed or dry milk
- Pasta Sauce
- Paper Goods
- Bath and dish soap
- Publix Gift Cards or monetary donations are also gratefully accepted

Thank you for your continuing support of our Outreach Pantry. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept pasta, rice, boxed potatoes or fresh vegetables as we are unable to store them.

We will be selling Enjoyment Books this fall for \$35.00 each. \$10 from the sale of each book goes directly to support our Outreach Programs.

Happy Fall! God Bless You!

Outreach Ministry



Concert: December 7, 2024



AN AFTERNOON OF OUTDOOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Featuring
The Award Winning
Lauderhill Steel Ensemble
And Accomplished Violinist

Saturday, December 7, 2024
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

\$45.00 per person, children under 12 \$10.00

Refreshments for sale.

Advanced ticket sales only.
No tickets will be available at the door.

Call for tickets:

(917) 561-6103 * (772) 343-0401
(718) 753-3555

A fundraising event of
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
1151 SW Del Rio Boulevard
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Thanksgiving Dinner at Nativity

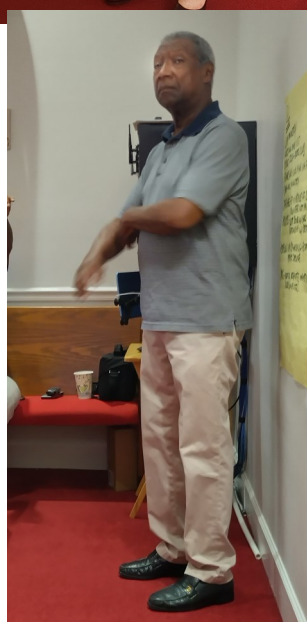
November 28, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.



We are nearing that wonderful time of the year in which we express our thanks and appreciation to God for all His blessings in our lives as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

Bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy a turkey dinner with your Nativity Family!

Unsung Heroes ...



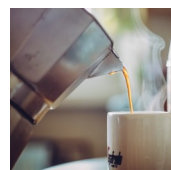
Ladies' Lunch

Join the ladies of Nativity for lunch and fellowship on the first Monday of every month.



The next lunch will be on October 7, 2024 at Noon at Bonefish Mac, 662 SE Beck Road, PSL, 772-344-6227.

Men's Breakfast - October 26, 2024



All men are invited to meet the last Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Mission Kitchen, 6650

S. Federal Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

Stop and consider God's wonders



Job 37:14 NIV

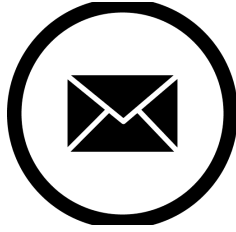
Town Hall Meeting ...



Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

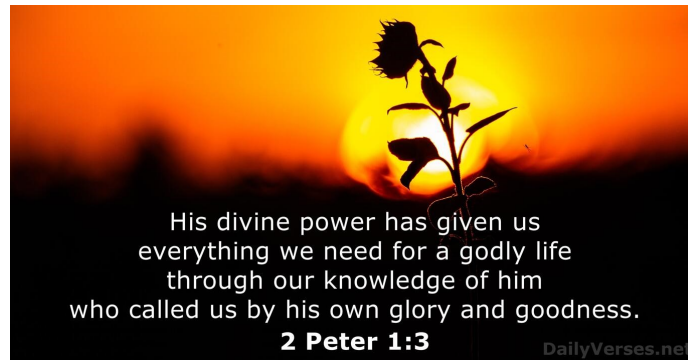
If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to office@nativitypsl.com.



Would you like to make a donation using a credit card? Please scan the QR Code to donate online!

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Help us update our records!*

*Please contact the church office at 772.343.0401
or office@nativitypsl.com*



OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

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.



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