



The Herald

January – March 2025



From the Senior Warden ...

Hello Nativity Family,

First and foremost, thank you all for attending our annual meeting. I appreciate your presence, participation, and celebration of ministries. I want to apologize for missing a ministry that is vital to worship.

Welcome, our Ushers:

- 8:00 a.m.: Elaine and Greg, Alvie and Melvin, Dennis Z., and Wendy
- 10:30 a.m.: Rose, Sonia, Yvonne R, Ike, and Poly

Thank you all for your assistance. Please thank our ushers personally when you see them on Sunday.

I found an important message from a friend that resonated with me, and I wanted to share it with you:

“You’ll never truly feel connected to a church until you begin to serve in it. Attending helps you grow spiritually, but serving allows you to fulfill your God given purpose.”

We have had several Parishioners begin this connection by volunteering to serve in ministries. We still have work to do to move Nativity forward into a church of the future, where all are welcome.

I am asking everyone to think about what you can do to serve and strengthen your connection to Nativity and align your relationship with Nativity so that your willingness to serve fulfills God’s purpose for you.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.
and
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

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From the Sr. Warden continued ...

We all have individual gifts to share, and collectively, we can move forward together, experiencing growth and building strong ministries. Our commitment to strong ministries will be a solid foundation for our new Priest to build on.

Blessings,

Deborah

Happy Holy Hookers

Our little group did pretty good in 2024. Totals given to Cleveland Clinic (Tradition) were: 100 bibs; six pairs of booties, two blankets; 140 hats and 11 stuffies. The booties, blankets and some of the hats were crocheted by our beloved Hyacinth deRoche, who is no longer with us. Dish cloths were also made for the Christmas Outreach Baskets.

Do you crochet or knit? If so, why not make something for the little ones at Tradition. You can make whatever you want and, when it is finished, bring it to church in a bag marked "Dotti" or "Happy Holy Hookers". The bag can be left on the Outreach shelving in the Narthex. If you're not sure what you want to make, give me a call, 772-418-1968, or email me at jackdot57@gmail.com, and I'll give you a suggestion or two. The next delivery to Tradition will be in March.

Dotti Johnson

Vestry Ministry Review Action Plan: Ministry Review 2025

Communication:

- Beginning with January Annual Meeting have quarterly Town Halls to keep Parishioners up to date with happenings.
- Morning announcements at both services with upcoming events, needs, etc.
- Continue to include Warden Letters in the Herald monthly
- Emails to the Parish by Warden to communicate time critical information

Community Involvement:

- Advertise upcoming events and ensure that the details are listed in the Herald monthly
- Increase vestry presence at all activities to include Trunk or Treat, the Easter Egg Hunt, and Children's Christmas Eve Service.

Pastoral Care:

- Communicate the need to Search committee (complete)
 - List activities monthly that are currently taking place by Lay Membership and LEMs.
 - Create a Ministry book listing current Ministries available for both volunteers and persons in need.
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Convention Delegates

Lent Begins ...



Shrove Tuesday



Deacon John Memorial
Pancake Supper



MARCH 4, 2025 | 5:30 P.M. | TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent
beginning March 14, 2025
at 5:30 p.m.



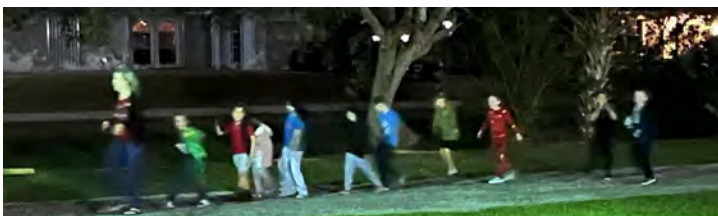
Youth & Families Ministry Corner

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- Friday, March 7: Parents Night Out (7:00 – 9:30 PM)
- Friday, April 4: Parents Night Out (7:00 – 9:30 PM)
- Saturday, April 19: Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Vigil (5:00 PM)
- Friday, May 2: Parents Night Out (7:00 – 9:30 PM)
- Friday, June 6: Parents Night Out (7:00 – 9:30 PM)
- Vacation Bible School: June 16 – 20 (1:30 – 4:30 PM)

Please contact Elaine Clem or the church office for additional information.

Picture Parents Night Out



Flower Guild

Flowers will not be on the altar during Lent. However, if you wish to honor a loved one during this time, you are encouraged to sign up for an Easter lily. "Small arrangement" means the choice of flowers based on price including greens which are regularly put on the altar.



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ALTAR FLOWER REQUEST FORM

The Flower Guild of the Church of the Nativity is dedicated to providing natural floral arrangements to enhance our weekly worship experience. Altar flowers for special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries and memorials may be requested using this form.

Circle Option	Special Occasion: Memorial/Celebration	Cost
1	Rose Bud	\$10.00
	Altar Flowers:	
2	Small Arrangement	\$50.00
3	*Special Requests – see below	Pricing varies
4	Easter Lillies (Potted Plant) *	\$35.00
5	Christmas Poinsettias (Potted Plant) *	\$35.00
6	Donation to the Flower Guild (Enter Amount)	

*Potted plants may be taken home after the last service on the Sunday after Easter or Christmas.

Please complete the following:

Name of Donor: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Date Requested: _____

Contact number or email: _____

Special Requests: (i.e. Type of flower, special color – based on availability)

Please fold and place completed Altar Flower Request Form and with attached check, cash or money order, in the collection plate on Sunday. If writing a check, please write "Flower Guild" in the memo section. Allow a minimum of two weeks for the request to be processed.

*If requesting flowers for a celebration of life or wedding, please contact Mary Mosley, Flower Guild Coordinator, to discuss your event, date and the scope of flowers that you are requesting. Pricing will be determined accordingly.

Mary Mosley - Phone: 772-370-3498 Email: mosleym48@bellsouth.net

Full size Altar Flower request forms are available in the church office.

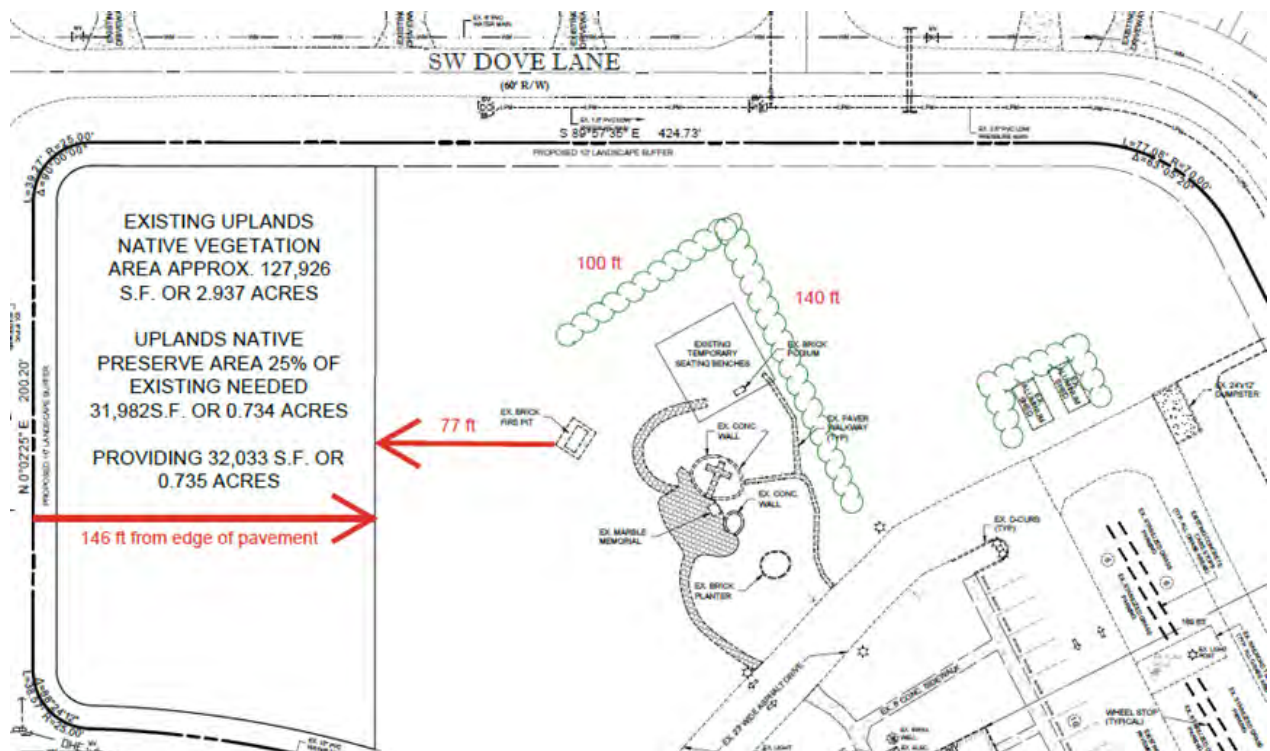
Memorial Garden

In preparation for activities in 2025, it's a good time to review where we currently stand and what to expect in the near future.

After months of delay due to changing requirements, we finally received official approval from the City for our revised site and landscape plans. Compliance required implementation of a Preserve Management Plan (drawn on the left side of the drawing below), removal of additional invasive trees, and approval/planting screening shrubs.

- We re-grinded brush on the entire North side of the property so it can be mowed by our landscaper who accepted this additional scope as of September. Multiple invasive Schefflera trees were removed from the preserve area and stumps ground. We must maintain the preserve including prompt removal of any invasive plants/trees that may start to grow.
- We completed planting of approx. 90 Clusia shrubs in the areas shown in green clouds below. These shrubs screen approximately 240 linear feet of the outdoor chapel from the road and also meet City required screening around the storage buildings.
- Upgrades were performed on our sprinkler system/well and the LED sign out front to improve curb appeal.
- Planting beds were weeded and mulched. Thank you, Bill and Ron!

In closing, we've made great progress over the past two years. Maintenance is key - thank you to all our volunteers, especially Bill Shaver and Ron Herman who work tirelessly throughout the year! We need more help maintaining our campus so please consider committing time to this ministry in 2025. Thanks for your continued support, input and grace as we transform our campus!



Daughters of the King



The Discernment Process for the Daughters of the King (DOK) will begin in March. If you are interested in joining our St. Lucia Chapter or if you are an

existing member, you are welcome to attend the discernment sessions between services at 9:15 a.m. the first and third Sundays from March through May.

Women who wish to participate in these sessions should go to the Daughters of the King website at www.doknational.org and either purchase or download the study guide.

For additional information, contact Mary Mosley at mosleym48@bellsouth.net.

The Frihart Family



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

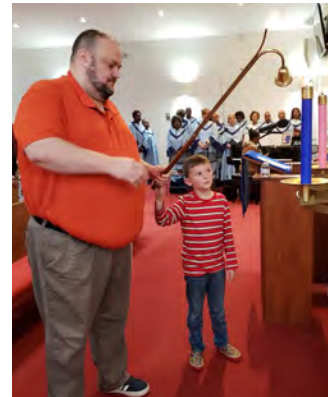


- 3: Robert Young
- 6: Myrna Bridges
- 12: Francine Cadet
- 13: Judy Klimczak, Floret Strachan
- 20: Ruth McFarlane, Norma Mesias, and Deborah Benway
- 22: Lorna Chang
- 25: Leslie Lafferandre
- 26: Brenda Perry
- 27: William Sierkierka
- 31: Nancy Landry



- 4: Stanley & Jean Abrahams
 - 20: Richard & Karen Dowling
 - 24: Paul & Lorna Chang
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The Dempsey Family Lighting the Advent Candle



From the Fundraising Committee

Dear Nativity Family,

The Nativity Fundraising Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the Steel Band Concert held on December 7, 2024.

We are pleased to inform you that we netted \$2,547 from the event. This, along with funds generated from previous events, will go toward replacing the air conditioner units that are on their last legs.

We will continue to host events to prepare for when these units need to be repaired or replaced. Our next such event will be a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 26, 2025, so please save the date and plan to attend. See below for more information!

We are deeply grateful for your support so far, and look forward to your continued support throughout 2025.

The Nativity Fundraising Committee: *Carol Cyrus, Jacqueline Gaynor, Polly Green, Viola Gittens, Neville Lake, Barbara Monaghan, Marva Murray, Bev Provo, Ike Provo, Adela Sanabria, Rose Skeete, Bob Villa*

Venue:

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
1151 SW Del Rio Boulevard, Port St Lucie, FL 34953
(772) 343-0401

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



Nativity's Spring Luncheon

A fundraising event of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Saturday, April 12, 2025

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Music by a popular DJ

For tickets contact:

Jackie Gaynor	(347) 609-1986
Polly Green	(240) 478-5841
Neville Lake	(772) 834-2522
Marva Murray	(954) 224-6794
Rose Skeete	(718) 753-3555
Bob Villa	(540) 287-1394

*Included with each ticket is a selection of prepared meals, including lasagna.
Water is included. Soda, beer, wine and mango punch are extra.*

Greening of the Church and Christmas 2024



Picture Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Flag Garden Clean-up



Acton Academy Business Fair at Nativity



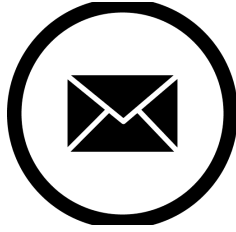
The Scouts Pinewood Derby at Nativity



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*

I love you, LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock, my fortress
and my deliverer; my God is my rock,
in whom I take refuge, my shield
and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:1-2



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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