



The Herald

April 2025



From the Senior Warden ...

Dear Nativity Family,

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It is hard to believe that we have been on our Lenten Journey for four weeks. I want to say that this has been a spiritual renewal for me. We have spent Wednesdays together, walked the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and spent lots of fellowship time together and as our journey continues, I want to thank you.

Our Outreach volunteers are preparing our Easter outreach baskets for our School Families and monthly recipients. Mary Justice has been busy coordinating all the pieces that ensure our Families have a special Easter. We would both like to thank you for the generosity you continue to provide, which supports this crucial ministry. If you would like to purchase a \$50 gift card for a family's Easter Dinner, please drop the gift card by the Church Office.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

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

*Wednesday
Morning Prayer*
10:00 a.m.

Join us Online!

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youtube.com/nativitypsl
or
Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

We have a number of events scheduled this month, and your support, in the form of time, talent, and treasure, is greatly appreciated. Our Spring Luncheon on Saturday the 12th is an event that supports the replacement of our air conditioning units. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please consider making a donation to the Sowing the Seeds ministry. We are all aware of the importance of air conditioning in Florida, and with the tireless efforts of this committee, we have been able to replace a unit and make necessary repairs.

Our Easter Vigil for children and families will take place on April 19th. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and invite them to worship with us in our outdoor Chapel. Donations of filled Easter Eggs to hide for the children are gratefully accepted and much

From the Sr. Warden continued ...

appreciated. (Reminder: We cannot accept eggs that are filled with unwrapped candy.) Palm Sunday will feature trumpeters at the 10:30 service, marking the beginning of our journey into Holy Week. Holy Week will have a Service each day, led by Father Michael. See the Holy Week schedule on this page, in the bulletin, or check your inbox. I hope that you have allotted time to attend these Services as we near the Allelujah!

Blessings,

Deborah

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us on
Holy Saturday, April 19th

5:00 PM

for our

annual Easter Egg Hunt

immediately followed by
Easter Vigil in the Outdoor Chapel.

*(Volunteers are needed at 4:00 PM
to help hide eggs.)*

***Donations of pre-filled plastic eggs
with candy or stickers
are greatly appreciated!***

Contact Elaine Clem or the
church office with any questions.

Palm Sunday



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms



Holy Week

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Services



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

5:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt immediately followed
by Easter Vigil Service, *Outdoor Chapel*

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

10:30 a.m. - Easter Resurrection Service

Youth & Families Ministry Corner

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- 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

During the season of Lent, there are traditionally no flowers on the altar. However, the Flower Guild is still busy preparing for Easter. Please take note of these dates and activities. Our goal is to bring the gift of flowers to adorn our altar during Easter Services as living symbols of the purity, divinity, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as well as to memorialize our loved ones who have passed into eternal life.

Flower Guild cont'd ...

Here are the ways Nativity's Flower Guild is fulfilling our Easter mission:

- Teach how to create crosses for Palm Sunday. Roma Bramble and Norma Messias will hold a training session in Wolfe Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 11.
- Providing Easter Lilies as a remembrance of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to honor a loved one or celebrate a life through a gift of an Easter Lily, please complete the form, available in the Narthex, by April 6. The cost of a lily is \$35.00. Your name, as well as the names of the loved ones you remember, will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations to the Flower Guild Ministry are always welcome. Please note: Easter lilies have a fragrance that will permeate the church on Easter Sunday. If you are allergic to flowers, please wear a mask or take other precautions for your health.
- If you would like to honor a loved one with a Memorial Rose, you may do so for a cost of \$10.00. Memorial roses will be added to the altar, and your name will be recognized in the church bulletin. The deadline is April 6.
- Bringing flowers to shut-ins after Easter Sunday. Please contact Mary Mosley, Flower Guild Coordinator, or Roma Bramble for requests by Palm Sunday.

Junior Warden Report

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting and provided input during the discussion about the memorial garden and campus beautification. I hope that the information provided was informative! We've wasted no time getting busy – volunteers replanted the area around the sign (sorry, no photo), and the upgrade presented by Judy, Bunny, and the team was installed on March 28th. Kudos to Ron for project management. It looks terrific! See pictures on page 5. More projects coming – thank you for your feedback and support of campus beautification!

Labor of love! Thank you, Eula and Norma.



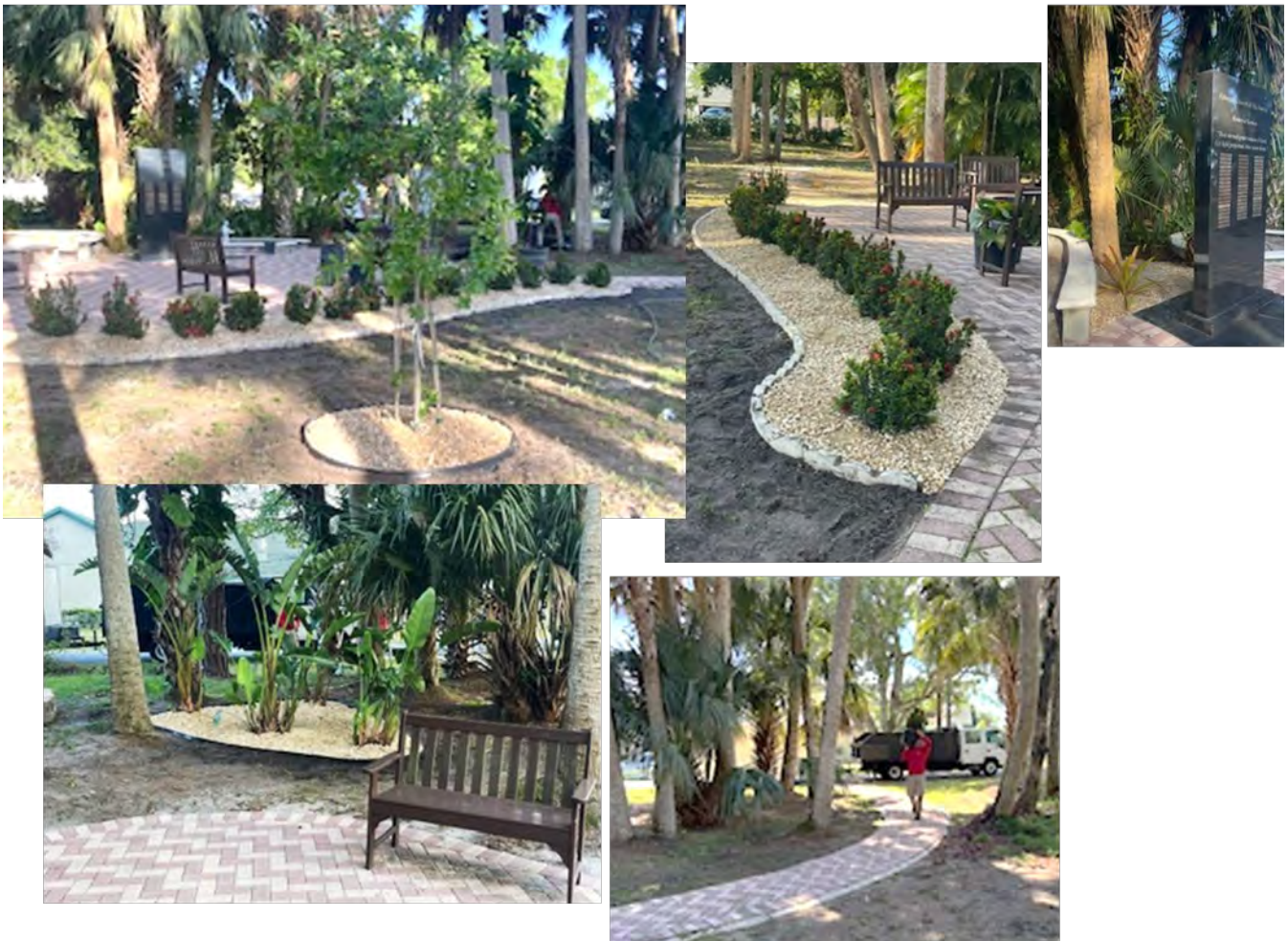
Memorial Garden

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this project a success. It could not have been done without the funds donated in memory of the following Nativity parishioners: Albert Devlin, Roy Lippencott, Reuben Boatswain, Thelma Lake, Bishop John Said, Zack Klimczak, Rose Talbert, Horace Webb, and George Smithler. We are grateful to their families for their support.

No project could be completed without the hard work of skilled hands. Ron Herman was our Project Manager, capably marshalling his crew, which included Nelson Chun of ADCF Lawn Service LLC, Pete Rolan of H2O Irrigation, and Janos Gonzalez, to create this beautiful enhancement to the Memorial Garden in time for our Easter celebrations. Thank you, Ron. We are also grateful to Nativity's Congregation for sharing our vision at the annual meeting and to the Vestry for bringing it to life.

I hope that each of you can find time to visit the Memorial Garden, rest in its serene beauty, and find God's peace there. It is indeed a blessed place.

With Love, Judy Klimczak, Bunny Webb, Sandy Wolfe, and Gwen Carey



Daughters of the King



The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) has been a vital part of Nativity since its inception. Over time, this order has, for many reasons, lost membership. Last October, the Central

Florida DOK Diocese stepped forward to support Nativity's DOK through prayer and fellowship. Consequently, we are reorganizing with their help. At our last meeting between services, we had 14 members participating in our discernment process—amazing!

If you would like to join this important order in the Episcopal Church, whose mission is prayer, service, and evangelism, please contact Mary Mosley at mosleym48@bellsouth.net or 772-370-3398. We are meeting through the Discernment Process on the first and third Sundays at 9:15 a.m. through May. We will NOT meet on Easter Sunday; we will meet the following Sunday, April 27th.

Please note that existing members of DOK are encouraged to meet with us on the third Sunday of each month at 9:15 a.m. to renew their commitment to DOK and join us in supporting new members as they go through the discernment process.

The motto of the DOK Order is:

"For His Sake...

I am but one; But I am one.

I cannot do everything.

But I can do something.

What I can do,

I ought to do.

What I ought to do,

By the Grace of God

I will do.

Lord, what wilt thou

Have me do?

As Matthew says in his gospel, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you..." (7:7-8). If you are knocking on God's door seeking fellowship and ministry, come and join with the Daughters of the King in April.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2: Pauline Donegal
- 3: Ronaldo Beckford, Roma Bramble
- 5: Fay Scott
- 8: Hugh Bigby
- 11: Virginia Leddy
- 13: Karl Godfrey
- 18: Maria Silhan
- 20: Thelma Castro
- 21: Ronald Herman, Melissa Woods
- 22: Dorothy McFarlane
- 23: Belgica Wood
- 26: Larry Jennings
- 27: Don Proctor
- 30: Suzie Turner, Colby Dempsey



- 12: Gene & Vivienne Salkey
- 18: Ronald & Whitty Herman
- 23: Luis & Nilcia Diaz
- 27: Adarad & Mary Colinet
- 29: Frank & Belgica Wood

From the Fundraising Committee

The Nativity Fundraising Committee
cordially invites you and your family and friends
to our Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 PM.

The meal will feature a delectable combination of catered and homemade cooking, and a highlight of the event will be a presentation by the Port Saint Lucie Police Department on fraud prevention and personal safety!

Tickets are \$35 each. Reserve your tickets!

Call Carol Cyrus at 516-835-8142 or Rose Skeete at 718-753-3555

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

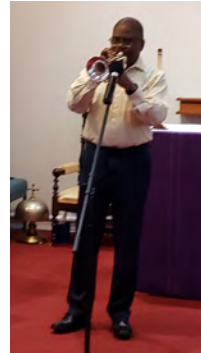
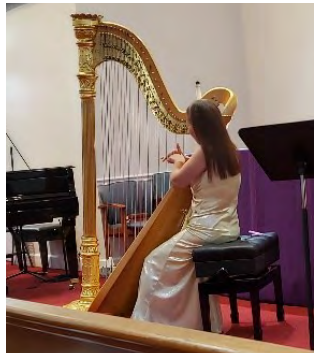
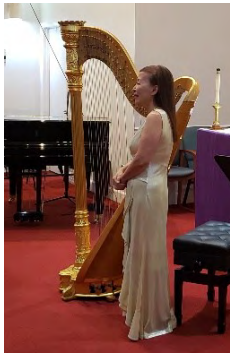
*Included with each ticket is a selection of prepared meals, including lasagna.
Water is included. Soda, beer, wine and mango punch are extra.*



Picture Parents' Night Out



Lent Concert Series 2025



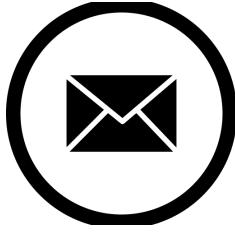
The Scouts Blue & Gold Ceremony, Outdoor Chapel



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.



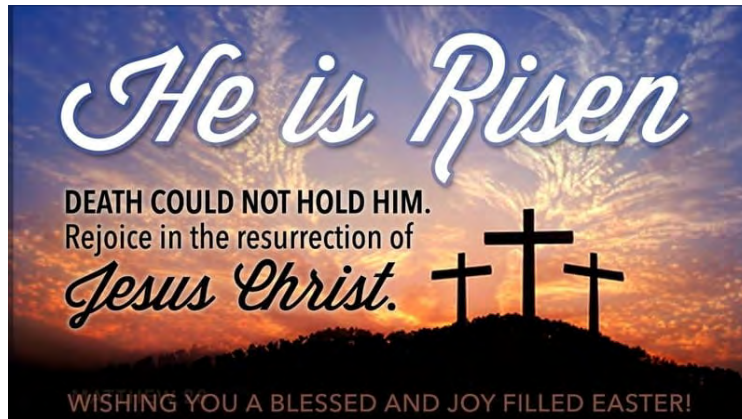
Would you like to make a donation using a credit card? Please scan the QR Code to donate online!

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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