



# The Herald

August 2025



## From the Senior Warden ...

Dear Nativity Family,

I can hardly believe that summer is passing by so quickly. We had a great start to summer at Nativity, and we have so much to be thankful for. *“Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us! Thank you, Lord.”* BCP pg. 837

I wanted to share a portion of the Confirmation and Reaffirmation Service scheduled at Nativity on November 9<sup>th</sup>:

### For Confirmation

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen.

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

### For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

### For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The entire Confirmation/ Reaffirmation service can be found in the Book of Common Prayer pages 413-419.

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## 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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Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

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## Senior Warden's letter cont'd ...

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I wanted to update you on our Vestry Members and the appointments of new Members. I would like to thank Rose Skeete, Viola Gittens, Wendy Chadbourne, and Michelle Jarski for extending their service time during our search process. Their leadership and partnership allowed the Vestry to move forward with the financial decisions and workings of the Church during this time. In September, we will resume monthly Vestry meetings. The sitting Vestry will be: Deborah Benway, Senior Warden, Pete Szelwach, Junior Warden, Wendy Chadbourne, Treasurer, Neville Lake, Bob Villa, Darcy Miller, Mary Mosely, Katie Dempsey, Bob Smith, Adela Sanabria, and Audrey Coombs.

We have been following the guidance from the Diocese regarding the implementation of the transitional ministry and leadership team, as Father Brian begins his ministry. I want to thank the Search Committee Members: Pete, Elaine, Adela, Neville, Katie, Rose, and Eric, for their commitment, time, talent, and flexibility during our search. It was a privilege to work with each of you, and I look forward to our transitional ministry together.

In closing, we are in a season of Thanksgiving at Nativity for the Blessings received as we walked this journey together to find a Rector to answer God's call as Rector of Nativity. Please pray this prayer with me daily for our Nativity Family, Father Brian, Dona, and all congregations and clergy throughout our Diocese, the nation, and the world.

### **Prayer for Clergy and Congregations, BCP pg 817**

*Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and our Diocese, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Blessings,  
Deborah

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## Youth & Families Ministry Corner

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### **UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:**

#### **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Children's Church resumes

#### **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

#### **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

#### **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:**

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Annual Halloween Fest

#### **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

#### **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

*Please contact Elaine Clem  
or the church office ([office@nativitypsl.com](mailto:office@nativitypsl.com))  
for additional information.*



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## Blessing of the Processional Cross

Donated by Greg & Elaine Clem

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## Daughters of the King Installation



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## School Supplies 2025 - THANK YOU!



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Mark Your Calendars!!

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Special Coffee Hour  
welcoming our new Rector!*

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY**

**10:00 a.m.**

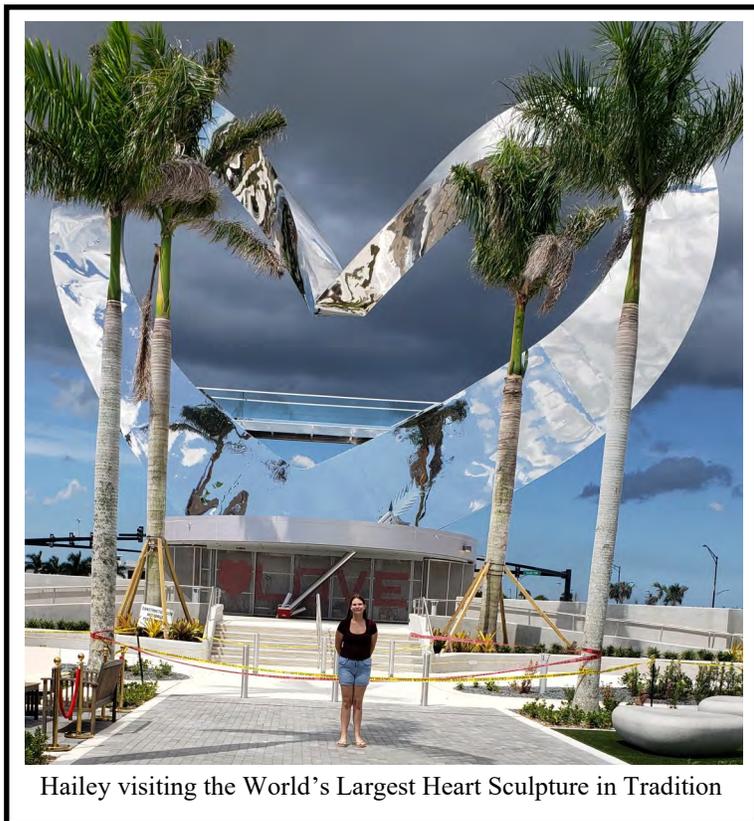
**Bishop's Visit -  
more information to follow**

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## Acton Academy Instructors

(Josh, Allison and Stephen)

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Hailey visiting the World's Largest Heart Sculpture in Tradition

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## Help us stay connected!

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We're updating our church directory and want to make sure we have your current contact information. Please share your address, phone number, and email address with us. We'd also love to know your birthday and wedding anniversary so we can celebrate these special occasions with you!

How to update your information:

- Contact the church office directly
- Complete a data form available in the Narthex

If you prefer not to be included in the directory, simply let the church office know.

Thank you for helping us stay connected as a church family!

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## Daughters of the King

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The Daughters of the King, with thanks to Nancy Landry, held a social gathering at Nancy's home the end of July. It was a special time for us to get to know one another, meet our new members and commit to our ministry of prayer, service and evangelism for Nativity.

On Sunday, August 17, Fr. Michael installed our new officers and admit our new members. Following the service, the DOK sponsored coffee hour and invited all to join them in the celebration.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the DOK, please contact Mary Mosley at [mosleym48@bellsouth.net](mailto:mosleym48@bellsouth.net) or 772 370-3498, or contact Nancy Landry at [landrynancy1@comcast.net](mailto:landrynancy1@comcast.net).

## Acton Academy Lunchtime Rain or Shine!



## Acton Academy 1st Day Arrivals ...



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## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 1: Michelle Jarski
- 5: Ouida Barnes
- 7: Aldith St. Rose
- 9: Jane Oliver
- 12: Violet Arscott
- 13: Jean Abrahams
- 14: Joyce Velzy
- 14: De'ja Lee
- 15: Karl Wallace
- 20: Gwyne Carey
- 21: Sandy Wolfe
- 21: Ruth Carlisle
- 23: Jean Lopata
- 23: Yvonne Broestler
- 31: Bernadine Bunch-Lee
- 31: Keith Cummins



- 2: Ronaldo & Xenia Beckford
- 8: Glenn & Wendy Chadbourne
- 31: Terry & Joan Garman
- 31: Melvin & Bernadine Lee

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## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 5: Maureen Wallace
- 6: Dennis Gallagher
- 7: Maisy Roberts
- 13: Tiffany Kryceski
- 14: Glen Pender
- 14: Mary Colinet
- 15: Paul Chang
- 17: Nazine Lindo
- 18: Barbara Zebosky
- 22: Lyn Marino
- 22: Gene Salkey
- 23: Rose Skeete



- 5: Robert & Elinor Townsend
- 7: William & Kimberly Corners
- 12: Jordan Marshall & Melissa Woods
- 20: Jacqueline & Michael Gaynor
- 23: Stanley & Elease Brimm

*“Give thanks to the lord,  
for he is good;  
his love endures forever.”*

PSALM 107:1 NIV

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## Weekly Emails

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

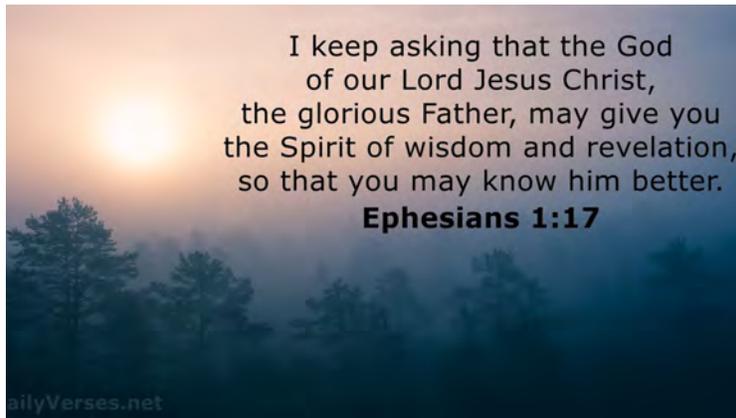
If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to [office@nativitypsl.com](mailto:office@nativitypsl.com).



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](mailto:office@nativitypsl.com)*



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### 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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